

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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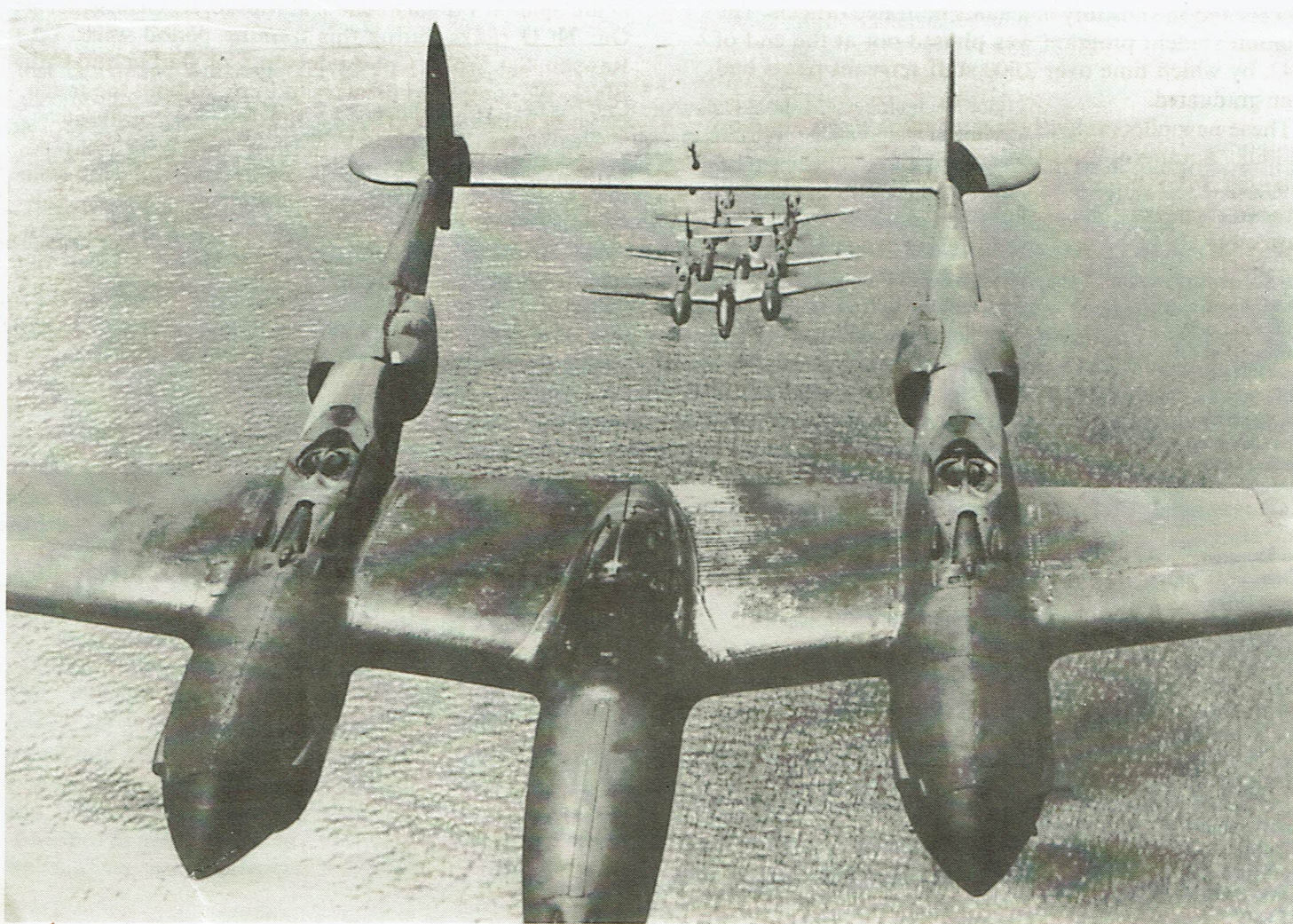
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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July 7, 1997

Another year is flying by much too rapidly so I will bring you up to date on our present status. It looks like a top-notch reunion by Del and Mary so let's give them a big turnout. To bring you up to date, here is what has been happening.

(1) Since this is election year Ralph Embrey has been appointed to chair the nominating committee so let him know who you want in office for the next two years.

(2) Bill Blurock and Chuck Currier have accepted co-chairmanship of the 82nd display systems for the P-38 portion of the March Field museum.

Our hangar has grown from 60 feet x 50 feet to 60 feet x 80 feet thanks to an additional 30 feet donated by the manufacturer. The building will be completed when you read this. Due to a lot of volunteer help and some old men with very sore muscles the cost has been greatly reduced. We have received a lot of donated supplies and materials for displaying memorabilia but we still need sorters to sort and arrange displays in a manner we can be proud of.

I think the membership should know the 82nd has been very well represented in assembling the building, sending in memorabilia, preparing display methods and many other tasks. Dick Willsie has been on site almost daily from morning to night. Where Dick gets the energy to maintain his pace is beyond me, but he raises many dollars in contributions as well as supplies, equipment, manpower and anything we need. If that is not enough he is very active in the physical labor department. Other 82nd members who have been very active are Frank Hurlbut, Bill Blurock and Chuck Currier. Yours truly has also managed to get a few bruises and sore muscles. There has been money donated also but I don't have the names of the contributors.

In conclusion, get your memorabilia together and bring it to Scottsdale. I will see that it gets to the museum. We need bodies to sort memorabilia, help assemble display units and yes, we need ideas and suggestions. The P-38 Association holds monthly meetings at the museum. For anyone interested (local or otherwise) drop by. We are at Interstate 215 and Van Buren (south side of March Field) in Riverside, California. (Open to the public).

Contributions of \$500 or more to the hangar fund will get your name engraved in marble. Contributions of memorabilia or cash to help the 82nd display will get your name prominently displayed as a contributor.

Send hangar contributions to:  
Jack Mullan  
3400 Irvine #101  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Send 82nd display contributions to:  
Roy Norris  
6636 Plantation Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45224

Bring your memorabilia to the reunion or send it to me.

*John C. Hendrix*  
John Hendrix  
14708 Bodger Ave.  
Hawthorne, CA 90252

SEE YOU IN SCOTTSDALE

My phone no. is (310) 676 4794



## Late news from Xenia. Ohio !

(Dixie's neighbor reports)

### von KATER DISAPPEARS!

Renowned Ace, Moritz von Kater, was last seen easily clearing a seven-foot picket fence with a neighborhood dog snapping at his heels!

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Back in May, my European contact informed me that von Kater had departed for the USA. His purpose was to personally confront Dixie and challenge him to a *duel to the death*.

A sense of urgency demanded that I call Dixie immediately to inform him of the visit and hoping that it hadn't already happened. Dixie's maid answered the phone. She explained.

"The Colonel has been away for several days; his flight was delayed and he badly needs his sleep. Could you leave a message?" I agreed and after describing the situation to her in a few words; she gasped --- waited a few seconds---said, "Do you feel all right?" --- then assured me, "no such visitor has called at this house". She did however, give me a telephone number, stating: if anyone answering to that description had been in the neighborhood, "that old biddy would know it." I thanked her and after asking again if I "really felt okay?", she hung up.

Hesitating for a few moments, I called the number that was given to me:

Mrs. Elvira Mootz reported that von Kater had indeed inquired at her door.

"I recall exactly. It was 9:30 in the morning, Monday last, when the door bell rang --- the reason I know exactly as my friend Irma always calls at 9:30 and tells me all the---" I interrupted.

"Please Mrs. Mootz, could you be brief. I am calling for the 82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn. and I try to save them money on phone calls." Impervious to interruptions, she continued to expound on friend Irma for a while longer, then returned to my inquiry. "He asked for directions to Col. William Sloan's house and I pointed it out to him. Goodness knows I'm certainly not one to pry, but this visitor was a bit unusual even for Mr. Sloan, whose callers can, *politely*, only be described as *most interesting*."

Since Mr. Sloan arrived home at 3:27

that morning and probably still asleep, I felt it my duty to inquire as to the purpose of this visit. I was informed that it was to formalize arrangements for an *aerial duel*--- Heaven only knows what he meant by that; now if dear Elwood were still alive, he would have ---"

"Please! Mrs. Mootz, this is long distance and ---" This time she heard me and reverted back to the subject.

"Well! If I must be abrupt --- while watching him proceed toward Mr. Sloan's house, I forgot to close my door and 'Crusher', that's my Rottweiler, came bounding out of the house; caught up with Mr. Kra---, whatever his name is, in Sam Gardner's back yard --- *you never heard such a commotion in your life!* Finally Mr. K got away; cleared Sam's seven-foot picket fence in one bound, leaving poor 'Crusher' jumping at the fence and bleeding from a slashed nose, The Vet had to---" Thank you Mrs. Mootz, you have been most helpful and I wish you a pleasant day... Good-bye."

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Thanks to John and Fran Kane, I was given a lead that should be of interest to many 82nd members:

[The Aviation Cadet Alumni Assn. was initiated by the late Ralph E. Parker (43-E Napier) to provide ex-cadets the current addresses of former classmates. Robert C. White (44-I Brooks) and his partner, Lew Johnson are continuing this no-dues, non-profit endeavor; steadily adding names to their personal computers. Some 40,000 names are now available by Flight Class to participants who send a stamped envelope to either of the above, both maintain identical information as a safeguard against loss. Former pilot cadets are asked to send in their *Flight Class, Pre-flight, Primary, Basic and Advanced locations*." Time is no longer on our side and your active participation will be welcomed; especially by your classmates". Under no circumstances will commercial use be made of this information.]

Below is the Association's letterhead. Bob White asks that **Lew Johnston** be the **Primary Address** for your correspondence. -- hp



Email rcw@n-jcenter.com  
lewjtn@aol.com

PRIMARY

## AVIATION CADET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Robert C. White, 54 Seton Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Lew Johnston, 2665 Chestnut St., San Francisco, CA 94123 ← Primary



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### Telcon with Roy Norris

Our able Secretary/Treasurer has confided that when the dues checks start tapering off, or quit altogether as in June or July, he doesn't fret, sulk or send out notes of impending disaster to Jake Hendrix or the Executive Committee; he grabs the wife and family and goes somewhere. Usually it's to take a kayak down some raging, torrential stream, full of rocks, snags, whirlpools, wrecked kayaks and various other lethal objects of destruction. This time ( 3 - 9 Aug. ), it's to Lake Erie, so he has either decided to quit riding his luck, getting old, or the more likely case; *JoAnn has decided to take over the serious decisions for the family.*

This should insure that Roy will be accepting dues at his usual station adjacent to the Reception Desk in Scottsdale. He accepts strictly cash or checks. ( No IOU's please ). -- hp

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### Telcon with Will Hattendorf

Will sends his Best Wishes to all members of the 82nd. His plans for the reunion are "guardedly optimistic" at this time. Betty's health is such that it is best for her not to be left alone but feels he can count on a son, daughter or both to look after their mother while he's in Scottsdale.

Tell your kids we're counting on them, Will !

2, Aug. -- hp

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Executive Committee, Et Al:

8/12/97

Yes, I am late, the Norris clan left for a week of rest and relaxation at the Maumee Bay State Resort east of Toledo, Ohio. We had two cabins sleeping up to 18 and we filled them all. This was a present to our off spring for our 50th Wedding Anniversary! ! The Norris navy (IMB, It's a my boat) consisted of two Hobbies, one Y Flyer, one power boat, one wind surfer and two canoes. Oh! yes, also a Scorpion.

Back to business.

#### New Members

Otto, Guy W. 215 Greenhills Dr. Valrico, FL 33594 97  
(813) 689-9698 Phillis

Van Stein, Thomas 355 Lindon Av. Carpenteria, CA 93013 XXA

Barney, Joe 22171 Timberline Way Lake Forrest, CA 92630 XXA

Latourette, John 6920 Garden Grove Av. Resda, CA 91335 XXA  
(818) 343-4356

#### Address Changes

Ball, Thomas 2717 Tall Maple Loop, Ocoee, FL 34761 95  
Phillips, Henry (850) 862-3024 96

#### Passed Away

Gates, William M. 8 April 97 96  
Hildebrandt, Robert W. 6 June 97 96  
Simpson, George L. January 97 97

Since 1 July 1996, 21 association members have passed away.

#### Dues

Van Stein, Thomas 97NL Thomas flew P-51 in New England  
96th & 97th Sqdn.

#### Finances

Checking \$5,322.06

New Cert. Dep. United Savings Bank \$5,101.29

" " " PNC Bank \$10,503.73

Grand Total \$20,927.08

Special note, the March Field Museum Reserve spent \$350.87

The association is very solvent ! !

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roy Norris*



## A Cross-Country to Remember.

By Jess O. Yaryan, former staff sergeant P-38 pilot, 96th FS, 82nd FG. While stationed at Glendale, CA, he participated in a cross-country flight that should turn any "red hot" modern fighter pilot green with envy :

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( Article taken from June,97 issue of *Lightning Strikes*.)

"The Ferry Command had been ordered to take nine P-38G aircraft from the factory at Burbank to Middletown, PA for further shipment to the ETO, but discovered that no pilots in the Ferry Command had ever flown the P-38. The job was given to the 96th because we were located only three miles from the Lockheed factory at Burbank.

Nine of us, consisting of 1/Lt. "Baby Tank" Miller and eight staff sergeants, picked up brand new P-38s from the factory and headed out. Our route was El Paso, Dallas, Memphis, Cincinnati, Roaring Spring, PA and finally into Middletown, PA.

We left Cincinnati in good order but ran into an unexpected weather front over the mountains of Pennsylvania. Since we operated under Ferry Command regulations, we were limited to daylight/VFR operations. Finding ourselves on top of an overcast, with only four-channel VHF radios, we were unable to talk to anyone but ourselves. VHF was not yet installed at most ground stations. *We were nine lost puppies.*

Someone found a 'sucker hole' and down we went in trail. Fortunately we broke out in a valley --- another valley! Rats! Suddenly, **Bill Gates**, one of the staff sergeants, reported he had a small strip that looked like a runway and we all scrambled over to search his area. Sure enough, there it was. We landed okay. There was nobody there, just a shack. We parked side by side and got out of the birds.

After a while a Pennsylvania Highway Patrol car came by and stopped. A very surprised trooper got out and stared incredulously at the birds. 'Where are the rest of the crewmen?' he said. We told him that this was all and could we get to the nearest town. We were put up in an old Dutch inn --- feather beds, three gigantic meals a day --- all for a

buck a head. We were the toast of the area. The movie house gave us free admission and the high school had a dance in our honor. We could have enlisted all of the high school boys in town.

When word got out that the heroes were leaving, more than 10,000 folks came out to see the event. We fired up and took off. And what did Lt. Miller decide to do? You guessed it --- BUZZ the town! And we were all on minimum fuel. We did it anyway and a fine buzz job it was.

We made Middletown 'on fumes' and Miller commandeered the first DC-3 airliner that landed (TWA), flashed his priority orders and we were flown back to Glendale in style. *They don't make cross-countries like that any more."*

### Claude Kinsey supplements:

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Dear Hank ,

I received the "Twin Tales" article and I agree it was a most interesting flight. According to my Log Book , our flight times logged from Glendale to El Paso were 3:15, El Paso to Dallas ,2:50, Dallas to Memphis,2:15, Memphis to Cincinnati, 2:20 Cincinnati to Martinburg, PA 2:30. As I recall, the flight consisted of 5 aircraft with Miller leading and a flight of 4 with me leading the second flight. Martinburg was just a strip about 15 miles SE of Roaring Springs. My flight of four remained on the strip to guard the 9 aircraft. As I remember, there was a village within walking distance with one Bar and a Café. I remember sleeping under the wing of our aircraft for two nights. The third day Miller took off and, I guess, buzzed Roaring Springs. Since the overcast was about 500 feet, I took off and flew directly on an East heading, at tree top level to Harrisburg, PA. It was estimated that in 15 minutes, we would reach the river. The overcast was much lower at Harrisburg and Middletown. Two bridges crossed the river at Harrisburg and the low overcast and fog engulfed the top of both bridges. I flew under the first bridge and over the top of the second. The river had a bend in it and lo and behold! There was the runway off to my left. I dropped my gear and flaps, slowing the aircraft air speed from 280MPH to 120 MPH and landed with no problems. The other three pilots landed within minutes behind me. I believe we beat Miller's flight into our destination. We had less than thirty minutes of fuel left. There must have been later ferry flights as my records indicate Samuel P. Bradshaw was killed at Middletown on Sept. 19,1942. You might research his fiery crash.

I believe Scotty Giles was my wing man and was later killed at the Irish Depot. He forgot to drop his Dive Flaps at the top of the loop. If executed properly, the maneuver could be accomplished with ease.

### Editor's Note.

This is a "belated" correction to my 1996 Newsletter # 37. I am indebted to Ralph Embrey for pointing out two errors on page-9, *Pilot Training Class 42-C*. These pilots graduated from either **Ellington Field** or **Kelly Field**, Texas. Next, was my misspelling of **Herman Visscher**. I have forgotten the source used that resulted in these errors. All 42-C pilots have my apology and Herman as well.

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Sincerely,

*uncle*



Dear Marlene & Hank Sat 4-19-97  
 For being retired... Sure am busy, Course  
 Easter is special for me & my nine Grandchildren.  
 From the viewpoint of a fruit inspector... both  
 of you have really performed an excellent job  
 on the Newsletter. Thank you. It really made  
 my day when you printed the "In Appreciation  
 of Crew Chiefs. You see that was a special  
 spot for Keith Sr. & other Pilots who wanted  
 recognition for the Crew Chiefs. As a matter  
 of fact... one of the first people to contact  
 when they tried to spread the news of the  
 82nd was to contact their Crew Chiefs. Keith  
 contacted the late Fred Bascomb & his wife  
 Margaret. They attended many reunions  
 Keith Sr. with man the late Lee Carr  
 contacted his Crew Chiefs... Hugh O'Brien & his  
 wife Luella. They were priority people in  
 their eyes. Have enclosed a copy of a letter  
 from Old Ironsides in Boston... making the  
 82nd Honorary Crew Members. Have also mailed  
 copy to Roy Norris. Still have my Profile...  
 as I flew to Dallas to see my brother &  
 to Austin to see a good friend. Was searched  
 both times. The upside is luck how many  
 people were made happy doing their job.  
 Take care of yourselves & each other God Bless  
 you & yours. I am fine... One Day at a time, it helps  
 you are too Shalom Dorothy Armstrong 95th

Jerry Loewenberg writes:

Hq

COL. JEROME L. LOEWENBERG  
 4917 RAVENSWOOD DRIVE (1719)  
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78227

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Dear Hank -

A good issue of Newsletter!  
 On behalf of all the troops: Thanks!!  
 And how timely - it was dated  
 March 31; and I received it on March 31.

Lingardella called me today. He  
 hadn't received his copy yet; but Roy  
 Norris had.

week trip to the West Coast

I'm sweating out the recovery of my  
 wife from multiple fractures of her right wrist.  
 We're both 90! So we don't heal so fast!

Cordially,  
 Jerry

## Letter and photo from Monty Powers

95th

To: HANK PHILLIPS  
 EDITOR 82ND NEWSLETTER  
 FT. WALTON BEACH, FL

14 JULY 19  
 JONESVILLE 1

Dear Hank,

You asked that I tell a bit about my Volunteer Fireman service  
 which might be of some interest to the troops! And as I look  
 over a box of Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department news-clippings  
 snapshots and notes I can say that that could be a long story!

I joined in August of 1951 and so have been an active member  
 for almost 46 years --- more than half my lifetime. Things have  
 changed-we did go to a fire on a fire truck or by car & haul hose  
 & squirt water while wearing no protective gear---whereas now we  
 cannot ride on the outside of a truck nor report to a fire scene  
 without all turnout gear. Also, fire skills are constantly  
 changing with air-tanks and masks and advanced equipment and  
 techniques. Our department has about 24 volunteers who are paid  
 a few dollars per response and who do this as a service to home  
 and community. Many times I have said that even tho it were the  
 middle of a winter night I would want some department to come for  
 a fire if at my home --- and so I'm pleased to respond  
 regardless of time or temp. or inconvenience.

There have been humorous as well as sad fatal happenings in my  
 46-years on the department. A salesman and I were alone at my  
 store when the fire whistle blew and I excused myself to run i-  
 block to jump on the rear of a fire truck. My salesman friend  
 waved in consternation as our truck passed the store --- but I  
 knew my father would cut short his lunchtime to tend the store! !

Another time, when inside a burning house with a buddy and our  
 charged line working our way to the flames with our noses on the  
 carpet the phone rang! When I reached up to answer it a voice  
 asked "for George" and I replied "NO!! his house is burning and I  
 need to split to squirt water at the flames"

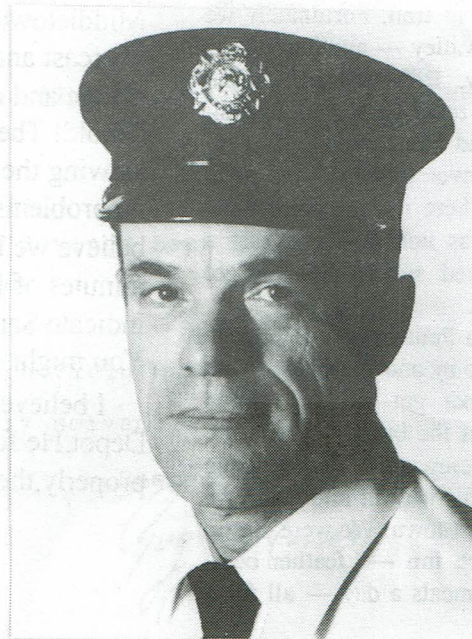
Sometime ago a young volunteer asked me if I knew how to shift  
 an old truck which did not have an automatic transmission- but  
 he was satisfied when I told him I had learned to drive on a car  
 with a clutch pedal and that in the 1950's had 'double clutched'  
 our fire trucks before he was born.

A recent alarm was placed by a lonesome old man who just wanted  
 to talk with someone. His trash burning barrel had started a  
 small fire behind his house

My doctor for a recent annual-physical exam noted my present  
 J.F.D. membership!! He thought that if he had a fire to which I  
 responded he would have felt undermanned and overcharged. So,  
 maybe its time to get off the Volunteer Fire Department active  
 list!

BEST WISHES  
 Monty Powers

Margaret & Monty Powers  
 202 Hillcrest Court  
 Jonesville, MI 49250  
 517-849-9114



Monty on the job!!



## Letter from Clayton Tillapaugh

(Mercilessly condensed)

96th.

Hi Hank, I wish I were down in your area, preferably Destin, to be cooler.. We have been having a hot streak of in the 90s every day for about 3 weeks, 99 to 100 deg.F on 2 consecutive days and no rain. My crops are going down the tubes & I may have to let about 100 steers go. We may have to cancel out the reunion again. Bev is still on crutches 16 months after the last break. The AF doctors haven't a clue as to what to do. We are now consulting a civilian doctor in Baltimore; this means more examinations, etc. Surgery may come in Sept. or Oct. Say "Hi" to all of my friends at the reunion. Your friend, Clayton "Tillie"

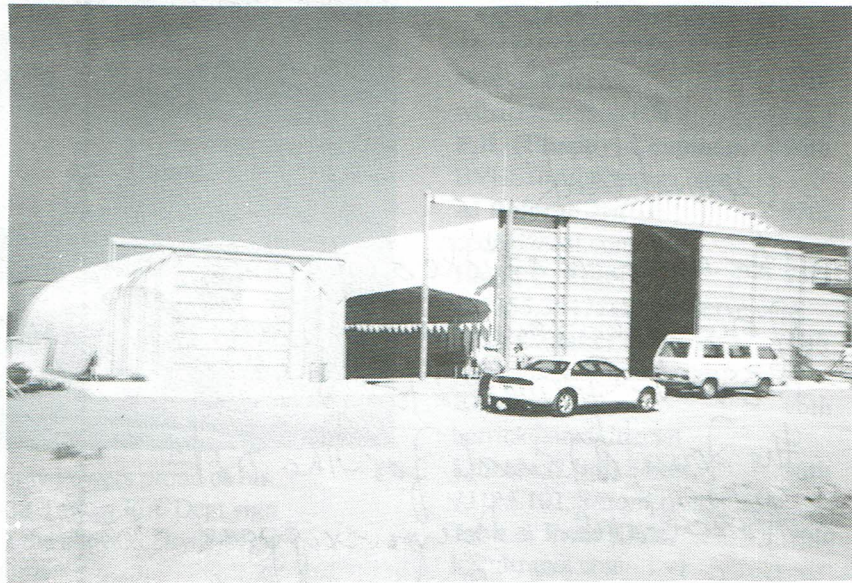
Tillie's letter was actually 2 pages, both sides. Most of it addressed Jeff Ethell's crash in the P-38. He takes exception to a witness report of seeing 2 snap-rolls before it crashed, plus cogent remarks on photos of the wreck. His 1000 Hours (+/- 50) in the P-38, plus 2 combat tours, test pilot and instructor time imparts "authority" to his observations. - - hp

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From Sylvia and Dick Ostronik

96th.

Hi Marlene and Hank, March 21, 1997  
Just wanted to wish you a very-HAPPY EASTER.  
Sure was great to have you visit, Hank. Happy- that Dennis could bring you to La Bolla. Wonder how his pictures turned out?  
We went to a P-38 <sup>national</sup> meeting and luncheon yesterday at March Air Force Base. Delighted and surprised to see Glen and Betty Medley - visiting from Oklahoma City. They were traveling (by car) with Cole Gentry from Kansas. That lightning family really gets around. 82nd was very well represented - Al Campbell, Frank Hendrix, Willisie, the Sidwells, the Hendrixs and Dorothy Bradenbaugh and the Halls (who hasn't made a re-reunion since '91). Dennis plus Lynn Schubert - who I don't think has attended. So we all had a fine time and talked up Scottsdale. Plus we all got to see the hangar that will house a lot of P-38 memorabilia. Willisie and Cole Hendrix have really put in manpower and lots of hours. And Frank is in charge of organizing the donations.  
Off to La Bolla for final gulls game of the season. Then they start the play off and of course we hope they again win the Taylor Cup Championship.  
Sure you are very exciting to be on a busy watch. Keep us posted.  
Sylvia and Dick



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Above  
P-38 Assn. Museum Complex at the  
March Field Museum - - (1 Aug., 97)  
Photo, compliments of Jake Hendrix

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# MARCH FIELD MUSEUM

## DIRECTIONS





7-18-97

Dear Hank,

The enclosed article on the demise of one of the few remaining flyable P-38's is forwarded to you being the found of such for the 82nd Association. Do you suppose that bird was the one we had fly-by at the St. Louis reunion? Hope this finds you + Marlene in fine shape and that we'll see you in Oct. at Scottsdale.

Best regards,  
Buddy

# Tillamook warbirds

■ It appears that fascinated pilots will risk their lives happily for a chance to fly the World War II-vintage airplanes

By KATE FREEDLANDER

Correspondent, The Oregonian

TILLAMOOK — For Jeff Ethell, who crashed and died last month in one of the last Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter planes left in the world, the Tillamook Naval Air Museum was heaven. After all, the museum boasted a P-38, a plane he always had dreamed of flying. It was a plane that his dad flew against the Germans in World War II.

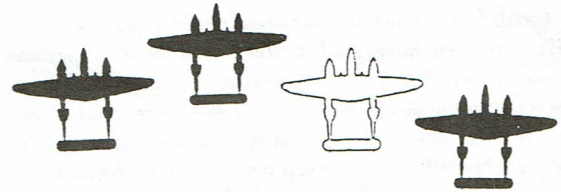
The National Transportation Safety Board has yet to determine the cause of the crash, although pilots familiar with the distinctive airplane's quirks speculate that it was pilot error.



The Oregonian

The death of Jeff Ethell, a renowned pilot and aviation author who crashed last month in a World War II-vintage P-38 fighter, has focused interest on the Tillamook Naval Air Museum and the collection of functional antique warbirds there.

## FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heroes of the 82nd

**	**	**	**
Stanley Kupcinkas	21 Dec., 96	96th	
Betty Mason (Ben) *	30 Dec., 95	HQ	
George Simpson	Jan., 97	97th	
Dottie Kemble	23 Feb., 97	97th	
William M. Gates	Apr., 97	96th	
June Collis (Martin E. Jr.)	15 April, 97	97th	
Grover E. (Ed) Jones	11 May, 97	96th	
Robert W. Hildebrandt	6 June, 97	95th	
James L. Alderson	29 June, 97	95th	
Harry W. Terry	1 July, 97	97th	

\* Col. and Betty Mason were married for 57 years.

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*  
Roy Norris has compiled a complete list of 82nd Members and Spouses who are known to have died between September, 1945 and 15 May, 1997.  
In response to my praising, pleading, extolling, cajoling, lecturing and threats, he has agreed that anyone who sends him a request with an enclosed stamped (32 cent) envelope will be sent a copy.  
-- hp

## Obituaries

### Robert W. Hildebrandt

Robert W. Hildebrandt died at his Woodland home following a short illness Friday, June 6, 1997, at age 74.

Born July 29, 1922, in Portland, Ore., Mr. Hildebrandt was a Woodland resident for eight years. As a child he moved to Los Angeles with his family in 1933. He served as a P-38 fighter pilot during World War II, flying 50 combat missions from a variety of locations in Italy and Russia. This service earned him several medals from the U.S. Air Force including the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1995 his contributions were also honored by the Russian government as part of their 50 year celebration of the war's end. After the war he graduated from USC in 1947 with a degree in business administration and married Norma Reid in 1950. During his working career he was an industrial contractor for A.E. Anderson Construction Company, focusing on the repair and maintenance of large blast furnaces for steel and glass manufacturing plants. He also helped conduct some early research on drip irrigation systems in the 1960s. According to his family, "he enjoyed the wide variety of people his work brought him into contact with. In 1989, after retirement, he and his wife moved to Woodland to be close to their children and grandchildren. "During this time he enjoyed cooking, woodworking, travel, and general relaxation," family members said.

Mr. Hildebrandt is survived by his wife of 47 years, Norma Hildebrandt of Woodland; daughter, Carolyn Sumner and husband Thomas recently moved to Waterloo, Iowa; son, Bill Hildebrandt and wife Laurie of Woodland; and granddaughters, Bryn Marie and Linnea Eve Sumner of Waterloo, Iowa, and grandson, Tod Hildebrandt of Woodland.

Respecting the wishes of Mr. Hildebrandt no services are scheduled.

McNary's Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

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I received three separate contributions on the adjacent article: (Strozier, Marvin and Tillapaugh). Space prevents printing the story in it's entirety. Members wishing for the complete article, please notify me via E-mail, postcard, or telephone and I'll send a copy.

-- hp



## Telcon with Betty Bardwell (96th)

Betty sends her best wishes to all members of the 82nd. Monty is presently in the hospital, fighting a bad case of pneumonia but is slowly recovering. This, coupled with several operations for Monty since February 1995, means that (short of an amazing recovery), the Bardwells will not be attending the reunion this year.

about 9, Aug. -- hp

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## Telcon with Jack Howard (96th)

Jack has also had his medical problems (back & hip operations), but Mary and he have their tickets to Phoenix and fully intend to enjoy themselves in Scottsdale. Jack has asked me to alert the ladies that he is "not quite" the *Jack Howard of 1945* on the dance floor and cut him some slack on those fast numbers.

about 9, Aug.

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### NOTICE.

Photos for the Newsletter.

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The three adjoining photos were sent to me for publication. The originals were 3 x 5 size and very sharp. I had them reduced which cost some decrease in quality. The photo lab states that had I given them the negatives, no loss of quality would have resulted from the reduction process.. Please don't think that I must have negatives for your photos, but if possible, send the (single) negative along with your photograph. The lab states that the reduction will then be as sharp as the original.

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**PUZZLE.** Is Monty Powers proud of his New GMC \_\_ P-38 Tag \_\_ Fire Dept sign \_\_. Its probably all of the above....Don't forget the coffee cup Monty!

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Dick Ostronik with friend (not the fish). Dick's holding his 57# halibut, caught near Juneau, Alaska 1996. We might question his war stories, but never his fish tales.

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The Editor.  
At Vail, Colorado

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March, 1997

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### Changes since last newsletter:

Barr ... New.  
Chapman ... Address change.  
Herrick ... New.  
Kirtley ... Address change.  
Lewis ... New.  
Phillips ... Address change.  
Pratt ... New.  
Sides ... Address change

Members wishing to add their name to the above, notify either Hank Phillips, or Chuck Luke. [E-mail preferred]

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### FARCUS



"Go to www.yahoo.com, then search for 'truth and wisdom'..."



Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount **payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS** in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 15, 1997. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.  
P.O. Box 11327  
Norfolk, VA 23517  
ATTN: 82nd Fighter Group



CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 15

	PRICE PER	x	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	AMOUNT
Registration fee, per person.	\$ 25	x		=	
Thursday-Champlin Museum/Anzio Landing.			Mark your choice(s)		
Marinated Chicken	\$ 40	x		=	
Lasagna	\$ 40	x		=	
Friday-City Tour.	\$ 24	x		=	
Friday-Red River Opry.	\$ 40	x		=	
Saturday Night Banquet			Mark your choice(s)		
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$ 24	x		=	
Baked Salmon with Dill Hollandaise	\$ 21	x		=	

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT  
NAME (for nametags) \_\_\_\_\_  
SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE AND GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? \_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU FLYING? \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVING? \_\_\_\_\_ RV? \_\_\_\_\_

FULL REFUNDS WILL BE SENT FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES IF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10. AFTER THAT DATE, REFUND AMOUNT WILL DEPEND ON VENDOR POLICIES. PLEASE CALL (757) 625-6401 (9am-5pm EST). YOUR CANCELLED CHECK WILL SERVE AS YOUR TOUR CONFIRMATION.





# ARIZONA



## THE DEL AND MARY RYLAND REUNION REPORT

**Welcome to Arizona!** Reunion 1997 promises to be a **SUN-SATIONAL EVENT** ! The dates are Oct. 15 - 19, Wednesday to Sunday. The place: Safari Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona.

### NOT REGISTERED YET?

Never fear! Your presence is more important than your promptness. We want you here! Response to the March Newsletter has been great! If you sent your "Statement of Interest" to the Rylands, you should have received five pages of schedule, costs, map and a form to send your check to the AFR.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Phone directly now to the Safari Hotel at 1 (800) 845-4356. Specify 82nd Fighter Group for the \$65 (plus tax) rate per room per night..

### PAYMENT FOR ACTIVITIES:

You will send your check to the Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR), PO Box 11327, Norfolk, VA 23517. Phone (757)625-6401. This organization is assisting in our events, including, accounting, registration, packets, tickets, busses, etc. Please help our planning by sending in the form and checks as soon as you can. As your local host, we need to know specifically of your plans for golf.

(Golfers, see separate instruction item)

### SATURDAY BANQUET/DANCE:

This event is the most popular for guests and some of you are inviting local friends to join us. Dinner cost is \$24 for prime rib and \$21 for baked salmon. The orchestra is renowned for "danceable" music and you are encouraged to request your favorites. Our program will be presided over by our able and enthusiastic prexy, Jake Hendrix. Included will be a special recognition of a very special group, *the Pilot Class of 42-C*. Their attendance has been eagerly encouraged by our own Ralph Embrey. All were graduates of either the Advanced Pilot Training School at Ellington Field or Kelly Field, Texas.

### HOSPITALITY ROOM:

The place to meet and greet. First floor location. Opens Wednesday. Hours posted. Hosts are **Lute and Jackie Thompson**.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Since most of you are flying into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, note that the Super Shuttle "blue and gold" vans operate 24 hours a day, cost \$10 to the Safari Hotel. Identify yourself as "82nd Fighter Group." Procedure: Claim your baggage. Proceed to the outer island outside the Baggage Claim Area sign marked "Van Service". Service representatives are at each location. The wait will not exceed 15 minutes.

### PROGRAM RECAP:

Daily complimentary breakfast hour posted.

Wednesday:	Registration opens at noon. ( \$25 ).
Thursday:	Champlin Fighter Museum at Falcon Field/Anzio Landing Restaurant ( \$40 ).
Friday:	City Tour ( \$24 ). Golf (pay at hotel). Red River Opry and Barbeque ( \$40 ).
Saturday:	Business Meeting. Photos. Banquet/Program/Dance ( \$24 or \$21 ).

### EARLY ARRIVALS:

Quite a number will be arriving on Tuesday. Your hosts plan to be on deck to welcome you! You will enjoy a wide choice of things to see and do!

Del and Mary Ryland, Scottsdale, Arizona, Tel: (602) 661-8844

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### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR REUNION GOLFERS - Friday, October 17:

Play begins at 8:00 AM at the beautiful McCormack Ranch Golf Course. Price: \$70 ( plus tax ).

Billing will be through the hotel. **Chief: Jack Sides.**

**Assistant: Pincus Taback.**

### Golfers signed up so far:

J. Bosshard, A. Ellington, R. Embrey, L. Fisher, R. Harding, W. Hattendorf, W. Holeman, B. Johnson, C. Kinsey, D. Kinsey, R. Kirtley, R. Lingenfelter, C. Luke, K. Lund, R. Lynn, C. Miller, J. Monahan, R. Ostronik, L. Pratt, M. Radawec, R. Roberson, E. Scott, J. Sides, B. Strozier, H. Swanson, I. Swenson, P. Taback, A. Turner, J. Zegarelli... Please let us know if any of these are couples.  
( Call Jack Sides (602) 451-4658, or Del Ryland (602) 661-8844.)

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A special thanks to Francis Chapman "Chappy" for his diligence in sending Reunion notices to twelve (12) Armed Forces publications... Although he was recently hospitalized (Stanford University Hospital), his loyalty and sense of urgency still prevailed. The project was completed. **THANKS CHAPPY!**

(D & M)

( Chappy's home now and doing fine. -- hp )

