

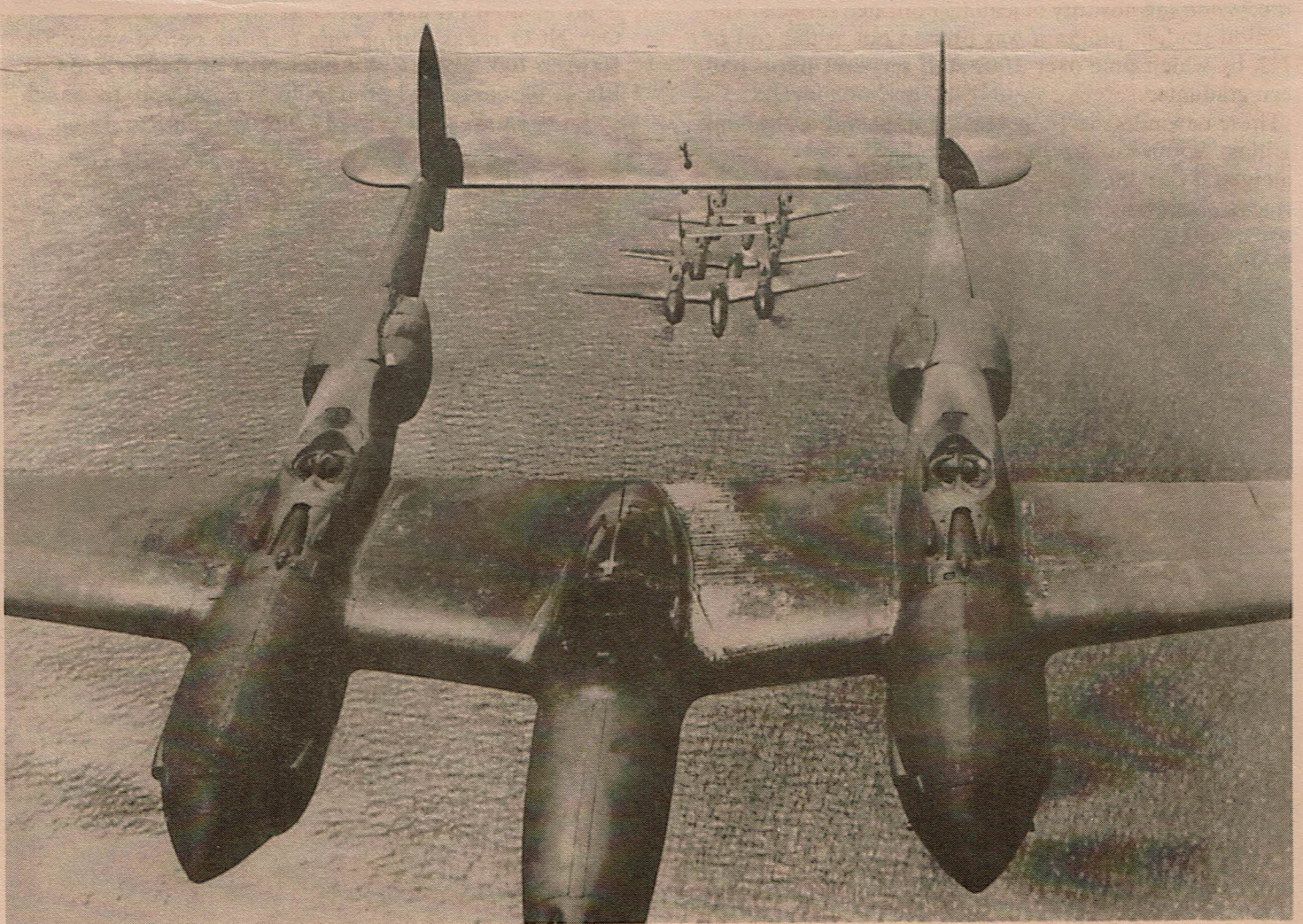
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

George gave us a very good reunion. He even arranged for about (20) of us to go to the State Capitol and meet with Governor Weld, who is the son of our 82nd Ftr. Gp. Intelligence Officer. The tours gave us a real "Flashback" to the beginning of these wonderful United States.

Del & Mary Ryland gave us a preview of the 1997 reunion which will be held in Scottsdale Arizona on Oct. 15-19. Looks like a good one.

Ben Mason volunteered to hold the 1998 reunion in the Houston area

Dick Willsie and other individuals as well as interested organizations (including 82nd Ftr. Gp. individuals) have been putting in untold hours & dollars to support the P-38 National Assn. at the March Field Museum. They have raised over \$100,000 for the 1/4 scale bronze P38 (which is mounted at the front of the museum) and a 50' x 60' building (which is presently being erected.) Any P-38 unit will have access to a section of the building for display of their memorabilia. This section of the museum will remain as a memory of all of us who participated in the tremendous accomplishments of the P-38s (both in the air and on the ground.)

If you have memorabilia please contact me or your sqd. rep.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution please contact Dick Willsie.

Thank you.

John "Jake" Hendrix Pres.

Jake has asked me to list the following 82nd FG Members who have donated memorabilia items from their personal collection to the museum:

Bill Bean
Dorothy Hasanplaugh
Bill Hasanplaugh (son)
John Kingsley
Jerry Loewenberg
Roy Norris

Speaking for Jake and the entire 82nd FG Association; those above deserve a sincere THANK YOU!
(As for the rest of us, let's go through our attics, basements, dens, closets etc. and earn the right to thrust our names among those of the elite company above. --hp)

Letters from the members:

(usually abbreviated)

Betty Jorgensen writes:

97H

Dear Marlene and Hank,
Thought I might write a message while the spirit is on the up rise to let you know that I will not be attending the Boston reunion. Hasn't been a year since Paul took that "last flight" and the spirit hasn't been all that strong. Please remember me to all the gang - - I'll try harder next year. *Have a great meeting.* Betty

Ps. Did manage to unload four of your Adorimini books on the family.

From Sylvia and Dick Ostronik.

96th.

Sure enjoyed running into you guys, (They mean our accidental meeting in Plymouth--hp) Happy that we all had such a good time! Maybe you can use these "mini photos". Do whatever you wish with them. Just thought you could get more on a page. Sure you will have lots of photos to choose from. Just want to be of help. Love to all. Your pals in California, Sylvia and Dick

From Whitey and Lucille Ellison.

97th.

Dear Marlene and Hank,
Thanks for the picture of us & "Big Mamie". Turned out good for us 2 "Oldies". Really enjoyed the reunion but always do. It's good to see our Fighter Group. Really looking forward to Scottsdale next October. We leave for Yuma on Oct.7th for 6 weeks then back home for the holidays & back to AZ in Jan. till April. Take care ... Whitey and Lou

Card and Photos from the Embreys.

95th.

Dear Hank & Marlene,
It was good to see everyone again. We enjoyed the reunion. While we didn't have too good of a turnout, it seems we got to visit more people than usual. Of course there was never enough time to spend with everyone you would like; the business meetings and meals created opportunities for togetherness that makes the reunions worth while. Take care of each other and we will see you in Scottsdale in October next year. Best Regards, Ralph and Meredith

E-mail from Dorothy Latta.

96H

Dear Marlene & Hank, Knew it would be a good one - but it is a GREAT ONE! This news letter covered a lot of ground. I sat at my desk and read the whole thing- no saving it for another day. The smaller type's okay, I didn't need my magnifying glass. I'm not sure it was my idea for publishing the E-mail addresses, but thanks for the nice credit. Had E-mail today from Frances Kane - thoughtful and kind. Also calls from Bruce I. and Lee U. which the newsletter generated. This 82nd family is something special. Thanks for helping us all keep in touch.
Yours, Dorothy

Buddy Strozier writes: 96th.

Dear Hank, Hope the reunion went well -- sure regretted not being able to make it, but looking forward to the next in AZ. Here's xeroxes of things I finally received in response to my request to the Russian Embassy. They did take their time! The letter from the ambassador (below--hp) is dated Aug.20th, the certified mail carrying the medal & papers was dated Sep.9. But the point is that all of us who participated in the "Frantic" missions(I believe the 82nd was involved in 2) are eligible for the Russian Commemorative Medal. I trust this finds you & Marlene in good health and rested up from the reunion. Personal regards, Buddy.



ПОСОЛ
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
В США

Mr. Buddy A. Strozier
1237 Barkley Ave.
Norman, OK 73071

AMBASSADOR
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE USA

August 20, 1996

Dear Sir,

On behalf of President Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Government and the entire Russian people, I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded the Commemorative Medal "The 50th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War" (World War II).

This medal is awarded to you in recognition of your courage and personal contribution to the Allied support of Russia during her fight for freedom against Nazi Germany.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and wishes for your good health, well-being and every success.

Sincerely,

Yuli M. VORONTSOV

Enclosures: Commemorative Medal, Medal Certificate.



X №17894810

Buddy Strozier

НАГРАЖДЕН(А)
ЮБИЛЕЙНОЙ МЕДАЛЬЮ

„50 ЛЕТ ПОБЕДЫ
В ВЕЛИКОЙ ОТЕЧЕСТВЕННОЙ
ВОЙНЕ 1941—1945 гг.“



Указ от 22.08.1996 г.

Letters from the members:(cont.)

E-mail from Lincoln Jones. 96th.

Hi Hank and Marlene, We just yesterday got back from our extended trip to Boston (then on up to Nova Scotia and back to Boston). The reunion was great and it was good to see everyone. My E-mail address is 73125.1013@compuserve.com
Good luck to you both for taking on the job of the newsletter. Your last one was excellent.
Lincoln Jones

Letter from Frances Kane. 96th.

(From New Hampshire)

Dear Marlene & Hank,
You departed at a propitious time. It is raining and cool. I sent a postcard to Romeo c/o his sister and her answer leaves many questions as to his death. He died on 20 June, but she was not notified. His friend in N.Conway, Jim Andrew, called Guatemala on 23 June and was told the news. R was to fly to Mexico City that day (for his stamp collection) He complained of stomach pains, rested and died. Andrew flew down two days later. He discovered the house "askew"; could find no will and no stamp collection (Romeo was an avid collector). On previous visits, Andrew always found everything tidy. His sister stated that except for his disability, he had always been in excellent health. They have renamed the American Legion Post in Guatemala to the *Romeo J. Routhier American Legion Post of Guatemala*. Love, Fran

Ben & Bill Mason write: HQ & XXA.

Dear Hank,
Here is the Info we discussed yesterday (see the next column - hp). Use whatever you care to in the newsletter. We gave the same info to Joe Kuhn for the P-38 National Newsletter. *Interesting stuff!* Hi to Marlene! Sincerely, Ben and Bill (I'm taking a copy of this page to Bill Armstrong's 49th Sq. Reunion in Orlando 25/28 Oct. This pilot may be a 14 th Ftr.Gp. jock - hp)

P.S. I'm going back to Houston on 10/14. (Ben fell sick shortly after returning to Denver from Boston and spent several days in the hospital. He has now recovered... *Way-to-go Ben !!*)

Letter from Dick Lingenfelter 96th.

(Comments on his letter to be exact. -- hp)

Dick's letter would be of little interest to the membership; being oriented toward helping a tyro at this NL business and getting the benefit of his long experience. I fully appreciate this and the many photos he has sent me as well. His last sentence said it best: " Hank, I think the best advice I can give you is to tell you to JUST DO YOUR OWN THING period Our best to Marlene, Richard "

Jean-Louis ROBA
Bd Derontaine, 21/14
B 6000 Charleroi
B Belgien

24.08.96.

Dear Mister STEINWAY.

I recently flew to Bucharest. At Zaventem, at the press shop, I found Issue of September 96 of Aviation History and your article.

I wrote two books about the air war over Romania and I am currently writing the 3rd= the history of the german-romanian night fighters (43/44). Benjamin LASON shot down certainly one of the six Bf 110s of IV./NJG 6 lost that day over Romania.

I enclose a photo. On 22 July 44, and on 4 August, LASON's unit strafed some romanian airfields losing some planes. The document (coming from a German flyer) shows a captured american pilot. I think that the man was captured on 22 July. Can LASON (or someone of 82 FG association) identify the man?

I thank you beforehand.

Sincerely yours.

September 27, 1996

Dear Bill,

Sandra left a message the other day saying your dad is out of the hospital. Great news! Give him my best and I'll see him when he gets home.

Enclosed you will find two copies of the letter and a photo sent to me by Jean-Louis Roba from Belgium. If the pilot was from the 82nd and he was shot down on the 22 July mission, he would have to be Earl Freestone according to the information in Steve Blake's UP AND AT 'EM. This might be a good place for Joe Kuhn (sp?) to start. Your dad suggested it could also be a pilot from the 14th Fighter Group.

Sorry it has taken me a week to get this in the mail. School tend to really cut into my free time.

All the best to you and your family,

Roger
Roger Steinway
P.O. Box 721233
Houston, TX 77272-1233

P-38 P.O.W. Who is he?

See Ben's letter. (left)



Letters from the members (Cont.)

Clayton Tillapaugh writes:

96th. 20 Sept. '96

Hi Hank,

Sorry we had to miss the Boston reunion -- it was only about 200 miles from our farm in N.Y. Of course we drive 1653 miles to San Angelo, Tex. + 2600 miles to Boise, Idaho then miss a short drive. But just couldn't do much walking the doctor broke her leg again on 15 April '96 -- she is still on crutches -- pain 24 hours a day -- no let-up. She has a new rod in her leg now, an inch or so shorter, 3 more screws and a "blade".

We did have a short get together with Bill and Lena Holman on Sun. 15 Sept. '96 as they were on their way back Memphis. I got a call from Robert Congdon II. on Tues. 17 Sept. telling me that his dad had passed away on Sun. 15 Sept. '96 with funeral with full military honors on Thurs. 19 Sept. '96 in N.J. He had suffered Lou Gehrig's Disease for many years. He has been in intensive care for 3 weeks prior to his departure. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, and 3 sons -- ~~Ray~~ Robert II. Douglas and Timothy.

Also, I just received a letter from John Urech's sister-in-law: John's wife "Lee" fell down the stairs in her home hit her head and died almost immediately" on 26 Aug. '96.

Our ranks are thinning much too rapidly. I'm sure you don't have stairs in your home in Ft. Walton Beach; however, don't trip and fall in the sand.

I can't wait to see the next newsletter with the news about the reunion. Bill said there were only about 125 attend. We plan to attend the reunion in Ariz. -- shouldn't be any hurricanes out there -- or earthquakes -- and, hopefully, no fires.

I enjoyed your letter of 19 Aug. '96 -- and the note about some top notch Bourbon (Wild Turkey + Old Hank). Save them for Ariz. Being in the West, we should have great attendance -- as most of the members seem to be living in the west.

Your friends,

Clayton & Beverly

Boston Reunion Attendance:

Dorothy Armstrong	95H
- James Baker	96
- William and Audrey Barr	95
- William Bean	95
- George Bowers Jr.	95
- John and Raquel Buckles Sr.	96
- William and Eleanor Burgess	96
- Thomas and May Carhart	97
- Robert and Gerry Carpenter	95
- Gerard and June Cavanaugh	95
- Francis and Bonnie Chapman	96
- Don and Elizabeth Correa	96
- Alvah and Claire De Forge	97
- Ruth Donohoo	96H
- Jack Duncan	97
- Marcelus and Lucille Ellison	97
- Ralph and Meredith Embrey	95
- Donald and Regina Foley	97
- Gordon and Kaki Fuqua	97
- Richard and Zeta Gadbury	97
- Louis and Alice Geresi	95
- Lola Giertz	95H
- Roswell and Lilian Harding	96
- Paul and Arkie Harman	96
- William and Ethel Hayduk	95
- Jake and Phyllis Hendrix	95
- Marjorie Hoelzel	HQH
- William and Lema Holman	96
- Richard Hood	97
- Bryce and Margo Hughes	96
- Ray and Eulalia Iles (with dau. Mary & husband. Dave.)	97
- Eugene Jackson	96
- Burl and Florence Johnson	95
- Lincoln and Midge Jones	96
- Charles Joslin and daughter Tina	97
- John and Frances Kane	96
- John and Sarah Kostyo Sr.	96
- Len and Eloise Kuczmarski	96
- Eddy and Elizabeth Light	96
- Dick & Jo Ann Lingenfelter (with Tom Hitchcock & dau.)	96
- John and Ysobel Litchfield	97
- Jerry Loewenberg	HQ
- Charles and Judy Luke	97
- George Marvin	97
- Ben Mason	HQ
- William Mason	XXA
- Lynn Mazurak	97H
- Glendor and Meg McAdams	97
- Olen and Betty Medley	95
- James and Billie Metcalf	96
- Emory and Fern Morgan	97
- Melvin and Violet Mullin	95
- Francis J. Murphy (with guest Nancy)	95
- Roy and Jo Ann Norris	96
- Hugh and Lucille O'Brien	95
- Ed and Theresa Orr (with sisters Martha & Madeleine)	95
- Richard and Sylvia Ostronik	96
- Lawrence Peplinski	95
- Henry and Marlene Phillips	96
- Charles and Bette Pinson	96
- Ralph and Margaret Powers Jr.	95
- Mike Radawec (with daughter Albina)	HQ
- Irving Reisman	97
- George and Connie Rivest	97
- Mel and Lois Roalsvig	97
- Robert and Pidge Roberson	XXA
- Eugene and Betty Russell	96
- Del and Mary Ryland	95
- Gene and Phyllis Sidwell	95
- Dixie Sloan	96
- T.O. and Mar-Jo Spence	96
- Thomas Garrett	96
- Amos and Mary Turner	HQ
- Johnson and Janie Williams (with guest Jeney)	97
- Walter Zurney	97
- Fred Graham	96
- Ralph and Hope Miller	95

74 Nancy Manduca

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Our able Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Norris has stated that the deadline for **Membership Dues is 31, March...**

This doesn't mean that you must wait until the last minute.. He will accept your money anytime. (Incidentally, Roy is very compassionate. He rejected, out-of-hand, one of our more impetuous member's offer to recruit a squad of "persuaders" to break a few kneecaps. "Very crude and unworthy of the gentlemanly 82nd," he said.)

We are lucky to have Roy in charge of the finances.

To the right is Roy's Report to the Executive Committee, *in part*:

While we're on the subject, I have had several calls from members who would like to pay the dues, but didn't know how much or where to send the money.. So, until further notice; the amount is \$15.00 per year and to be sent to:

**Roy E. Norris, Secy/Treas.
82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn.
6636 Plantation Way
Cincinnati, OH 45224**

PASSED AWAY

Robert Congdon	97th.	15 Sep.
Emilie Davis	97th.	9 Aug.
Herbert Phillips	95th.	21 Sep.
Romeo Routhier	96th.	20 Jun.

(See Kane Letter)

Lee Urech	HQ	26 Aug.
Calvert Wilson	97th,	23 Aug.

Late letter from Ruth Donohoo.

This came with a nice photo taken at Harvard of herself, Marlene, me, Bette Pinson and Lynn Mazurak. I regret that space doesn't permit entering either the photo or her beautifully written letter in this issue. It stated (in essence) what a lovely time she had at the reunion; regretted being unable to see all that Boston has to offer; plans on attending the "Grand Ol Opry" in December and seeing us all in Scottsdale next October.

(Thanks Ruth -- hp)

The following Financial Proposal was announced at the Boston reunion General Meeting. It will be in the next newsletter.

- A. Establish a new voluntary dues policy
 1. When financial funds balance to \$5,000. on hand.
 - a. Voluntary sustaining dues increase to \$20 per year.
 - b. Prior paid voluntary LIFE dues members requested to donate \$5. at that time.
 2. All sustaining and LIFE dues are voluntary.
 3. Annual voluntary dues are due by March 31, of the current calendar year.
- B. The association fiscal year for accounting purpose is 1 July 19X0 through 30 June 19X1. This permits a proper cut-off of financial receipts and expenditures prior to the current year reunion.
- C. Current voluntary sustaining dues are \$15. annually. Current voluntary LIFE dues are \$100.

Received \$435 in sustaining and LIFE dues. Also \$500 in donations. These were received at the Boston reunion.

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong (William K.) of the 97th donated \$700 with the stipulation that \$500 be sent to the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church located in Houston, TX, in the memory of Wm. Keith Armstrong Sr. who passed away, Feb. 2, 1996. An 82nd History book was also sent as a memorial.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy E. Norris
Roy E. Norris
Secretary/Treasurer



1805 West Alabama
Houston • Texas 77098

October 9, 1996

Dear Roy,

Thank you for your letter of September 18 and for the generous gift from you and Dorothy Armstrong in memory of her husband, Keith. Keith was an active and faithful member of St. Stephen's for many, many years. He was a fine and compassionate man who reached out to numerous other people with support and care. His death came most unexpectedly. Just two weeks before, he and Dorothy had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is missed.

Thank you, too, for the copy of the history of the 82nd Fighter group. We have made it available to parishioners, some of whom were not born when the 82nd served so bravely on behalf of all of us during World War II. It's no surprise that Keith would have been part of such a group.

I know it will mean a lot to Dorothy to know that Keith will be remembered by the association at the next reunion.

Faithfully,

Helen M. Havens

Helen M. Havens
Rector

(Dateline --Sat., Sept. 7th, 1996)

TO ARMS !!

REDCOATS RECAPTURE " OLD NORTH BRIDGE " !

British Officers discuss plans for forthcoming attack on Concord.

Will employ their "Tory" girlfriends and spies to seduce Patriot Leaders before the attack!
(Hessian spy lurking in the background.)



Oops! Sorry. Got to get new glasses... Those 97th Red Jackets had me fooled for a while. Its only Glendor and Meg McAdams, Chuck and Judy Luke and... **UM HIMMELS WILLEN**, its my wife back there !!
Too bad... Paul Revere would have been proud of me. -- hp

TRINITY CHURCH

5 September, 1996



Front (Off the steps - L to R)

Betty Medley, Lola Giertz, stranger, M.E. Mullin, Geo. Bowers, Marj Hoelzel, Phyllis Hendrix, D. Lingenfelter, JoAnn Norris, Jake Hendrix & Roy Norris.

Backgrd. (On the steps)

JoAnn Lingenfelter, Meredith Embrey & is that Bryce Hughes walking away from the ladies?

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Hank & Marlene Phillips, 96th.
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Cyberspace Fans Give Chuck Luke
(or me) your address and join the fun. -- hp

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FARCUS



Windows '96.

Hotel & on Tour

(Mini - photos by Ostronik)



John (killer) Kane, Bonnie & Chappy Chapman



Bette Pinson, Marlene Phillips, Bill Mason
Ben Mason and Dick Ostronik



Dorothy Armstrong & Sylvia



Jerry Loewenberg, Raquel & John Buckles



Dick & Jo Ann
(Nothing like this in Boise)



Bette Pinson, Dick Ostronik
Len & Eloise Kuczmarski
Charlie Pinson (at Quincy Market)



Betty Medley & Marlene P.
(Wanted a fast bartender --
settled for a half-fast bartender.)



Hank Phillips, Midge & Lincoln Jones
Dick Ostronik



Jack Duncan (surrounded
and ready to capitulate)
HELP ME MERT!!



Margaret & Monty
(smile dear; they're taking our picture)

Dinner / Dance

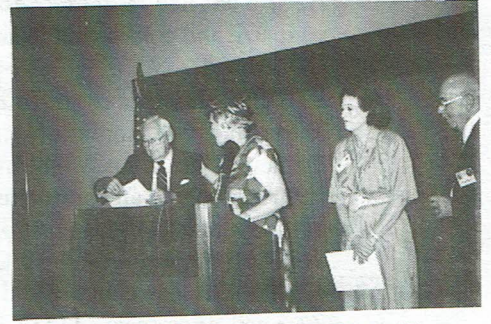
(All mini - photos from Dick & Sylvia Ostronik)



Roy Norris, Olen Medley, Jake Hendrix



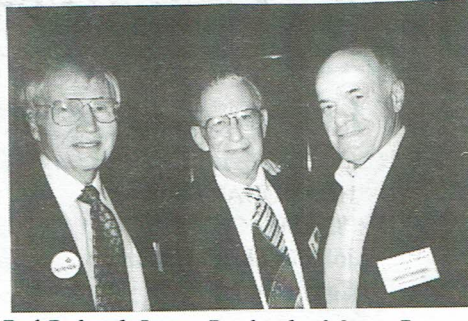
"Perfect Man" Award to Geo. Marvin



"Dirty Old Man" Award to Dixie Sloan



*Gene Sidwell, Lou & Alice Geresi
(1st timers from N.Jersey)*



*Del Ryland, Larry Peplinski, Monty Powers
(tent mates at Foggia)*



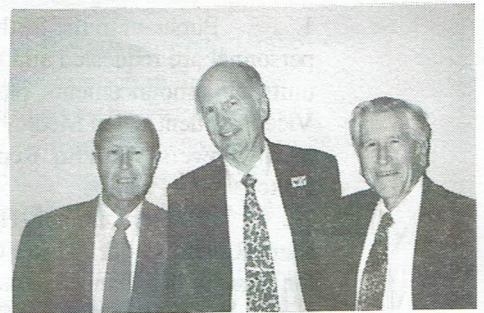
Len and Eloise Kuczmarski



Phyllis and Gene Sidwell



Bryce and Margo Hughes



*Roy Norris, Dick Ostronik, Don Correa
(tent mates at Foggia)*



Dixie Sloan and Ruth Donohoo



Margaret & Monty Powers



Lola Giertz and Hugh O'Brien



Bette & Charlie Pinson

Last minute announcements

Dick Lingenfelter says that he still has about 50 copies of ADORIMINI in stock and the price is at a bargain for \$ 17.50 each. They will make great Christmas Presents!
He also has had recent requests for Squadron Jackets. He has very few on hand, but can still be ordered if your size and color is not available.

Late E-mail letter from Chuck and Judy Luke. It states: (in part) : " We are in our new home after an exhausting two months of selling our old place and moving into a Town House Condominium. We love the new place. It has two bedrooms consisting of a huge master bedroom with a walk in closet and a bathroom to end all bathrooms. The second bedroom has a converted closet that acts as my office. The rest of the room is our guest bedroom. **There is room for all of you to come and visit two at a time.** We did take a week at Lake Chelan for R&R last week. We are both well and are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas in our new house.

Our new address is: 11414 SE 65th. Street, Bellevue, WA 98006 Tel. (206) 271-3949."

From Hank and Marlene Phillips.

**A JOLLY THANKSGIVING; MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

ATTENTION TO ORDERS

HEADQUARTERS
82nd Ftr.Gp. Assn.
John C. (Jake) Hendrix
Commanding

Operations Order No.1 **alMOST SECRET** (Divulge only to friends who keep secrets better than you.)
11 November ,1996

1. Pursuant to the forthcoming 82nd FG Assn. Ops-Plan (97 - 1), the following designated personnel are requested and required to keep communication channels open to receive and pass on to their units, all announcements, plans and amendments for the 1997 82nd FG Reunion:
Vice President, Olen Medley; Secy./Treas., Roy Norris; Hq. Rep., Jerry Loewenberg; 95th Sq. Rep., Monty Powers; 96th Sq. Rep., Chappy Chapman; 97th Sq. Rep., Jack Duncan; Roster, Chuck Luke; NL Editor, Hank Phillips.

2. Primary Director (Host) for the Reunion is Del Ryland who will be assisted by Deputy Director , Mary Ryland. Cmdr. 82nd FG authorizes reverse order of authority if domestic tranquility and success of the mission is enhanced (indeed imperative) by such action.

- a. Dir.a/o Dep.Dir. are authorized to call upon 82nd.FG members for assistance as needed to insure success of the mission.
- b. Mission will be as described in Attachment 1, this Ops. Order, with changes and modifications as required.
- c. Direct communication with Sec/Treas. for Initial funding , financial arrangements and reports authorized.

3. All members of the 82nd FG will... Hold their advancing age in abeyance; practice their favorite and latest dance steps; cancel all previous engagements for the dates 15 through 19 Oct, 1997 ; promote reunion attendance, counseling firmness and resolve to fellow members who waver and suffer indecision. Lastly; polish up those war stories to the ultimate of excitement, suspense and credibility. (The Commander confides that he has full confidence in the **82nd FG Spouse....** That she will demonstrate her traditional forbearance and restraint even when the most animated demonstration of how the air battle was won is thrust upon her. That she will interrupt her mate's narrative only when called upon to confirm the veracity of her hero's account when challenged by skeptics)

FOR THE COMMANDER

Hank Phillips

Hank Phillips
Adjutant:



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ATTACHMENT 1. (82nd.FG Ops.Ord. No. 1 ; dtd. 11 Nov.,1996)

PREVIEW TO THE 1997 82ND FIGHTER GROUP REUNION

Come to Arizona -- Scottsdale -- " for the Sunshine of Your Life" !

OCTOBER 15TH to 19TH, 1997

(From Del and Mary Ryland, Host and Hostess)

About the Safari Resort Hotel -- The contract has been firmed up for rooms at \$65.00 per night (including continental breakfast) -- This is a GREAT rate for such a prestigious location in the balmy Southwest when most of the country is only hoping for such weather while barricading for the ice, snow and blizzards which are sure to come -- **The hospitality room** is on the first floor where one can step outside and enjoy the beautiful courtyard and two swimming pools. In addition, the Resort boasts of 12 beautiful acres of greenery and desert wild flowers, whirlpool, sand volley ball, putting green, horse shoe pit and shuffleboard.

About walking-distance attractions -- The famous **fashion Square Mall** is directly across the street (Scottsdale Road); **"Old Town Scottsdale"** has fascinating little shops: **IMAX Theatre**; free rides on **"Ollie the Trolley"**; restaurants galore. The list is most attractive.

About golf -- A terrible problem for the golfers... The Resort is practically surrounded by magnificent golf courses; most within a 5-iron shot of the hotel lobby (we exaggerate a bit, but you get the idea). It will be a tough decision as to which course/courses to play.

About transportation -- Free parking "plenty"; frequent airport shuttles and only ten miles to Sky Harbor (Phoenix) Airport .

Further attractions not yet confirmed -- We hope to include the **Red River Opry** barbecue and show " Spirit of America"; plus an excursion to the **Champlin Fighter Museum**, (provided it has not moved by then).

Summary: With the assistance of our " Arizona Buddies" we'll get out a firm schedule in plenty of time to be of use to our members' 1997 planning...