

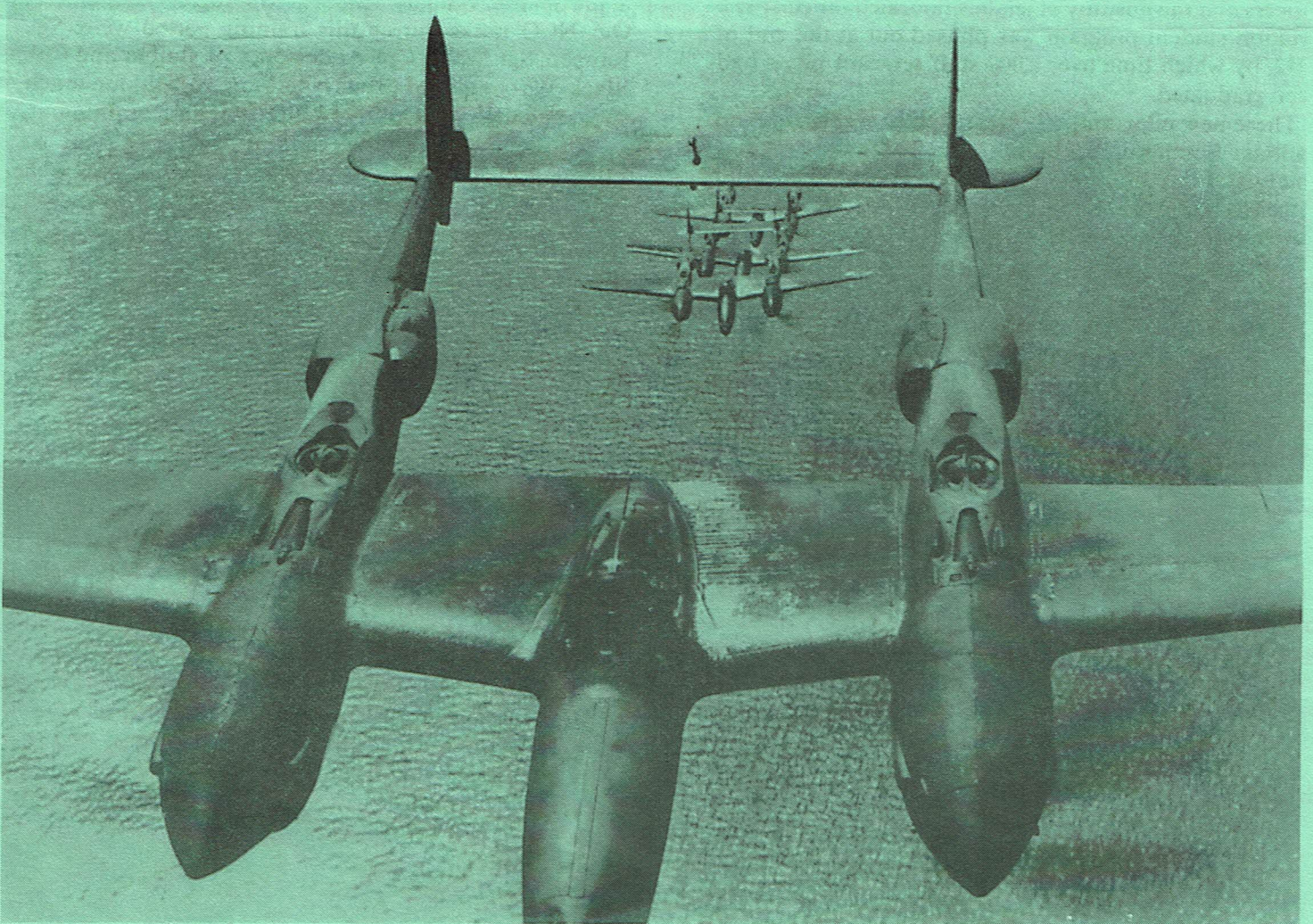
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the November '96 Newsletter the P-38 Building at the March Field Museum has been dedicated as "The Tony Levier P-38 Hangar/Museum". I have been working with Dick Willsie and others to assist in assembling detail parts for the "pros" to erect. We have also hauled in several showcases which were donated. At the dedication the building manufacturer promised to donate materials for an additional 30 feet to extend the building to 60 ft. X 80 ft.

The 475th has spent over \$7,000 for showcases and supplies to exhibit their memorabilia. It is an exhibit to be proud of. Since they were the 82nd's greatest competitor for #1 P-38 fighter group in WW II, I would like to see some competition to maintain our position in the museum. After consulting with the executive committee and other members, we have asked Roy Norris to set up a museum fund for personal contributions. Through Dick Willsie and others' efforts we have some very nice showcases and display shelving, but we need money to set up walls, partitions, lighting and other display items. I am not asking for \$7,000 but let's set up a display that the 82nd can be proud of. We need more of all types of memorabilia; photos, letters, document, medals, awards, insignia (any and all ranks) uniforms or parts thereof, or anything else that may be of interest to our descendants. You can send the memorabilia to me but send your personal money contributions to Roy.

This is for anyone interested, but especially to those close enough to drive to March Field. (Several of us drive 75 miles each way.) We need help in planning and arranging the displays. Phone me or send a letter so we can set a time to meet at the museum and put a plan into action

Phone (310) 676 4794

E-Mail jake_hendrix@juno.com

Thank You,

John "Jake" Hendrix
14708 Bodger Ave.
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DIXIE'S CHALLENGER.



Rittmeister Baron Moritz von Kater.*

Photo taken on 12 Nov., 1917. Von Kater shot down his latest aircraft (Italian) on 10 Nov. after completing a 6-month tour with the Austrian Air Service. This was his 43rd victory. His brilliant flying over the Isonzo River Front (Northern Italy) that summer was a major factor in the demoralization of the Italian Forces; resulting in the Allied disaster at Caporetto.

(Notice he is wearing the coveted *Pour L'Éclat*; better known as the "BLUE MAX", which he was awarded for this action.)

The photo was taken just before takeoff to his new assignment in France with a stopover in Berlin, where he will lunch with the Kaiser and Empress Augusta Victoria. He ended the war with 77 confirmed victories.

(Although a World War I national hero, he was later shunned by the Nazis as "politically incorrect" and for "suspected non-Aryan ancestry.")

INTERVIEW with DIXIE.

Immediately upon receipt of this astounding news, I asked for and received an interview with Dixie. His reaction and comments were predictable:

" I have not been contacted by this by this #%#@#*// FLEABAG, but I hope he goes through with it ! I've always wanted to shoot down a big ace and this one's an aristocrat, or should I say aristoCAT, to boot. My only concern is that he may have already used up several of his 9 lives, thus depriving me of raising my score to 21 instead of my present 12 victories! "

(The way-to-go, Dixie! We're all " rooting " for you. -- hp)

(*) Captain's rank in the Prussian Cavalry.
(This was von Kater's former service branch.)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

For members who may have missed my January postcard, it stated in part: A renowned German Ace has challenged Dixie to an aerial duel! This news was from my European contact, who had no further info except that a name and photo would be available in time for this newsletter. Only the information on this page is known at present. 82nd readers can be assured however; your editor will expend every effort to keep you informed, either by postcard or in the next newsletter. -- hp.

Editor's Commentary.

Having put out three of your 82nd FG Newsletters to date and not yet been asked to resign, I venture the following comments:

This is a good time to pay tribute to former Editors of the 82nd Newsletter. Most of the members are familiar with the dedication and fine work of (the late) Paul Jorgensen, Dick Lingenfelter and Roy Norris. Their newsletters has made it easy for me to put out a document of the quality (I hope) to which you have been accustomed and will continue to be a welcome item in your mailbox,

While your photos for publication are very welcome and greatly enhance the newsletter, please make every effort to identify the 82nd members in each photo. That's not to say that your pictures will not be used, especially if it contains a lot of people, but give it your best effort.. This can save a lot of embarrassment, phone calls, E-mail, etc.

We have a recorder on our telephone, so please don't hang up without stating your message. Most of the time we are just " screening " to avoid those pests who want to "make us rich on the Stock Market" or sell siding for our house . . If at home, when an 82nd member calls, we will usually break in before he/she finishes the message. If the recorder doesn't come on, please call again because we're either "on line" or on the phone. (I don't have a separate phone line for the Fax or Internet.)

Except for an unusual occurrence, the newsletter will be sent out three times a year (March, August and November). I will also strive to keep it to 10 pages (under one-ounce) to hold down costs. A long time association with the printer, *Armstrong's Printing & Graphics Inc.* assures us of a quality product at a reasonable cost for the foreseeable future.

I appreciate all comments and suggestions, favorable or otherwise, so please keep them coming ... Thanks! hp

Letters from the members:

(Usually abbreviated.)

From Jack Walker

97th.

Dear Hank,

Long time since I've written to the Newsletter. Here is a photo of myself and Rudy Perez at the Van Nuys Apt. with the Search & Rescue "Condor" Sqdn. (Rudy flew P-51s with the 97th. during 1948-9).

I've missed the last two Reunions due to health problems, but after (2) surgeries, I'm back flying and swimming. Also busy with the P-38 Assoc. at March AFB and the Confederate Air Force here in San Diego. As a matter of interest, here are the 82nd. guys who meet at the P-38 Hanger here in Riverside: Sidwell, Willsie, Ostronik, Walker, Hendrix, Hollinger, Hurlbut, Campbell, Buonaguidi and Shubert. I will obey orders to be in Ariz. October, 1997.

Regards, Jack W.

Ruth Litchfield writes:

97H.

Dear Hank,

My husband, Henry Litchfield, died on August 17, 1997. I know he would want me to thank "the 82nd" for all the mail. We both enjoyed it very much. We attended two reunions -- the one in San Antonio and one in Atlanta and we had a great time. I miss him terribly.

Sincerely, Ruth

From Jerry Loewenberg.

HQ.

25 Jan. 1997

Re: Baron von Richtofen vs Dixie Sloan.

Dear Hank,

I'm prepared to take on the winner.

Jerry Loewenberg

(Anyone out there ready to "make book" on this? There has to be a way for us cowards to "clean up big bucks" here. -- hp)

From Ted Papermaster.

96th.

Dear Hank,

It is with particular sadness that I must inform you that Kenneth Bauman, of Racine Wisconsin, passed away on August 30, 1996. He was a stalwart and capable guy who headed up the 96th medics with great skill and ability ----- besides being the best baseball pitcher in the Mediterranean Theater.

Sincerely,

Ted Papermaster

E-mail from Jack Sides.

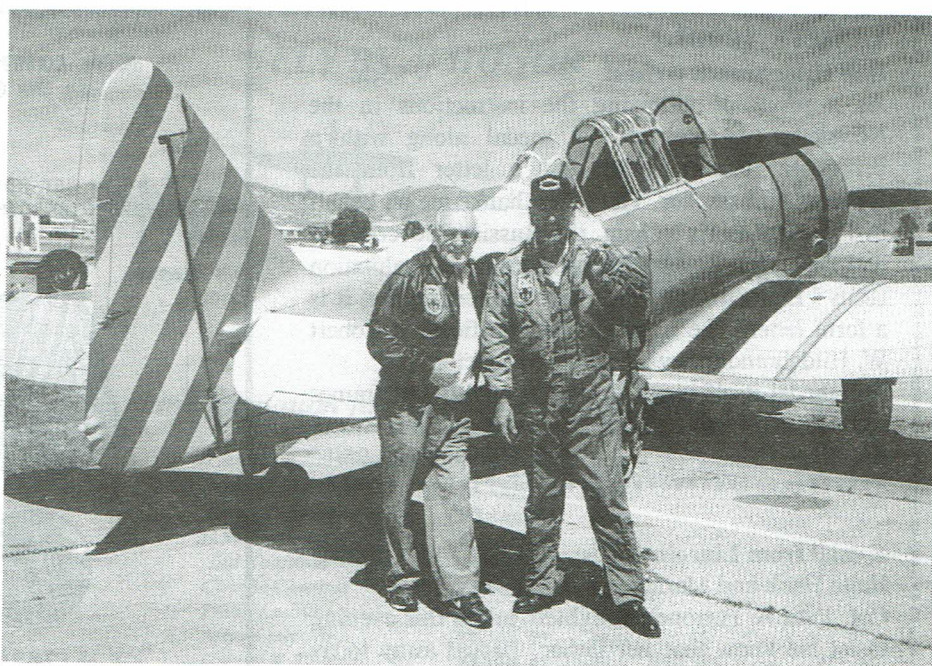
96th.

I now have a new E-mail address:

It is jsides@compuserve.com for Internet addressing and just jsides for Compuserve addressing.

The old i.d. number will still work, but this may be easier for you.

Merry Christmas.



From Roy Norris.

96th.

The article from Roy is a bit too long for the newsletter. The first page contains the essential facts, while the second contains more detailed information on both Thomas and Freeman. Any member who desires the rest of the article, please send me a postcard and you will receive it.

-- hp

Man 'fighting war with cocaine' accused of killing former POW

Garrett Thomas Sr. was a pilot who fought Nazis. Lantz Freeman is an addict who couldn't beat drugs. One is dead, the other in jail.

By LYDA LONGA
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Garrett Thomas Sr. would sometimes talk to his family about the 13 months he spent in a prison camp during World War II — the torture, the meager rations, the forced marches through snow-covered Germany.

But for the most part, his time as a POW was something he put behind him. Over the years, he lost touch with members of his 82nd Fighter Squadron. He didn't even join the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Sumter, S.C., where he had retired.

And though he spent his life in aviation — as a fighter pilot, instructor and air traffic controller — when he retired in the mid-'70s, boating became his passion.

His 40-foot boat, the Miss T, brought him to the Water's Edge Marina in Boynton Beach on Feb. 10. The next day, a dock master found him in a pool of blood in the cabin. Police say he was bludgeoned to death with a red marine flashlight.

"You have a person who lives through a war, who lives through a German prison camp and then he has to die like this, killed by a crack cocaine kid?" said Thomas' son, Garrett "Rocky" Thomas Jr. who lives in Ladson, S.C. "That's what I can't understand."

Police arrested Lantz Freeman, 26, of Boynton Beach on Wednesday night. Freeman faces first-degree murder charges and is being held in the Palm Beach County jail without bail.

At his first appearance Thursday, a judge asked



SPECIAL TO THE PALM BEACH POST

Garrett Thomas Sr. of Sumter, S.C., was found dead in his boat, the Miss T, at the Water's Edge Marina in Boynton Beach on Feb. 11.

Please see THOMAS/12A

Letters (cont.)

Bob Hildebrandt writes:

95th.

As a result of following the instructions in the Newsletter, I received this medal along with a certificate (shown right) and a letter from the Russian Ambassador. The letter thanks me on behalf of President Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Government and the entire Russian People. Because the salutation reads "Dear Sir/Madam. I have the feeling that it is a form letter. The name on the certificate is Robert W. Hildebrandt; they write like my doctor. The medal itself is not up to US quality but frames well. It is a good conversation piece and well worth the effort.

Bob Hildebrandt 95th.

E-mail from Lincoln Jones:

96th .

Hello Hank and Marlene,

Col. John A. Perrone's daughter called this evening to let me know that her father passed away today (26 Feb.) due to complications of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. John was part of the 96th Squadron and always looked back on his P-38 days with fond memories of the plane ; although he stayed in the service until he retired. He flew many other aircraft but nothing could replace the P-38.

These last few years he has been unable to attend our reunions but always asked about them; his interest was there but his body wouldn't cooperate!

We hope you and Marlene are well and enjoying your weather this time of year.

Only the best,

Link

Letter & packet from Dorothy Armstrong: 95th.

Regretfully, Dorothy's beautiful literary style must be reduced to abrupt prose for lack of space.

The letter contained: Compliments to Roy Norris for doing an excellent job as Secretary; his letter to the church, along with the 82nd's donation and History Book (Adornimini); Dorothy's further account of teaching Dixie Sloan the WW2 song - - "Accentuate the Positive."; her return home via Bar Harbor, Maine

(visit to friends not seen in 20 years); to Lancaster, PA. (visiting Keith's

old post-war crop-dusting buddy & family, not seen in 47 years); finally

detention and a luggage search by the "Airport Fuzz", explaining that their guidelines are to look for *little old ladies traveling alone who look innocent*. Ha!

They must have been blind to have placed Dorothy in the little old lady category. She enjoyed all of the "hugs" received at the reunion, of which I seemed to have missed out. The packet contained reunion photos , one of which I submit to the readers (Next

column), proving that her "stated" lack of skill is undeserved. A memorial sheet for Keith (compliments of

Monty Powers); finally an account of son Jack's miraculous night landing; certain to have turned a

dedicated athiest, had he been with Jack, to God.

- - hp

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Указ от 24 апреля 1995 года

E-Mail from Jake Hendrix

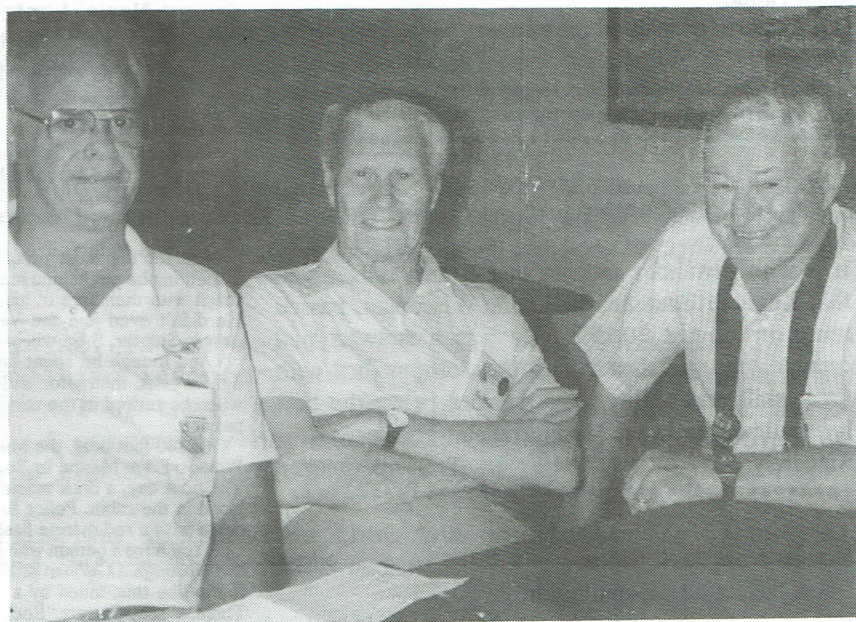
95th.

(quote) Charles Lortz, 95th Armament Officer, is fighting colon cancer, 17800 Langlois # 317 Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. He could use a few lines of support from the old crew.

* * * * *

There is now an up-date on Lortz's condition.. He was operated on 29 Jan. (one foot of the colon removed) . They "got it all"! He's convalescing nicely and plans on making it to Scottsdale. Ethel's in great shape, so all's well in the Lortz household.

The phone #: (619) 329-0970.



ON BOARD " BIG MAMIE "

Sept 6, 1996

Bill and Ben Mason with the Editor

Photo by D. Armstrong

(Sorry I chopped off your arm,Bill. Saving space you know. - - hp)

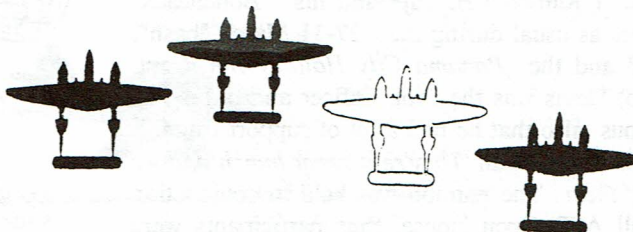
TAPS

Taps notices are limited to only those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department offices. We regret that we cannot extend the honor to all members.

John N. Lockhart, HI, Nat'l M&PA Comm. (1965-66), Nat'l Americanism Council (1967-69), Nat'l VA&R Commission (1978-81), Nat'l Legislative Council (1979-80, 1983-86, 1989-90), Nat'l Vice Cmdr. (1983-84), Nat'l Legislative Council Vice Chmn. (1987-88).
 Anthony S. Terranova, NY, Nat'l Foreign Relations Council Vice Chmn. (1993-96), Dept. Vice Cmdr. (1994-95).

Romeo J. Routhier, Mexico, Nat'l Inter-Amer. Comm. (1956-57), Alt. NEC (1958-60, 1968-70, 1983-86), Nat'l Veterans Pref. Comm. (1960-61, 1967-68), Nat'l Dist. Guest Comm. (1961-62, 1966-67), Nat'l Counter-Subversive Activity Comm. (1962-63), Nat'l M&PA Comm. (1963-64), NEC (1966-68, 1978-81, 1986-88), Nat'l Foreign Rel. Commission Liaison Comm. (1966-67, 1978-79), Nat'l Foreign Rel. Council Vice Chmn. (1972-73, 1980-82), Nat'l Americanism Council (1972-73), Nat'l VA&R Commission Liaison (1980-81, 1986-87), Nat'l Economic Commission Liaison Comm. (1982-84), Nat'l Sec. Council Vice Chmn. (1984-85), Nat'l Legislative Commission Liaison Comm. (1987-88), Dept. M&PA Chmn. (1956-57), Dept. Cmdr. (1961-62), Dept. Historian (1962-66), Dept. Convention Co-Chmn. (1967-68), Dept. Counter-Subversive Activity Chmn. (1978-88), Dept. Foreign Relations Chmn. (1980-81), Dept. Aeronautics Chmn. (1984-85, 1986-88), Dept. Security Chmn. (1985-86), Dept. Legislative Chmn. (1986-87).

FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd.

George S. Jamieson	15 Aug.,96	95th.
Henry L. Litchfield	17 Aug.,96	97th.
Kenneth Bauman	30 Aug.,96	96th.
C.M. Isaacson	6 Dec.,96	96th.
Ted Kaufman	10 Dec.,96	96th.
Charlie Charlton	18 Dec.,96	97th.
Philip Lauria	10 Jan.,97	97th.
John Kostyo Sr.	27 Jan.,97	96th.
Garrett R. Thomas	10 Feb.,97	96th. (See P-4)
John A. Perrone	26 Feb.,97	96th.

The American Legion Feb. 1997
 See P-3 of Newsletter # 38. (Kane Letter)

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From Sheril Huff.

49th.



49th FIGHTER/FIGHTER
 INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON ASSOCIATION
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DEAR HANK,

REFERENCE YOUR NEWS LETTER "ISSUE 38",
 NOV. 15, 1996, PAGE 3. WHO IS THE P-38 POW?

HAVE RESEARCH 14TH FG WAR DIARY AND THE 49TH
 FS WAR DIARY AND THERE WERE NO PILOTS SHOT
 DOWN 22 JULY OR 4 AUG., 1944.

I DID NOT SEE OR REMEMBER ANY PILOTS FROM
 THE 14TH FG THAT HAD A AMERICAN FLAG SEWED
 ON THEIR FLIGHT SUIT.

THIS POW MAY HAVE BEEN ON THE MISSION TO
 RUSSIA. TH 14TH FG WAS NOT ON THAT MISSION.

DID THE 82ND FG OR THE 1ST FG PARTICIPATE
 IN THAT MISSION TO RUSSIA?.

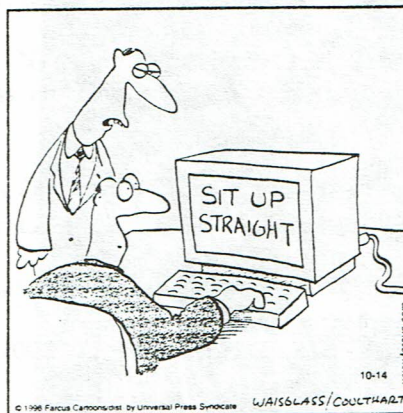
DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL HELP OR NOT.

SINCERELY,

Sheril D. Huff
 SHERIL D. HUFF
 405-677-2683

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FARCUS



"Maybe it's your motherboard."

As this is only the wildest rumor
 and not from my normal source, I'm
 putting it out as a PRECAUTION
 ONLY! It has been in circulation in
 Europe that von Kater will challenge
 Frank Harbus as soon as he
 "dispatches" Dore.
 If true, he will continue and finish off
 the rest of us 82nd pilots. If Dore
 and Frank can't do it--the rest of us are
 "dead ducks" ANYONE out there,
 please send in your plan to foil
 this FIEND and I'll print it in the next
 issue. Thanks hp

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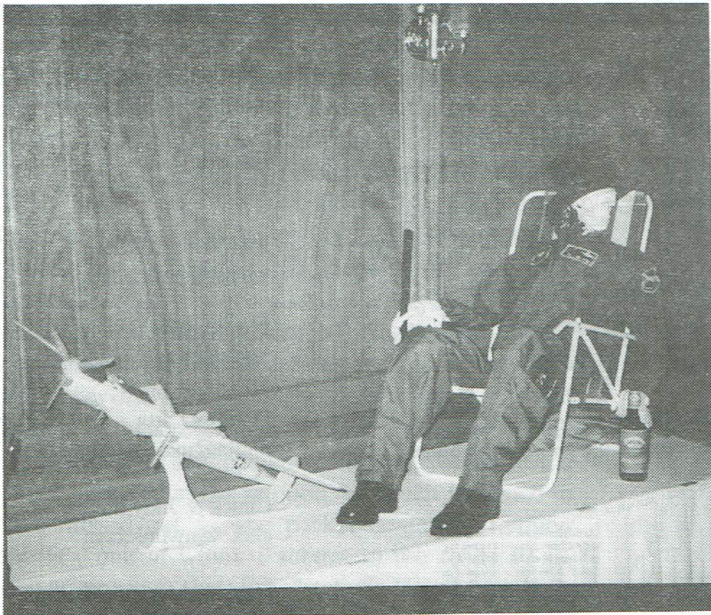
Notes from the 95th. Ftr. Sqdn. Reunion.

Lt. Col. Roman (Rambo) Hrycaj* and his " Boneheads" outdid themselves as usual during their 27-31 March "bash". at Tyndall AFB and the Panama City Holiday Inn. Capt. Morgan (Psycho) Davis was the Proj. Officer and did a fine job. It was obvious also that he had a lot of support from all the guys and gals in the Sqdn. *They're a great bunch and we can be proud of them...* The reunion was held in conjunction with the Tyndall AFB Open House, thus participants were treated to dozens of aircraft on static display and in the air. The icing on the cake was an impressive demonstration by the Navy's Blue Angels.

That evening the Sqdn. put on its renowned barbecue dinner at Sqdn. Ops. Naturally the drinks were free , except those who had the audacity to step on Mr. Bones likeness displayed in tile on the floor of the Ops Bar. These miscreants were fined on the spot in cash! The banquet on Saturday evening was a jolly affair. Col. Hrycaj presented awards to individual members of the 95th. whose performance was outstanding during the year. He also had words of praise for former " Old Soldiers" of past wars.

A bunch of 82nd. FG WWII types were there including some who attend under "false colors" eg. Col. Ben Mason and his son Bill, Dick Ostronik, Dixie Sloan and myself. Among the former "Boneheads" in attendance were: Barry Butler, Bernise Craft, Charlie and James Charlton, Lola Giertz, Arch and Anita Mallette, Olen and Betty Medley plus Melvin and Violet Mullen There may have been others that I overlooked and they have my apology in advance.

* For those of you who haven't met him, this wasn't a misprint. The name's pronounced "Hurretzeye". He's a fine leader and has a lovely wife and family hp



Supreme Commander of the 95th , Mr. Bones.

95th. Banquet at the Panama City Holiday Inn -- 30 March, 1996
(He's monitoring "Rambo's" speech while reminiscing over the Squadron's P-38.....built by John Kingsley and presented to the 95th. by Olen Medley.)

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



95th Fighter Sqdn.
530 Flight Line Road
Tyndall AFB, FL. 32403

Attn: Lt.Col. Roman Hrycaj

Olen Medley
12001 Camelot Crt.
Okla. City, OK. 73120

Febr. 7, 1997

Dear Col.Hrycaj,

In my phone conversation with your Major Moore on Febr.22nd, 1997 I mentioned a couple of things the 82nd Fighter Group Assn. wants to bring to your attention.

The 82nd is having their annual reunion at Scottsdale, AZ October 15-19, 1997 and we want to extend a hearty invitation to you and those from your 95th F.S. who can attend. You will be getting more details a little later from our chairpersons this year, Del and Mary Ryland. If you would like to contact them before receiving any other information their address is: Del Ryland
13829 E. Kalil Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ
85259-3713
(602) 661-8844

We always enjoy your people at our reunions and are hoping some of you can attend.

Secondly, the P-38 National Association is in the process of erecting its own museum building at the March Field Museum at Riverside, CA. The P-38 building will have enough room for the various P-38 organizations to have their own "booth" in which to display any memorabilia they want to donate for this purpose.

The 82nd FG Assn. will have one of these display areas and are currently soliciting items for this project. We know you have a great 95th display at your base-I have visited it at three of your reunions. So, if you have any items that you "don't have room for" and want to be assured they will be safely displayed to the public in the near future we will gladly accept them. The enclosed brochure gives you an idea of the developing museum.

For any further information I would suggest you contact our 82nd FG Assn. president, John "Jake" Hendrix! Notice his address on our letterhead. Jake has been very active with the people out there who are working on the museum project. Jake will be at our reunion in Scottsdale

Incidentally, we certainly want to be informed of your next 95th reunion in time to get notice in our Assn. newsletter. Am wondering if your reunion will be next spring sometime ?

Hoping to see you in Scottsdale I remain,

Sincerely,
Olen Medley
Olen Medley

cc; Executive Comm.
Del Ryland



82nd Fighter Group Reunion 1997 ! October 15th - 19th, 1997

You are invited to Scottsdale, Arizona for the "Sunshine of Your Life".

Headquarters Hotel : **SAFARI RESORT HOTEL.**

4611 N. Scottsdale Road ..Scottsdale, AZ 85251..Tel. (602) 945-0721 or (800) 845-4365.. Fax (602) 946-4703.

Welcome from Host and Hostess , Del and Mary Ryland !

13829 E. Kalil Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85259.. Tel. (602) 661-8844.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

WE NEED YOUR STATEMENT OF INTEREST (Form attached) TO ASSIST IN PLANNING! PLEASE RETURN IT BY 30 APRIL!
No payment is asked at this time. The statement is an indication of desired and probable attendance.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS: This includes the hotel, conveniently located and with a real Southwestern flavor! The rate of \$65 plus tax per room includes a continental breakfast. The hotel dining room is open 24-hours/day. *Hospitality Room* on the first floor. Beautiful courtyard with 2 swimming pools and greenery. Room for RVs as well as plenty of parking on the 12-acre grounds.

WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE: Famous *Fashion Square Mall* directly across the street.. "Old Town Scottsdale", Main Street and 5th Avenue all are lined with unique shops. A beautiful square with park benches, fountains, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Little Red Schoolhouse, IMAX Theater; all within a few blocks. Many good restaurants.

GOLF: Being arranged at a beautiful course nearby. (Lower rates hold through October.)

TRANSPORTATION: Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, is 10 miles from the hotel, with frequent shuttles. (\$10 rate) . Amtrak tickets to Tucson include a bus ride to Phoenix, meeting every train. (Nearest Amtrak station is in Tucson - 100 miles away.)

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION: The valley's biggest bargain! "Ollie the Trolley" gives rides downtown for free -- or on a \$4 pass, you may enjoy a Ride/Tour to famous resorts such as Camelback, Princess, Phoenician, Mc Cormick Ranch. etc. The Trolley stops across the street from the Safari Hotel,

WANT TO EXTEND YOUR STAY - - AND WHO DOES NOT? CONSIDER THESE BEFORE -OR-AFTER SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.
If you wish brochures or other information, please so indicate on your response form. If enough interest is shown, busses or guided tours could be arranged.

Sedona: Red Rock country, unique artist shops, Montezuma's Castle, old Jerome copper-mining ghost town. About 100 miles north.

Tucson: Pima Air Museum, Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame - - 200 aircraft on display. Titan Missile Museum. Old Tucson attractions make this a star site. About 100 miles south.

Apache Trail: Scenic drive eastward - lakes, mountains and desert arboretum - old copper-mining relics and spectacular loop drive of less than 100 miles.

Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix Zoo, Arizona Military Museum, Rawhide Western Town, Taliesin West (Frank Lloyd Wright).

Grand Canyon: A long day's tour but better to overnight.

Prescott or Wickenburg: Spend a pleasant day within 100 miles.

RETURN YOUR ATTACHED STATEMENT OF INTEREST BY APRIL 30TH. THANKS !

D & M

IMPORTANT REUNION SCHEDULE CONSIDERATIONS from your Scottsdale, AZ, host and hostess, Del and Mary Ryland:

To assist us in planning for your happy experience at the reunion in mid-October, we hope to get your affirmative answer for the following schedule of group events:

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Registration and free time. Reg. fee is \$25.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Visit Champlin Fighter Museum (Falcon Field) in Mesa. 30-min. bus ride. See 30 perfectly restored fighter aircraft. Military memorabilia. Lunch at Anzio Landing Restaurant on airfield location. Brief stop nearby at Confederate Airforce Museum. Duration about 4-5 hours for transportation, guided tours, and lunch. Total cost \$40.

Friday, Oct. 17: Golf in AM for golfers. City tour for others, if desired. Dinner and evening at the Red River Opry. After a 15-min. bus ride to Tempe, you would be all set to enjoy a cowboy cookout with all the trimmings. BBQ steak or chicken. After dinner settle into your reserved seat to enjoy the show, "Spirit of America", featuring music and comedy of a country-wide theme, topped by a glittering, stirring, patriotic finale. Cost of \$40/person includes transportation, dinner, and show.

Saturday, Oct. 18: Business meeting in AM. Group photos. Evening banquet and dance band (40's and 50's specialty music).

Sunday, Oct. 19: Farewell Continental Breakfast - - incl. in room price.

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Name OLEN MEDLEY

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