

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



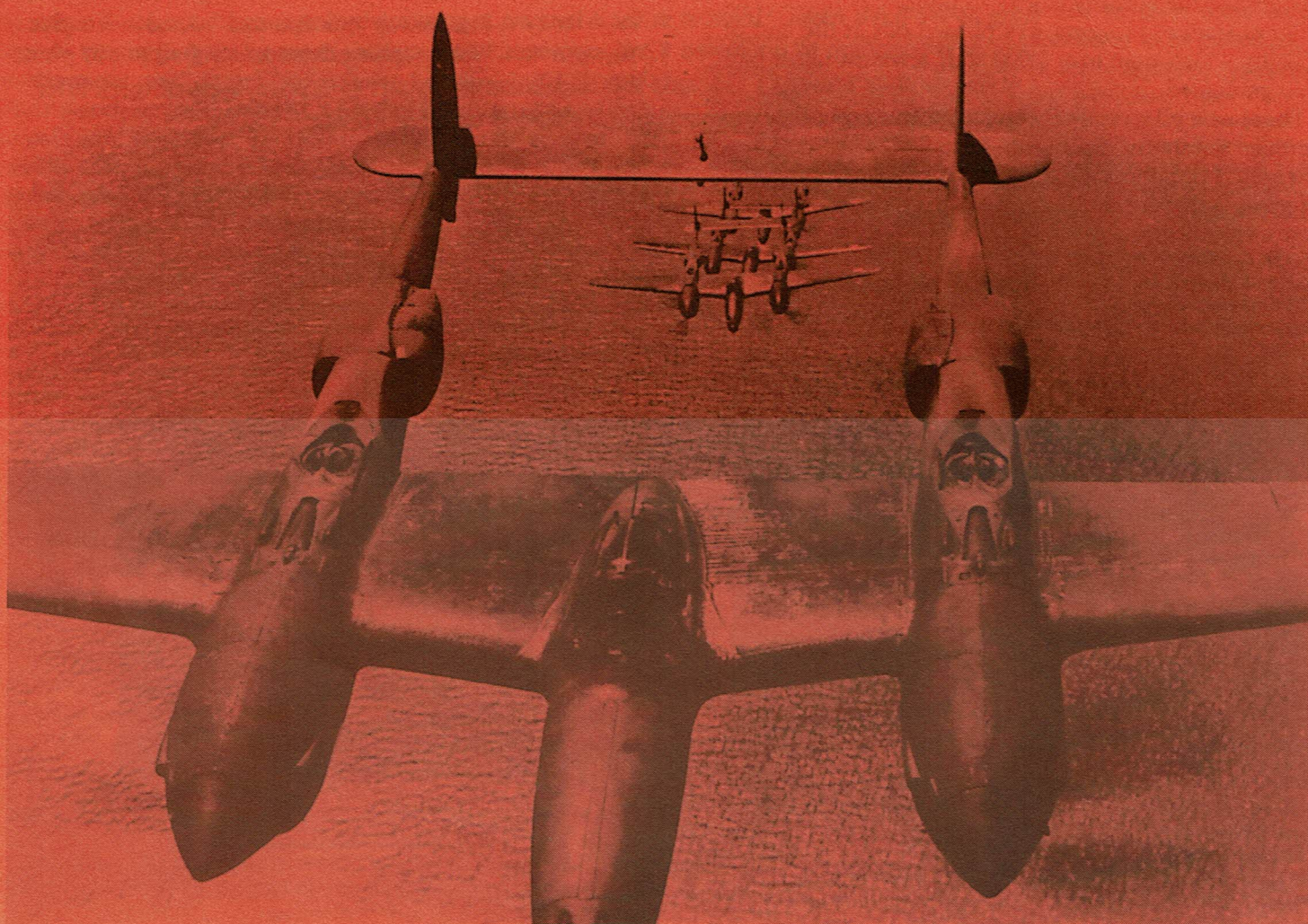
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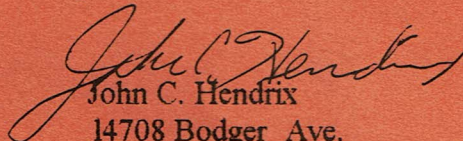
Wow! What a reunion. It was one of the best. Del & Mary with their staff of helpers, did a fantastic job.

Major Breen and Captain McGee from Tyndall Field were our guests but they were unable to bring "Mr. Bones". "Dixie" Sloan received a special P-38 T-shirt which was designed by Steve and Margorie Blake. When "Dixie" removed his shirt to model the beautiful T-shirt we all thought "Mr. Bones" had arrived incognito. Better get some meat on those bones "Dixie".

We now have a P-38 and a P-51 in our Museum hangar. The P-38 to stay and the P-51 as long as we have room. Interest in the Museum is growing by leaps and bounds. To give proper recognition to interested 82nd members, I am asking them to send an 8 x 10 photo (WWII days or present) Include top rank achieved, years in service, type of work after discharge and any other memorable information or memorabilia.

I am still looking for people to help sort memorabilia and decide what and how it should be displayed.

Send all photos to me.

  
John C. Hendrix

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## DIXIE SLOAN " BUSTED " !!



### Why don't you 82nd Members tell me what's going on ?

It was mere chance that I came across this photo of Dixie's misfortune! Luckily, as an avid follower of both Hercule Poirot and Sherlock Holmes, uncovering the facts of the case was elementary for me:

The scene is about 8:00 p.m, Friday the 17th of October at the Pinnacle Peak Festivities in Arizona. Unfortunately, the Establishment was forced to reduce the evening's planned entertainment. To make amends, it doubled the free wine and beer ration to 82nd Members.. The result: **Dixie has run afoul of the law!** His offer of a bribe is contemptuously rejected by the **Local Constabulary** and he must now pay for his crime.... Dixie mistook the town's *pretty school teacher* for a dancing girl from one of the saloons.

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Note: There were over two hundred 82nd Members at the festivities thus, it follows that many of you must have witnessed the above incident and yet failed to notify your editor. Happily for all, he was able to divine the details through superior sleuthing and deduction, but he cautions that future editors may not be so endowed; resulting in serious and embarrassing errors in our proud newsletter.... Please get into the habit of promptly reporting newsworthy events .

Your "miffed" editor!

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SYLVIA & DICK OSTRONIK

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## Editor's Commentary

It will most likely be December before you get the November Issue of your newsletter this time. I could offer a number of "excuses", but since I have **one** valid reason, there's no point in boring you with the others. My computer was badly in need of an overhaul; new modem, hard disk -- the works. No! It's not due to the **low quality, bizarre** stuff fed into it, as has been suggested by one of the "Wags" out there. I'd send his name to Jake and recommend that he be the next editor but the "smart aleck" probably couldn't do any better. Anyhow, the machine is in top shape and as soon as I get used to *Windows 95*, all will be back to normal.

The Membership owes its thanks to Del and Mary Ryland for the superb reunion. The Hosts gave full credit to those who generously gave their time and effort ( *see page 9* ) In addition, I would add the names of Dick and Sylvia Ostronik. They sent me all of those lovely mini-photos that you see scattered throughout this issue. They do wonders for "perking up" the newsletter.

Marlene and I enjoyed every minute in Scottsdale and definitely had the feeling that the other members did also. Particularly sad was that many members had to cancel their reservations because of personal problems. I mention Jerry Loewenberg, Don and Betty Correa, Bill Schildt, Jack and Mary Howard and Don Chase, just to name a few. The list of members, who for health, financial and other reasons, had no hope of attending is a long one and our empathy goes to them. It is my intent, that by reading the 82nd FG Newsletter, it will in some small way compensate them for what they have missed.

The best part of this job for me is to find letters from the 82nd FG when I go to the mailbox. They can be short notes, or longer accounts of recent trips or past experiences to be passed on to the membership. These letters are what really binds the group together as a family and at the risk of being redundant, I say "keep them coming"!

-hp

Marlene and I wish you all the very best for the coming HOLIDAY SEASON. "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR" !

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### 17 Oct.,97 -- BUS tour to Phoenix -- mid-day repast



Seated, ( 1 to R ) Fran Kane, Harriett's sister Claire (partly hidden), Harriett Taback. Standing, Marlene Phillips and John Kane

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# THE ACES' PAGE

William J. Sloan USAAF

Georg Fuereder LUFTWAFFE



Born in Richmond, Virginia on New Years Day, 1921, William Judson (Dixie) Sloan became an Army aviation cadet on 25 August 1941, graduating as a staff sergeant pilot with Class 42-C at Kelly Field, Texas on 7 March 1942. Initially assigned to the 79th Pursuit Group at Dale Mabry Field, Florida, on 17 April 1942 he was transferred to the 96th Pursuit Squadron, 82nd Pursuit Group, flying P-38s at Muroc Field, California.

Sloan went with the group to Northern Ireland in October and on to Telergma, Algeria in January. As a brand-new second lieutenant, he scored the group's first North African victory when he shot down an Me-109 on a sweep over Gabes Airdrome. On 30 January, flying "Snooks", he destroyed another Me-109 and on 20 February he was credited with a double - an Me-109 and a Do-217 off Cap Bon. Sloan became the group's first ace when, on 15 February, he downed an Me-109 over a Luftwaffe airdrome near Kairouan.

On 20 May the group swept Villacidro Airdrome, Sardinia and Lieutenant Sloan was credited with a Ju-88 and MC.200 and two Me-109 probables. He became a double ace on 20 July when he shot down an Italian Re.2001 and Me-109 over Catania Gerbini. That day the Italian Air Force's 4th Stormo was led by two Italian aces, Franco Lucchini and Leonardo Ferrulli, one of whom Sloan downed, as both were lost that day. On 10 July Sloan claimed his fourth Italian fighter, an MC.200 over southwest Sicily. He scored his last victory on 22 July to become the top-scorer in the Twelfth Air Force.

Sloan remained in the post-war Air Force, flying over 50 missions during the Berlin Airlift, and retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel on 30 September 1963.

Tally Record: 12 confirmed and 5 damaged

Decorations: Air Force Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 20 Oak Leaf Clusters

"DANKE" to Jake HENDRIX, all members of the 82nd Fighter Group and especially to our long-lasting friends HANK + DARLENE PHILLIPS for the invitation to your annual reunion. Our first attempt in 1995 was blown off by HURRICANE "OPAL". However, fighter pilots NEVER GIVE UP and the invitation stood as well as our DESIRE to participate. In Scottsdale, Arizona I met with the group and were impressed by the WARM WELCOME and ACCEPTANCE we RECEIVED. I enjoyed our DISCUSSIONS, EXCHANGES of old memories and EXPERIENCES very much and the WONDERFUL time with you all will always be RE-MEMBERED. The photos taken will help us. HILLO + I hope to be able to keep the CONTACTS with the friends we made.

HANK asked me for some personal information which may be of interest. I voluntarily joined the "LUFTWAFFE" when WWII broke out. AFTER BASIC TRAINING I attended the OFFICERS' SCHOOL from MARCH to SEPTEMBER 1940. Then followed my basic pilot's training which lasted until the end of 1941. Fighter Pilot's School and weapons training followed to mid-summer 1942. My first assignment was to II FIGHTER WING of JG 54 (FIGHTER GROUP 54 - GREENHERZ) in RUSSIA. From APRIL 43 - July 43 I belonged to I FIGHTER WING of JG 26 (FIGHTER GROUP 26) on the WEST FRONT (FRANCE, BELGIUM and NORTHERN GERMANY). AUGUST 43 - FEBRUARY 44 - IV FIGHTER WING of JG 54 (again in NORTHERN RUSSIA). MARCH 44 - end of the war - II WING of JG 11 (FIGHTER GROUP 11) in GERMANY + FRANCE (INVASION).

RANK - LIEUTENANT. FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLOWN: MESSERSCHMITT 109 G-2, G, 10, K-4; Focke-Wulf A-8.

In 1956 I helped to build up the fighter units of the newly formed GERMAN AIR FORCE equipped with the finest aircraft I have ever flown - the F-86. AFTER (COMMANDING) a fighter squadron and an F-86 wing, I held several Staff



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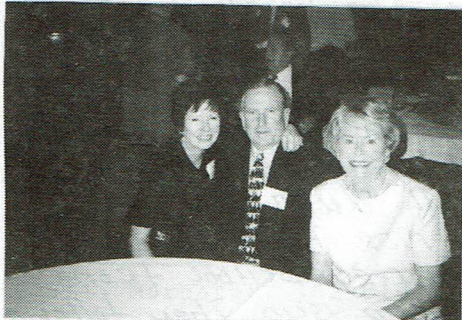
Georg Fuereder and Mike Radawec

positions in NATIONAL and NATO H.Q.  
 by last position WAS ACOS AIR DEFENSE  
 of the 4TH ALLIED TACTICAL AIR DEFENSE  
 H.Q. Retirement RANK WAS COLONEL.

Bill and I say "ALUF WIEDERSEHEN"  
 to all we meet in Scottsdale and  
 greet you with  
 "HORRIDO",  
 which means in the German fighter  
 pilots' language "good luck", until  
 we meet again.

Georg & Bill

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DEANNA CALLAN, BOB WAGNER  
 AND JACKIE THOMPSON



HANWERT, NANCY, BETTY, LOLA



JACKIE T. SERVING POPCORN

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**Message from Chuck Luke: (modified)**

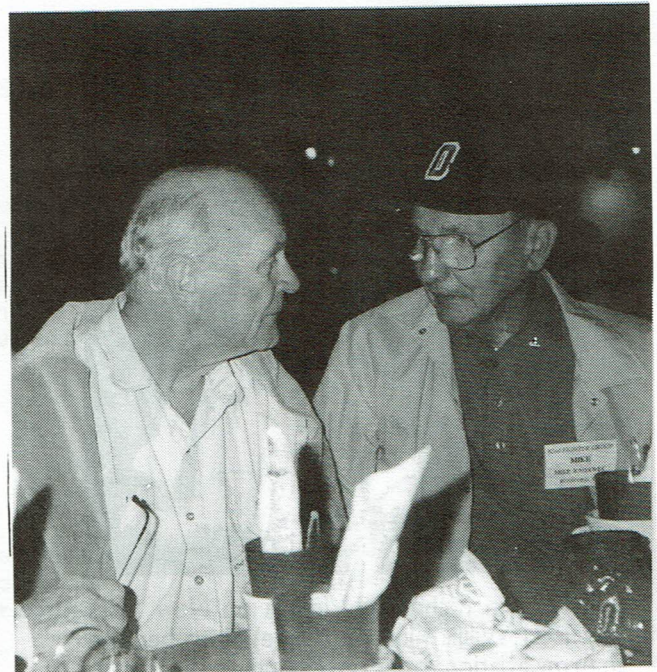
Dear Hank,

Here are some address changes that were received too late for  
 entering in the OCTOBER 1997 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.  
 Please include these in the next newsletter and notify members that  
 ROSTER CHANGES should be sent DIRECTLY TO ME.

Thanks,

Chuck

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Discussing "old times" while awaiting steaks at Pinnacle Peak.



JACK SIDES, BEN MASON, CAPT MCGEE



MEREDITH ENDREY RALPH ENDREY  
 GEORG FUEREDER BEN & BILL MASON



# JACKRABBIT SALES

P.O. Box 5541, Boise, ID 83705

September 16, 1997



This letter is to let you know that the 82nd Fighter Group History, Inc. was dissolved last spring. The History, Inc. achieved all of its goals and each one of you should be proud of that. A beautiful book was written about a top Fighter Group in WWII by our writer, Steve Blake and 1,720 copies were printed and sold through the efforts of the "Inc."s Board of Directors which was chaired by Claude Morgan and shepherded by Roy Norris. Francis Chapman & Glen Woodward added much needed support.

It was my lot to bring up the rear with the sales job. Pulling the hood of a Link Trainer down on top of a P-Shooter pilot wasn't very good training for selling books by this Dickie Bird but, with your help, we got the job done and your incomparable book is now all over the world!

Because I KNOW that there is still interest in our book "out there", I have purchased the "Right To Print" ADORIMINI from the 82nd Fighter Group Association. I have formed "JACKRABBIT SALES" via the good offices of the State of Idaho and have sent a small order to the printer for starters.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the special price that I can offer you if you wish to purchase additional copies of ADORIMINI. I can't match the special price of \$17.50 we were offering in order to reduce our inventory to "O" so, for all 82nd members and friends, I have established \$25 plus \$5 for postage & handling.

This is not a solicitation for your business but you deserve to know what is happening to your beautiful book.

Sincerely,

*Dick Lingenfelter*

Dick Lingenfelter, Prop.  
JACKRABBIT SALES

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November 3, 1997

Dear Hank,

I spoke with you at the reunion about a publication wick I thought might be of interest to all those members of the 82nd who went through the North African Campaign. I have a copy and those of you who have your Form 1's from that time can see what the official historian wrote about the mission.

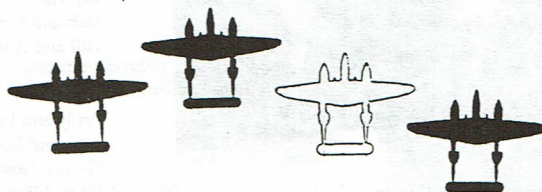
The address to write to is: Superintendent of Documents  
Mail Stop: SSOP  
Washington, DC 20402-9328

You should order Wings at War Series No. 6, THE AAF IN NORTHWEST AFRICA; S/N 008-070-00670-7. The cost is \$3.00 which you should enclose so as not to delay shipment.

I think you will find the booklet worth while. This same address also has a catalog which covers other theatres. I don't have the price but if you are interested they will send you an order list and the catalog.

Best Regards,  
*Claude*  
Claude (Slick) Morgan

## FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd

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James Small	10 Sept. 94	95th	
Robert H. Murray	? 94	95th	
James R. Rudy	19 Nov. 95	95th	
Norma Johnson	Feb., 97	95H	
William H. Hancock	19 July, 97	97th	
Jim Sumner	1 Sept. 97	96th	
Mildred Lembke (Alfred)	? 97	97H	
Philip D. Rodgers Sr.	1 Oct., 97	96th	

## PHILIP D. RODGERS SR.

Philip D. Rodgers Sr., 78, of Greensburg, son of the late John A. and Mary D. Rodgers, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1997. Upon graduation from Penn State, he joined the Army Air Corps and flew a P-38 in North Africa during World War II. He then worked for Delmont Fuel Co., Eastern Associated Coal Corp. and Intercarbon Coal Co. Following his retirement, he volunteered with Mutual Aid Ambulance and Westmoreland Hospital, all the while delivering for Meals On Wheels. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John A. Rodgers III; two sisters, Mary Rodgers Edwards and Esther Rodgers Jamison. A member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth Crock Rodgers; a daughter, Mrs. James R. (Mary Louise) Silvis; a son, Philip D. Rodgers Jr.; six grandchildren, Rebecca L. Silvis, Elizabeth J. Silvis, James P. Silvis, Philip D. Rodgers III, Arthur C. Rodgers and Thomas W. Rodgers. Friends will be received at the KEPPLER-GRAFT FUNERAL HOME, 524 N. Main St., Greensburg, Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. A private Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, with private interment to follow in the Greensburg Catholic Cemetery.



## Scottsdale Celebrants, 1997

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CHAPPY & BONNIE CHAPMAN



BETTY MEDLEY  
LOLA GERTZ BILL BEAN



MARGO SYLVIA  
STUMPY HOLLINGER



DICK & JOANN LINGENFELTER

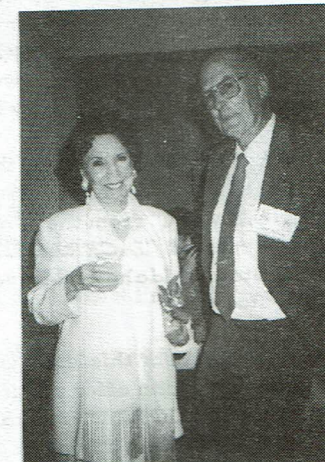


VIOLET & MEL MULLIN

Robert and Vysta Adams	95th
Les and Ronnie Anderson (Guest--Mary Lou Hartranft)	96th
Dorothy Armstrong	95th
Jim Baker	96th
Bob and Marge Bannister	95th
Bill and Audrey Barr (Guests-- Norman and Virginia Sorensen)	95th
Bill Bean (Guests-- Bruce and Joanne Bean)	95th
Andy and Louise Blakely	96th
John and Eunice Bosshard	97th
George Bowers	95th
Ed and Bennie Braddock (Guest -- Bill Braddock)	95th
John and Raquel Buckles Sr (Guest -- Anita Pomante)	96th
Aido and Marli Buonaguid	97th
Bill and Eleanor Burgess	96th
John and Irene Caputo	97th
Francis and Bonnie Chapman	96th
Bryan and Winfred Cook	97th
Jack Coshow	95th
Bernise Craft	95th
John and Hazel Davis	97th
Al and Mary Deforge Jr.	97th
Ruth Donohoo	96H
Jack Duncan	97th
Al Ellington (Guest --Steve Ellington)	95th
Whitey and Lucille Ellison	97th
Ralph and Meredith Embrey	95th
Don and Regina Foley	97th
Gordon and Kaki Fuqua	97th
Richard and Zeta Gadbury	97th
Lola Gertz	95th
Judson Hallock	Hq
Roswell and Lillian Harding	96th
Will Hattendorf	95th
William Hayduk	95th
Dexter Henderson (Guest -- Wes Henderson)	95th
Jake and Phyllis Hendrix (Guests -- Laurie & Marty Bojorques)	95th
Bill and Lema Holeman (Guests-- Ned & Bert Garrett, and Thelma Ball)	96th
Stumpy Hollinger	Hq
Dick Hood (Guest -- Roy Elkins)	97th
Sybil Hooper	96H
Bryce and Margo Hughes	96th
Burl and Florence Johnson	95th
Link and Midge Jones (Guests -- Robin and Mary Hansen)	96th
Aaron Joslin (Guest -- Tina Joslin)	97th
John and Frances Kane	96th
Bob and Betty Kennedy	96th
Meredith and June Kingery	96th
Claude Kinsey (Guest -- Dan Kinsey)	96th
Hubert and Elsie Krug	96th
Len and Eloise Kuczarski	96th
Merle and Betty Larsen	97th
G.T. and Rusty Lewis (Guests --, Larry & Paul Lewis)	97th
Eddy and Cindy Light	96th
Dick and Jo Ann Lingenfelter	96th
John and Ysobel Litchfield	97th
Chuck and Judy Luke	97th
Keith Lund	97th
Roland and Bonnie Lynn	96th



PHYLLIS & JAKE HENDRIX



MARGO HUGHES  
DICK OSTRONIK



LEN & ELOISE  
KUCZARSKI



SYLVIA  
BETTY PINSON RUTH DONOHOO

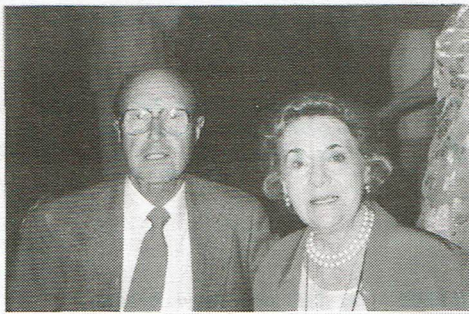


JOHN & FRANCES KANE



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ROY & JO ANN NORRIS



MARGARET & MONTY POWERS



MAJOR GREEN AND DIXIE



CHUCK PINSON DICK WILLIE  
GEORGE MARVIN



HANK PHILLIPS & MILLIE JACOBY

Arch and Anita Mallette  
George Marvin  
Ben Mason  
Bill Mason  
Glendor and Meg McAdams  
L.D. and Mary McDaniel  
Olen and Betty Medley (Guests -- Nannette Forrester  
and Nancy Manduano )

James and Billie Metcalf  
Charley and Mary Miller  
Finis and Carolyn Mitchell  
Gerald and Elaine Monson ( Guests -- Harold and  
Elizabeth Hansen )

Ethel Montgomery (Guest -- Mary Goodby )  
Jim Monahan  
Slick and Fern Morgan  
Melvin and Violet Mullin  
Roy and Jo Ann Norris ( Guests -- "Chip" Norris, Harry  
and Betty Willenberg, Bruce and Candy Cattrell )

Hugh and Lucille O'Brien  
Jesse and Terry Oliver  
Ed and Theresa Orr  
Dick and Sylvia Ostronik  
Guy and Phyllis Otto  
Stanley and Lucille Palczewski  
Larry Peplinski  
Hank and Marlene Phillips (Guests-- Georg & Lilo Fuereder  
and Jene & Millie Jacoby)

Chuck and Bette Pinson  
Monty and Margaret Powers  
Len and Blythe Pratt  
Mike and Albina Radewec ( Guest -- Marlene Spangler )  
George and Constance Rivest  
Mel and Lois Roalsvig  
Bob and Pidge Roberson  
Eugene and Bettye Russell  
Del and Mary Ryland  
Jack Sattler  
Al and Gayle Schneider  
Jack and Judy Sides  
Gene and Phyllis Sidwell  
Dixie Sloan  
T.O. and Mar-Jo Spence  
Buddy Strozier  
Hope Swanson  
Irving and Darlene Swenson  
Pincus and Harriett Taback ( Guest -- Claire Pistol )  
Dock and Dorothy Teegarden  
Mildred Terry  
Lee Thompson Sr. ( Guests-- Lee Thompson Jr., Harry Border )  
Lute and Jackie Thompson ( Guests-- Deanna Callan, and  
Bob Wagner)

Howard and Peggy Wame  
Johnson and Janie Williams  
Dick Willie  
Fred Wolfe (Guest-- Richard Wolfe )  
Verne and Eleanor Yahne  
John and Patricia Zegarelli ( Guest -- Frank Anselmo )  
Walt Zurney

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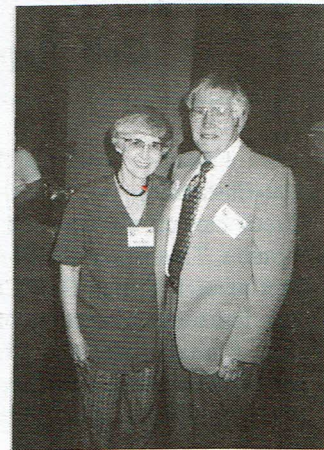
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REUNION HOSTS!!!  
MARY AND DEL RYLAND



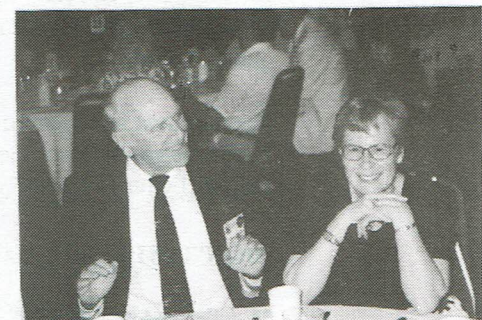
OLEN MEDLEY & DAUGHTERS,  
NANCY AND NANNETTE



JACK & JUDITH SIDES



JENE JACOBY - MARLENE PHILLIPS



GEORG & LILO FUEREDER



## Golf Report

Fax 850-863-3306

Nov. 13, 1997

To: Hank Phillips, Newsletter Editor, 82nd Fgtr. Grp.

PHONE 850-862-3024  
3 Idlewild Ct. Ft. Walton Beach  
FL 32547

On Friday, October 17, aches and pains notwithstanding, we got three foursomes and two threesomes off the first and tenth tees in about fifteen minutes. This was at the **Pines Course** of the beautiful **McCormick Ranch Golf Club** for a "scramble".

The foursome consisting of Claude Kinsey, his son Dan, Charles Luke and Dick Ostronik shot an even par for **first place** and shared \$60.00. (Some suspected Dan Kinsey of being a "ringer" but we didn't lodge a formal protest).

The Willsie, Taback, Sides threesome and the Lund brothers (Keith & Don), Miller and Schneider foursome tied for **second place** with 76's; thus each got their contribution back.

Strozier, Monyhan and Swenson (another threesome) and the Mitchells (Tom & Finis), Hattendorf and Roberson tied for **third/fourth place**, but out of the money with 78's.

*No one bothered to count the number of balls which found a watery grave but your correspondent lost a sleeve (that is 3 balls for the non-golfers).*

*Jack Sides*

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## SCOTTSDALE



REUNION IN RETROSPECT - by Del and Mary Ryland,

"What good sports these 82nd folks are!"  
We heard this over and over from the Safari Hotel personnel, museum guides, Fashion Square merchants, and even the Chamber of Commerce! As numbers go, over 230 participated in the 1997 reunion.

Lute and Jackie Thompson's hospitality room provided a warm homecoming atmosphere. They were assisted by Jack Duncan, Roy Elkins, Jud Hallock, and Hope Swanson, plus <sup>John D. Sides</sup> others. Local members Al Schneider, Jerry Monson, and Lee Thompson. Jack Sides and Phil Taback ably led the golf outing!

At the banquet Ralph Embrey presented an overview of the Flying Sargeants --Class of 42-C. They are definitely a unique part of the 82nd Fighter Group history! The band music provided nostalgic entertainment throughout the evening.

Thanks to all you great 82nd gang! Take care and be good to yourselves. See you in Houston!

*Del and Mary*



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Attachment 1. (82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn. Ops. Ord No 2: dtd 24 Nov., 1997)

## Preview to the 1998 82nd Fighter Group Reunion

(From Col. Ret. Ben Mason. Host)

The **Nassau Bay Hilton and Marina** invites the members of the 82nd Fighter Group Association and their ladies to hold the next Reunion in the Clear Lake, NASA area of Texas. The dates are from Thursday, 15 October to Monday, 19 October, 1998.\*\*

Located on the shores of Clear Lake, across from the NASA/Johnson Space Center, the Hotel is just minutes from Houston's Hobby Airport and Ellington Field. Any one of the 243 guest rooms and suites take in the dreamy, breathtakingly beautiful view of Clear Lake and the Hotel's picturesque Marina. Guests will enjoy a resort-style atmosphere, a first class staff and Hospitality Suites on the 12th and 14th floors that offer a spectacular view that they won't soon forget.

Located nearby are the antique shops of Seabrook, Lone Star Outlet Stores and Baybrook Mall. The San Jacinto Battle Ground and Battleship Texas is just a 30-minute drive. Finally discover Galveston Island's Moody Mansion, Tropical Rain Forest at Moody Gardens and fabulous shopping on the ever famous and quaint Strand.

Negotiations for specific group activities have not yet been concluded. Members can expect a visit to the NASA/Johnson Space Center and/or Ellington Field as a certainty. A complete list of activities coupled with a "Letter of Intent" will be sent in early 1998.

## DON'T MISS THE LAST 82ND FIGHTER GROUP REUNION OF THIS CENTURY ! \*\*\*

\*\* (The exact price for rooms is still under negotiation. By changing the Reunion Dates from Thursday to Monday, however, the price will be reduced by approximately \$20.00.) <sup>PER NIGHT</sup>

\*\*\* (It was decided at Scottsdale that no Reunion will be held in 1999. This would be too near the Combined Reunion of all 21 P-38 Groups scheduled for early March, A.D. 2000 in Palm Springs, California.)



# ATTENTION TO ORDERS

## HEADQUARTERS

82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn.

John C. (Jake) Hendrix

Commanding

Operations Order No. 2

24 November, 1997

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1. IAW the forthcoming 82nd Fighter group Association Ops- Plan 98-1), the following designated personnel are requested and required to keep communications channels open; pass on to their units all announcements, plans and amendments pursuant to the 1998 82nd Fighter Group Reunion:

Vice President, Olen Medley

Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Norris

Headquarters Rep., Jerry Loewenberg

Deputy " " , Will Hattendorf

95th Sqdn. Rep., Monty Powers

96th Sqdn. Rep., Chappy Chapman

97th Sqdn. Rep., Jack Duncan

82nd FG Roster, Chuck Luke

82nd Newsletter, Hank Phillips

2. Primary Director (Host) for the Reunion is Ben Mason. Dep. Dir. is Bill Mason or such such other person as the Director will designate.

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 and supplemental instructions from unit representatives and newsletters.

c. Direct communication with Sec/Treas. for initial funding, financial arrangements and reports authorized.

3. All 82nd FG members, associate and honorary members will...

a. Inform all offspring, other relatives, friends and medics that their aging is suspended until further notice iaw prior 82nd FG directives.

b. Arrange their 1998 plans so as to not conflict with the dates: 15 -19 October, 98.

c. Promote reunion attendance. ( Cmdr. 82nd GP. authorizes use of maximum force for resolute members to convince colleagues of the advantages of attendance. Lame excuses, wavering and indecision, subject to disciplinary action. )

FOR THE COMMANDER



Hank Phillips

Adjutant: