

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

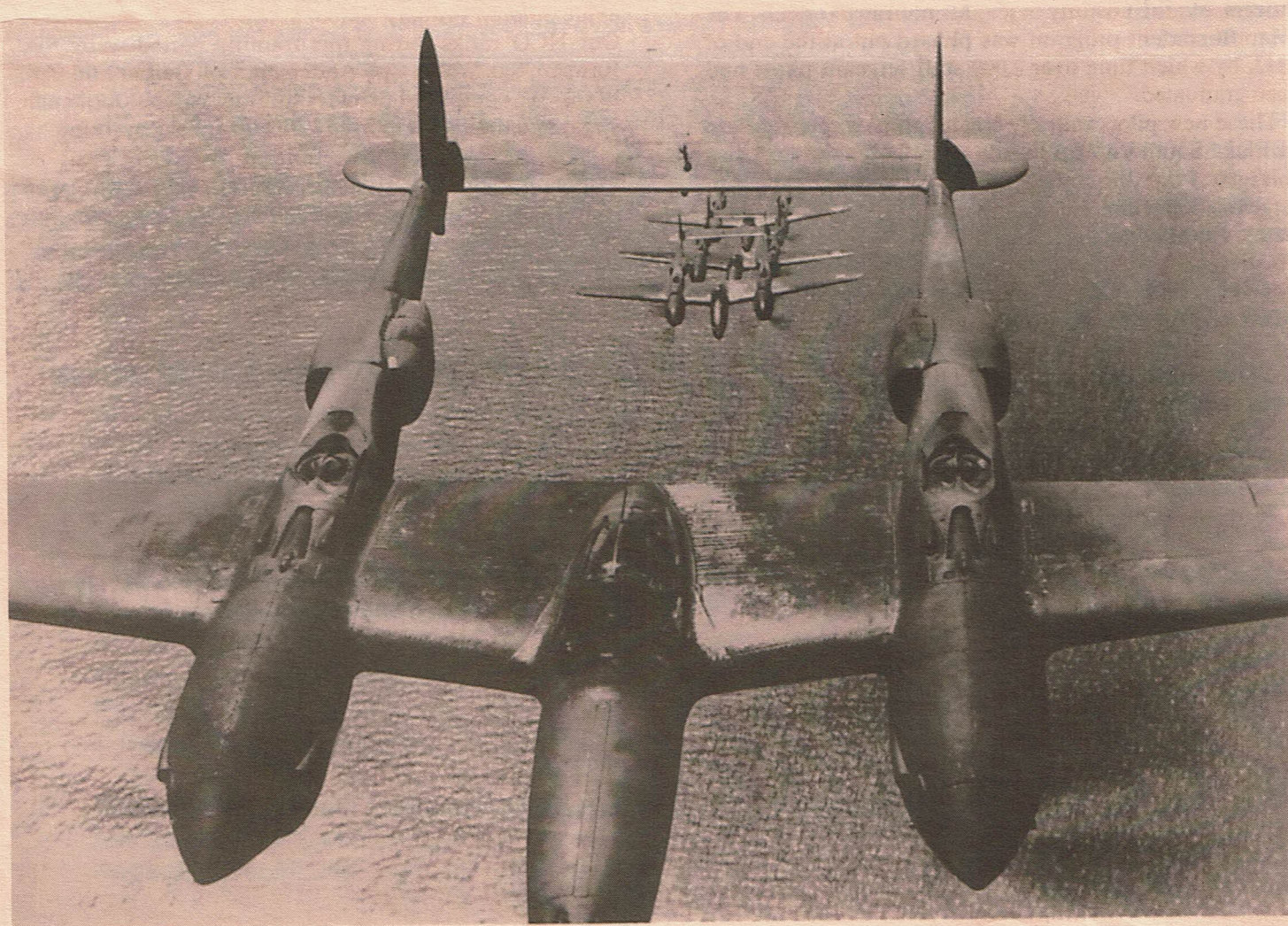
AUGUST 7, 2000

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SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

INSERTS For: Michigan, 2000 Reunion (Sept 20 - 24, 2000)

INSERTS For: Foggia Tour, 2001 (May/June, 2001)



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NEWSLETTER
Hank Phillips

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By what appeared to be an unanimous vote at our Association business meeting in Houston (1998); we agreed to have a regular, annual reunion in the fall of the year 2000. This determination was made knowing that the P-38 National Reunion's "BASH OF 2000" was to be held in May of that year. At our Oklahoma City reunion in 1999 we reaffirmed our plans for a regular 82nd Association reunion in the fall of 2000.

Monty and Margaret Powers have really worked their hearts out over past months to ensure that our 82nd Association year 2000 reunion in Michigan will be of world-class caliber. The chosen hotel is tops, with excellent facilities throughout. The various planned activities are truly outstanding, and should be enjoyed by all.

As expressed at one of the business meetings: "OUR NUMBERS, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE DWINDLING; SO LET'S CONTINUE TO MEET EVERY YEAR FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE". I believe that pretty well tells the story. And, if we don't respond to Monty and Margaret's very dedicated efforts we'll surely have a problem finding a host and city for the year 2001.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September in Michigan. Warmest regards,

P.S.: Anyone not having a registration form just contact Monty, Roy Norris, Hank Phillips or Will Hattendorf. A form will be dispatched quickly.

\$\$\$ DUES ARE DELINQUENT AFTER 31 MARCH OF THE CURRENT YEAR \$\$\$\$

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

[Newsletter is free to all Sustaining, Honorary and Life Members]

Current Sustaining dues -- \$15 per year, Life membership is \$100, Associate Members -- \$10 voluntary (incl. newsletter).

Send checks to: Roy Norris, Sec/Treas., 82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn., 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224

FINANCIAL REPORT

1 JULY 1999 - 30 JUNE 2000

BEGINNING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$10,288.69	
" "	4,000.00	
CHECKING	<u>3,127.34</u>	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE		\$17,416.03

INCOME

ARMED FORCES REUNION INC. 2000	\$ 4,011.11	A
DONATIONS	821.00	
DUES - LIFE	500.00	
- SUSTAINING	990.00	
INTEREST	687.20	
NEWSLETTER (ASSOCIATES)	250.00	
UNFOUND ERROR	<u>(.03)</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 7,259.28

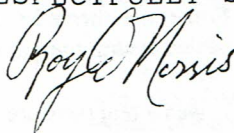
EXPENDITURES

AUDIT (FISCAL 1998-1999)	\$ 100.00	
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	3.00	
FUNERAL WREATH, RALPH EMBREY	105.70	
MARCH FIELD P-38 MUSEUM	356.94	B
NEWSLETTER (AUG, NOV. 99/ MAR 00)	2,995.53	
POSTAGE	79.33	
PRINTING MEMBERSHIP CARDS	61.17	
REUNION 99 RETURN TO OLEN MEDLEY	968.84	
REUNION 2000 SEED	1,079.48	C
ROSTERS	757.90	
SUPPLIES	55.36	
TELEPHONE	44.90	
MARCH FIELD 82nd PLAQUE BASE MAIN- TENANCE	<u>850.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 7,458.15

ENDING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$10,141.22	
" "	3,081.85	
CHECKING	<u>3,994.09</u>	
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE		\$17,217.16

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Special Notes:

A. Armed Forces Reunion Inc refund for Reunion 1999 B. Final dollars of the March Field Museum Reserve.
C. The \$ 79.48 is for inserts to the March Newsletter for the Reunion 200000, Detroit, MI.

Membership:

Dues paid 2000	42	Dues Unpaid 2000	107	Dues Life	144	293 Regular members.
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18 Apr 00

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony J. Rock
Commander, 95th Fighter Squadron
530 Flight Line Road
Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida 32403-5212

Hank Phillips
3 Idlewild Circle
Ft Walton Beach FL 32547

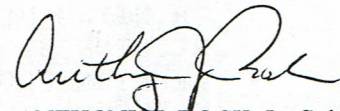
Dear Hank

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you that were able to attend the 58th Bonehead Reunion for your participation in the event. The stories and experiences that you related were instrumental in the mentoring of the next generation of warriors and no price could ever be placed on this type of heritage. I'm truly glad that the reunion fell on my watch and was honored by the attendance of so many Bonehead alumnae.

I also wanted to express my personal thanks for the overwhelming response we received to the "sponsor an airman" program. Because of you over 30 airmen and their spouses were able to attend the cornerstone event, the formal banquet. Without you that simply would not have happened. I know for a fact that those that attended will treasure the experience and it will go a long way towards growing the senior enlisted leadership of tomorrow. While some of you were unable to attend, you elected to sponsor an airman in your place. That act spoke volumes about the brotherhood and camaraderie we have built through the years and continue to foster in the 95th Fighter Squadron.

Again, thank you for participating and I look forward to seeing you again in the future. For some that will be sooner rather than later, as we trek to Dearborn, MI for the 82nd Fighter Group Reunion. For the rest of you, I look forward to seeing you at future 95th Reunions--next time I'll get to be an attendee rather than a host.

Sincerely


ANTHONY J. ROCK, Lt Col, USAF

Lt Col Anthony Rock

4/13/00

Dear Sir;

I was so overwhelmed by the quality and content of the Bonehead reunion that I felt compelled to write and make a few comments.

Given the number of years between WW2 and the present, I think that your 10% rule of fact was very fair. However, for my next statement I would like to change the rule to a 90%+ truth rule. I have to admit to having been assigned (as a pilot) to the 96th Ftr Sqn when I arrived with the group in 44. If someone insists on asking me which Sqn was best, I will have to revert back to the 10% rule. A few years ago, I begged Col Miller and or Col White to adopt me with the guarantee that I would do my best to be a worthy Bonehead. Sometime thereafter I found myself on the Boneheads roster with other antiques. They sealed it with the gift of a Bonehead pin.

It was a real pleasure to meet and talk with so many wonderful youngsters. I regret that there was not enough time to meet more and remember more of their names. A few standouts were Scarborough, Cons and the gentle giant Birdman. I am 6'2" and I still had to look up to make eye contact. Very early on I realized that it would be wise to keep this handsome monster as your friend. Just a thought, has the Birdman been reduced to Sgt yet? If not, I would like to suggest a suitable punishment for his wayward tongue while



Lt. Col. Tony Rock, CO of the 95th,
presents plaque to Will Hattendorf:
{Plate on the rudder of Tony's F-15 reads}:

Mr. Will Hattendorf
58th Bonehead Reunion
Thanks from the Men
and Women of the 95th

82nd FG Attendees at Tyndall AFB.

Fred Bingham	95th
George Bowers Jr.	95th
Pete (Pappy) Brennan *	xxa
Gerald and June Cavanaugh	95th
Bernise (Bernie) Craft	95th
Dick and Diane Curran	95th
Lola "Turncoat" Giertz	95H
Will Hattendorf	95th
Bill Hayduk	95th
John (Jake) Hendrix	95th
Richard Kenny	95th
Ben Mason	Hq
Bill Mason	HqH
Olen and Betty Medley	95th
Mel and Violet Mullin	95th
Dick Ostronik	96th
Hank Phillips	96th
Chuck and Bette Pinson	96th
Monty and Margeret Powers	95th
Al and Joyce Scheckwitz	95th

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* Former (Post War) 95th Cmdr.

Dick Ostronik's letter to Col. Rock
continues on page 6.

hp

Letters from the Members

(Sometimes abridged)

From Pincus ' Phil ' Taback

97th

Hi Guys,

Just got an E mail from Verne Yahne reminding me about our class of 42C graduating 58 years ago. I really didn't need reminding because March 9th is my birthday and I never forget that on March 7th was one of the greatest days of my life. I won my Wings and I really was a Pilot!!! And to add to all that, quote Verne, I was in a class with the greatest fighter pilots in the Air Force!!

Well guys come Thursday I'll be 81. Outside of the fact that I lost Harriett last November I feel pretty good. I'm still golfing and bowling and not too bad at it for an old guy.

We have lost some dear friends lately. Ralph Embrey, Bill Schildt and Dixie Sloane. I'll never forget them. I'll bet they are up there in heaven flying a hellava tight formation. God bless them. I am sure we all loved them!! So take of yourselves so we can meet at all the reunions!!! One of the remaining 42C guys. Pincus P Taback (ex Flying Sgt)

From Dick and Sylvia Ostronik

96th



June 4, 2000

F38-G
96th Fighter Squadron
82nd FIGHTER GROUP

Hi Hank
good seeing
you at the re-union

Just sorry that we couldn't see
more of you!

Charley and Bette returned to
Florida on Wednesday (31st) after the
doctor gave him a shot of anti-biotics
in the eye. It was numbed first - but
Charley said it hurt like H.

I drove their rental car back to
Ontario Airport and we saw them off.

They called that night to say they
were home and doing O.K. A very
long day.

Hope you got some good photos.
Sorry that I don't have more for you.

Take care and know that
we really are looking forward to
seeing you both in Detroit

With love and hugs

Sylvia
+
Dick



From Lilo and Georg Fuereder

xxa

Wiesbaden, Germany

30 May, 00

Dear Marlene and Hank,

We hope that all's well with you both. How was the California trip Hank? Did you have lots of fun? Did you get the photos that I sent, along with the negatives?

We have booked our USA Trip...If nothing occurs and barring some mishap, we'll see each other in Detroit on 20-24 Sept and again on 4 October. On 6 October, we are driving by auto to Nashville, TN. From there it's to Memphis and New Orleans. On the way back, we're spending the night with friends in Pensacola; then on the 12th or 13th, we are again at your place. Georg flies alone on the 15th to Washington DC on business, then returns on the 16th..On the 17th or 18th, we are driving to St. Augustine and hope that you can visit us there.

How's the weather? It is terribly cold and rainy here. Today it was only 12 deg.C (53.6 deg.F) The summer took place earlier in May! . The Rhein is in floodstage --very high for the end of May.

Best Regards and Horrido *

Lilo and Georg

*(Greetings between Fighter Pilots--no direct translation. hp)

From John Sebring Jr.

xxa

Dear Hank:

It is always good to receive the 82nd newsletters. Sorry that Bob Priest and our wives couldn't make the last 95th reunion. Have received contact from four or five Boneheads from the early 60's who didn't even know that the 95th was still around. All have expressed interest in making the next one in 2002? Told them all they need do is join the 82nd and start getting the straight scoop from Hank, pay their money and show up for a great time. Keep up the good work.

Thanks again,
John Sebring
107 Anita Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27014
336-768-6887

From Dick and Zeta Gadbury

97th

From:

"Dick & Zeta Gadbury" <zetarich@frontiernet.net>

To:

"Chuck & Judy Luke" <cluke@nwlink.com>

Hi, Dick and I just got on email this past week. I'm not sure if you are the one to contact for this. We did send it to Roy Norris when we sent in our reservations for Detroit.

How have you two been this past winter? We both have been in good health. I had both of my cataracts done in the fall after we got home from Oklahoma City. Now I need glasses only for reading. It's great.

In June we are going to Alaska with a group of our friends from Arizona. There are 20 of us going from our Park, but 4 couples of us do a lot of things together every week. We're looking forward to the trip. Seven days on a cruise and seven days on land.

Our email address is (zetarich@frontiernet.net). We're looking forward to seeing you in Detroit. Dick and Zeta

Letters (Cont.)

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

July 25, 2000

From John Kane

96th



F38-G
96th Fighter Squadron
82nd FIGHTER GROUP

Hello Hank,
Enclosed is the check
that is intended to pay for
half of that spending spree

that you took me on. A spree which ranged
over Arizona and California. I wouldn't
have done any of those things if I hadn't been
influenced by you.

You might recognize this stationery.
Romco sent a pad of these to me from Guatemala.
As you might guess, I only use them on special
occasions -
John

From Peggy Leep 95th---- Secretary. to Col Rock
Tel: (850) 283-2658

- > Hank,
- >
- > We still have a man's jacket (tan members only size 40). It was found
after
- > the reunion clean up. No one has claimed it yet. If you know of any one
- > who has lost one, let us know and I will mail it to them.
- >
- > Thanks
- > Peggy

From Tina Joslin

97H

To those who may interested:
The Class 44B from Hicks Field (near Ft. Worth) is going to be having its
first reunion on Oct 7-8, 2000. Several of that class ended up going all the
way through together and got sent to Italy and Foggia #11.
Lee Lamar of the Class 44B organizing committee has compiled a very nice
list of who did what and when from the Class.
Tina Joslin

For further info, contact Mike Kelly --Tel (817) 732-0953
or Charles Leak --Tel (972) 380-9184

From Monty Powers

95th

Hi,
I spoke with Jack Duncan today as he had asked to be scheduled
for BARTENDER duties. . .but he is not well. . .has dizzy spells and
medications have disturbed stomach etc etc etc. . .he is only
30-miles from San Antonio Vet Hospital. . .but is not comfortable
right now. He cannot attend Sept-Mich unless he gets better soon.
Jack plans to continue as Squadron Rep. as long as he is able.
Jack said that he had contacted Lowenberg who had a broken
bone from a fall. . .maybe in arm or hand, Jack did not remember.
I guess it is tough to get old!

JULY 31,

Happy Landings, monty

Dear Hank and Marlene,
I tried to get you by phone today.
I made five attempts, but always got a
busy signal. Maybe the receiver was off
the hook.
Nothing special. Just checking up
on you, and hoping you're in better shape
than I am!

I had knee surgery in July 20th,
and it hurts like hell. Used a walker to
get around. Also had my wife. Pct. to
the hospital - for lots of pain.
Nobody ever told us that it would be
easy to grow old!! We're both in our
94th years!

Almost to a certainty I'll be unable
to get to reunion this year. And I'll
really miss all you guys!!

I lived at Eglin for several years,
and bought retirement property in Arica
Bayou. It was hot there, but not
as hot as here in San Antonio. We're at
100° or more every day.

We're lucky to be at Air Force Village,
which has all the facilities for old
folks. And the biggest AF hospital,
Walter Reed Med. Center is within view.

Look forward to your next
Newsletter - and I hope no one is in
Fly Boy of Honor. Your Nov. 95 issue
pictured Ralph Embrey scattering the ashes
of Bill Schildt. And now Ralph is gone!

My very best to both of you.

Cordially,

Jerry

Letters (cont)

From
Hank Phillips to Lute Thompson

96th



Dear Lute,

You sent me your drunken 96th Jack Rabbit patch, which was taken off your Foggia Flight Jacket. You inquired if I could do something about his condition. I regret to inform you that I have failed!

I tried everything; even strong, black coffee on him but he still came out 'sloshed'.

--Readers, note the resultant darkened hue of the photo --.

The problem is that you never told me how he got that way, which might have helped. I totally reject the rumors about the frequent 'World-Class' parties that allegedly went on in the Thompson, Perrin, Partridge shack and of the girls vying for the privilege of closely admiring both the jacket and the handsome, virile fighter pilot who was wearing it. If I could believe such hearsay, it follows that -- considering the fiery, latin, temperament of the 'little cuties', I can envision their spilling numerous drinks on your emblem while engaged in an uninhibited contest with one another for your exclusive, undivided attention.

RESULT:

One permanently inebriated Bunny.
You have my sympathy.

Hank

Dick Ostronik's letter (cont. from page 3)

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MCing the Banquet Dinner. How about having Mr. Bones inflict 50 lashes with his swagger stick?

Needless to say I had a magnificent time and am grateful to have been invited. Before closing I would not want to forget the wonderful wives, girl friends and others that helped to bring about this memorable reunion. It also makes one swell with pride that in spite of Washington and top brass screw ups, when defense of the US is needed, we know who will be in the sky doing their job.

Very Sincerely,

The adopted Bonehead-----Richard Ostronik

Consolidation (partial) of Roy Norris' letters to the Executive Committee. April, May, June and July, 2000.

Executive Committee, Et Al:

The March newsletter really shook the \$ from the trees. I hope there was response as to the missing identities on the Dayton, OH reunion photo! Last but not least the receipt of Intent Forms for the Michigan reunion. 24 members, spouses and guests.

Address Changes

Blake, Steven	(949) 586-2534	XXA
Metcalf, James R.	(972) 771-2507	96
Stanaway, John	1224 Montgomery Ave. Muskegon, MI 49441	XXA
Strother, Gen. D. C.	945 Tenderfoot Hill Rd.	XXA
Gong, Fred,		
840 N. Yale St. Apt.201; Los Angeles, CA 90012	(213) 626-6167	97
Mitchell, Finis,		
147 Summer Place Circle; Pottsboro, TX 75076	(901) 786-9576	97

Deceased

Girling, John	March 2/00	95
Grotte, Anna (Carol)	? /93	
Grotte, Carol J.	January /00	95
Kuhn, Joe	February 25/00	XXA

Sawicki, Eddie Dec.23/99 (Pneumonia).. 97
Received a letter from his wife, Julie. Eddie had been ill since June ,99.
Battled pneumonia on and off for half a year.

Dues

Adams, R	01	Loewenberg, Bruce	N/L
Anderson, V	N/L	Mallette, A F	00/01/02
Blake, S	N/L	Mauch, T D	00
Brown, G P	00	Metcalf, J R	00
Burgess, W H	00/01	Miller, C E	00
Carpenter, L M	00	Papermaster, T C	00
Currier, C H	00	Powell, G L	00
Flick, A G	00	Steinberg, F L	00
Gangle, R	00	Stockton, O	00/01/02
Grover, A L	00	Sullivan, E D S	00
Kenney, R	LIFE	Tinker, E E	LIFE
Lawrence, Byron	N/L	Mason, Bill	NL
Graham, A.E.	Life		
Lewis, G.T.	Donation		

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Norris

P-38 parts, retrieved from WWII crash south of Naples,
(Unit unk,)

Letters (Cont)

From Olen Medley

95th



Attention Please !

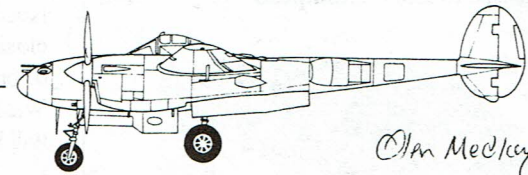
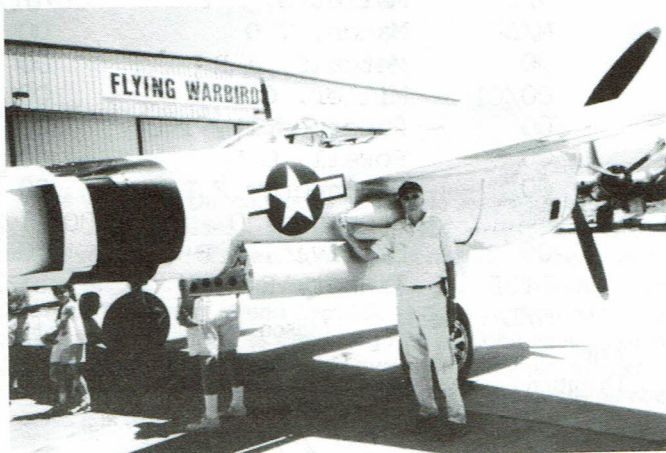
Roy Norris says that any P-38 mechanic, or (ha, ha) pilot who can correctly identify 80 % of the parts above , will receive proper recognition and a 'reward ' from the 82nd FG Assn. (Ps...the pen does'nt count)

hp

'Gathering of Lightnings' Air Show

(27 May,2000)

Dick Ostronik



Olen Medley
7-12-00

Dear Hank,

A few pics for you. I wish I had more particulars about the P-38 fragments. It was hot, crowded & noisy when the guy was talking - I'm wanting to say the pilot was this man's father but I'm not sure - from his age appearance it could have been. (From my notes I just checked, I said it was his uncle - he wasn't in the 82nd, tho.).

I guess the backs of the pictures are self-explanatory - maybe you got more information on this.

We made the driving trip back to OKC almost - stopped in Phoenix overnight & visited an OK & dear cousin of Betty's who lives in a small community in the desert some 25 miles north of town.

We're driving to Dearborn & then plan to visit Niagara Falls afterward. Lola is supposed to go with us.

Tell Markne we missed her at Palm Springs. Hope to see you in Sept. Sincerely Olen

P-38 Museum

March Field

(26 May, 2000)

(l - r) Hank Phillips, Jake Hendrix, Jack Sattler



Telcon with Jake Hendrix

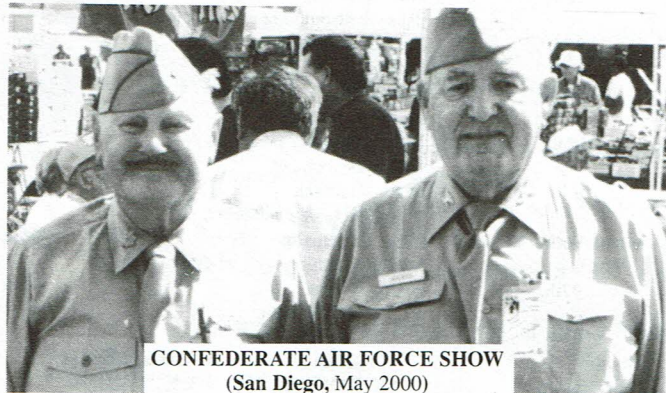
95th

1 Aug, 2000

Jake states that Jack Walker , 97th has been released from the hospital after a week of observation and treatment for pneumonia. This delayed his scheduled appointment for a by-pass operation. He will now return for the operation tomorrow (2 Aug.).

Best Wishes from the entire 82nd, Jack !

hp



CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE SHOW
(San Diego, May 2000)

(l - r) Bill Disbrow- B-24 Pilot
(82nd escorted him in Italy.)
Jack Walker (82nd's newest Ace)



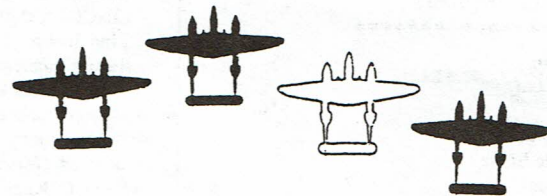
HOUSE PARTY AT THE ROALSVIG'S
(25 May, 2000)

(1 to r:) Unk*, Mac McAdams, Dick Ostronik,
Meg McAdams, Lois Roalsvig, Peggy Warne,
Howard Warne, John Kane, Mel Roalsvig and
George Rivest. { Photo by hp }

* John Blatt, P-38 Assn. (Not a positive ID.)



FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd

**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Edward Sawicki				23 Dec.99		97th
Caroll J. Grotte*				Jan.,00		95th
Joe Kuhn**				25 Feb.00		xxa
Vi Vaughn***				25 Feb.,00		96H
John Girling				2 Mar.,00		95th

* Honor Guard burial; Eagle Point OR. VA Cemetery 30 Jan.,
** Former President -P-38 National Association.
*** Wife of President Emeritus, Harley Vaughn.

Dear Hank Phillips

March 7, 2000

I want to inform you
that a member of your 82nd fighter
Group Association, 2nd Lt. John Girling
passed away March 2, 2000.

The address being used to
send mail to him - 415 Bedford Rd
PO Box A. Samok NY 10504 has
been forwarded to him since he
moved last Sept. The present address
is 782 B - Haritags Hills, Somers, NY 10589

If I am not writing to
the correct person, please let me know.

Thank you.

Mrs. Helen Girling
782 B
Haritags Hills
Somers, NY. 10504

'FIRST WITH THE LADIES'
Palm Springs (May, 2000)

Aida Reinartz, Ben Mason, Sylvia Ostronik

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Brunch at Eggington's - Mesa, AZ
(April 3, 2000)



(l - r) Lute Thompson 96th, George Rivest 97th, Hugh Thompson 95th, Bill Lancaster 96th, Al Durell 97th, and Al Schneider 97th.

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Changes since the last newsletter

Chase	new
Gadbury	new
Gangel	new
Mauch	new
McCurry	Address correction
Orr	Address change
Ostronik	address change
Roalsvig, Chris	new
Taback	Address change
Thompson LC	New

Note:

Mason*

First two letters in Bill's address are r n; not "m" as it appears to be.

** Temporarity inop.

*** Passes info to Meredith Embrey.

**** richsylv11 ends with a (one), not two (ells)

Members wishing to add their names to the above,
notify Hank Phillips or Chuck Luke

{ E-mail preferred }

Editor's Comments

I appreciate the response to my June request asking for more letters and other input from the members. At that time, it appeared that I would not have enough correspondence to fill up the normal 10 pages for the August Newsletter. My E-mail request certainly solved my problem; the stuff came 'pouring in'. Now, I'm in the awkward position of having to apologize to those who came through with items and won't find their contribution in this edition because of lack of space. Please don't get discouraged if your offering didn't get printed -- be assured it was still appreciated and might be used in future issues. *Letters From The Members* is, arguably, the section that holds the most interest for the general membership. Everyone likes to know how their old 'life-time buddies' and their families are doing. Keep those letters coming! They don't have to be sensational, just normal activities are interesting. My inquiries tell me that hand-written letters get the greater attention but if your penmanship is like mine, use the keys. Photos also add interest to newsletters -- I accept all photos, but ask again to PLEASE identify the activity and individuals on the back (unless it's of a very large group). Most photos, are reduced in size for placing in the newsletters and if you send the negatives as well, it won't cost extra money because of the picture having to be re-taken by the Lab. I realize it is not always possible to send negatives but send those photos anyway. Roy Norris will gripe about the extra costs and phone calls, but that's why we keep him on the job.

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82ND Fighter Group Association Reunion September 20 - 24, 2000 in MICHIGAN

TO: 82ND ASSN. MEMBERS

FROM: MARGARET AND MONTY POWERS
& JOANN AND ROY NORRIS

SCHEDULE On this page you will find a tentative schedule for the MICHIGAN, 2000 Reunion on Sept. 20 - 24, 2000.

You will enjoy the Doubletree Hotel in a secure area across the expressway from Metro Detroit Airport. This location is convenient to the whole area but still in a rural setting. Phone your hotel room reservations directly to [734] 467 8000 at \$79.00 plus tax, mention "82nd Assn."

We shall have two adjacent Hospitality Rooms and plan to have the TV's hooked up to V. C. R. players. So, please bring the ONE VCR tape you would like us to see! We have a copy of the 30-minute tape of the HISTORY OF THE 95TH FIGHTER SQUADRON that was shown February, 2000 at Tyndall A.F. Base, Florida. This is good because MR. BONES narrates the show! Also the years of service in W.W.II were the same for the 95th, 96th and 97th Squadrons.

Both the SPIRIT OF FORD EXHIBIT and either of GREENFIELD VILLAGE MUSEUM [outdoor] OR HENRY FORD MUSEUM [indoor] are self guided tours. There is just so much to see in each one that you need to choose how to use the time. However, the EDESEL FORD HOME TOUR is guided in small groups with a sit down luncheon included.

We look forward to being with you there,

Margaret & Monty Powers
& Joann and Roy Norris

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HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

WED 5:00-10:00
THURS 3:- 11:00
FRIDAY 3:- 11:00
SAT. 2:- 6:00
& 9:- 12:00

DAILY SCHEDULE:

All meals are on your own except
Saturday TOUR LUNCH and BANQUET

82ND REGISTRATION TABLE:

WEDNESDAY 4:00 TO 6:00
THURSDAY 11:00 TO 7:00

WEDNESDAY,
20[9]00

GOLFERS ARRIVE

THURSDAY 8:00AM GOLFERS LEAVE FOR 18 HOLES

FRIDAY,
22[9]00

10:00AM 1ST SHUTTLE BUS TO MUSEUMS
LEAVES

10:45AM 2ND SHUTTLE LEAVES FOR THE
MUSEUMS

10:45AM SHOPPERS DEPART

3:00PM 1ST SHUTTLE LEAVES FROM
MUSEUMS

4:00PM 2ND SHUTTLE LEAVES FROM
MUSEUMS

SATURDAY
23[9]00

8:30 TO 10:00 82ND GENERAL MEETING

10:15AM 1ST BUS LEAVES FOR HOME
TOUR.

10:15AM SHOPPING TRIP LEAVES

10:45AM 2ND BUS LEAVES FOR HOME
TOUR.

2:00PM 1ST BUS LEAVES FROM HOME
TOUR

2:30PM 2ND BUS LEAVES FROM HOME
TOUR

6:00 TO 6:30 SOCIAL HOUR/CASH BAR

6:30 TO 7:30 BANQUET

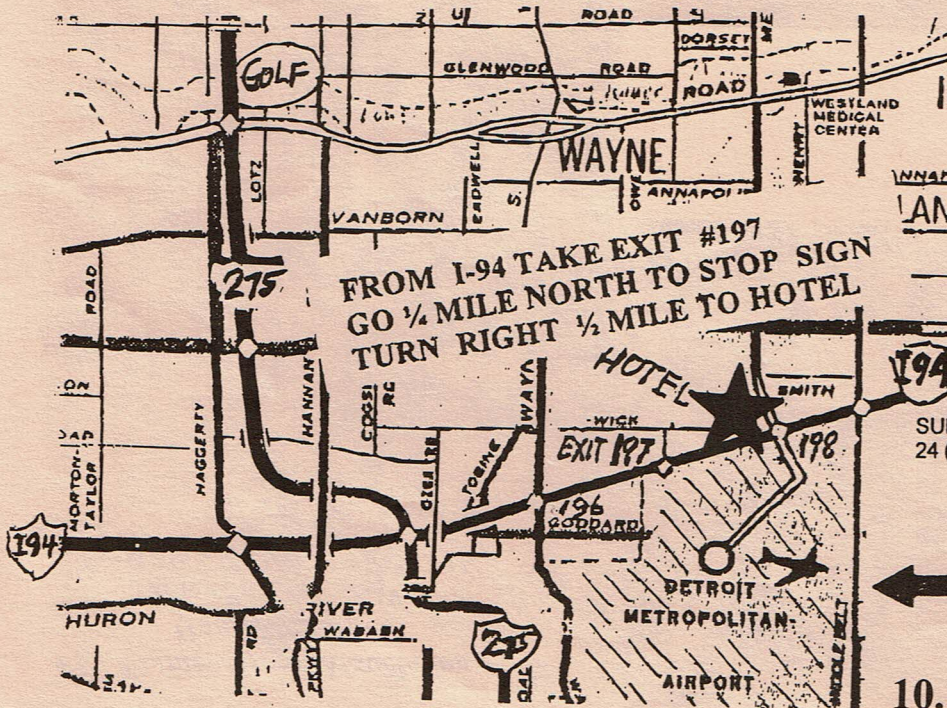
7:30 TO 8:00 DINNER PROGRAM

8:00 TO 11:00 DANCING TO 'OUR MUSIC'

Good bye and happy landings !!!

SUNDAY
24 (9) 00

MAP TO DOUBLETREE HOTEL



FOGGIA TOUR, 2001

From: Charles Luke

To: Members of the 82nd Fighter Group Association

During our reunion in Houston I made the suggestion to a group of 97th members that we should have a 82nd Fighter Group Association tour to Italy. We could show our spouses the Foggia area including Foggia11 (Vincenzo), the "Red Cross Club", Troia, the beaches on the Adriatic, etc. Further, we could include Bari, Lecce, as well as our favorite "rest camp" locations i.e. Rome, Capri, Naples, and the Amalfi coast.

Foggia is not a favorite tourist stop so no major tour companies would even talk to me. After all this time I at last found an outfit that specializes in this type of tour. The President of the organization is a history buff and is quite excited about finding out what our activities were in the WW II time period. He further has extensive connections in Italy. The Company info is included in the preliminary Itinerary insert to the News Letter

The Itinerary is based on the following Guidelines and Assumptions :
1--The tour will not be rapid paced and will account for the ages and physical capabilities of the travelers. 2-- Air is not included. This is to allow for individual travel plans either before or after the tour. Further, this will allow individuals to select their own ticketing options. 3-- The tour can be arranged for as few as 10 people or up to 150 people. A preliminary survey of 25 82nd FG members has resulted in a list of 31 persons that are interested in going such a tour.

Through this News Letter I am extending the survey to all members of the group. This survey does not commit you to going on the tour at this time. Those people interested will receive more detailed information and application forms from the tour company, Earthbound Expeditions Inc., at a later date.

If you are interested in joining this tour contact me by mail, phone or e-mail as follows:
11414 SE 65th ST
Bellevue WA 98006-6402
Phone (425) 271 3949
e-mail cluke@nwlinc.com

You can also contact Earthbound Expeditions Inc. at 1-888-842-9799.
Mention 82nd FG tour
Regards Chuck Luke

PROPOSED 82nd FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION TOUR TO ITALY

Company Information

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"Remarkable Small Group Journeys"
Foggia)
PO Box 11305
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Toll Free: 1-888-842-9799
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Itinerary

3 Nights Rome
3 Nights Sorrento
3 Nights San Giovanni (near
2 Nights- Ostuni

Included in the Itinerary

*11 Nights accommodation in centrally located hotels (All rooms with private shower and bath).

*Transportation from arrival to departure on deluxe 50 passenger air-conditioned motor coaches.

Limit of 35 persons per coach for added comfort. *Two expert tour managers throughout the journey.

*Fascinating local guides. *All breakfasts, six lunches and eight dinners.

*All entrances to museums, castles, ancient ruins and historic sights listed in your itinerary (no optional excursions will be sold). *All

tips for drivers, guides and all other persons assisting you while on your journey. *A pre-trip educational reading and video list. *Pre and

post tour planning assistance.

*A map of Italy

Trip Facts

12 Days/11 Nights Itinerary

✓ *\$1,925.00 PP based on double occupancy (Air Not Included..)

Single Supplement: \$185

Departing: May/June 2001

*Price based on 35 Tour Members

Daily Itinerary

Day 0: Depart USA for Italy

Day 1: Arrive in Rome

Our journey through Italy begins appropriately enough in the eternal city of Rome. Bursting with ancient ruins, Baroque masterpieces, Renaissance treasures and Vespas, Rome is chaos perfected. Take some time to peel away some three thousand years of civilization before joining your fellow travelers for a welcome reception, orientation and dinner hosted by your guides.

Overnight: Rome

Day 2: The Vatican Museum and Saint Peters Basilica Our day begins with a visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. In the late morning we'll continue on to Michelangelo's extravagant Saint Peters Basilica. Dinner tonight will be in the Trastevere district in Rome. After dinner we'll head out for an evening drive and visit the illuminated Piazza Navona, Campo di Fiori, Pantheon and Fountain of Trevi.

Overnight: Rome

Day 3: A day in ancient Rome

Your day begins with a walk through ancient Rome. Our walking tour will trace the heroic lives of Julius Caesar, Augustus, Marcus Aurelius, the infamous Nero and many others. Our visit will include a historic stroll through the Forum, Coliseum, Saint Peter and Paul's prison, and the Church of Saint Peter in Chains, where we will view in awe, Michelangelo's powerful Moses: the statue commissioned for the mausoleum of Pope Julius II. Tonight, you will enjoy a Roman feast.

Overnight: Rome

Day 4: Rome to Sorrento via Montecassino

This morning we head off to sunny Sorrento. But first, let's stop to take in Italy's oldest monastery, Montecassino. Founded by Saint Benedict, Montecassino was also a famous site of a World War II battle, which pitted the allies against a hardened German force. Tonight let's enjoy a sunset dinner together and celebrate our first evening in Sorrento.

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 5: Sorrento and the Island of Capri

After breakfast we are off to the Island of Capri. We ferry over and have lunch and for those wishing, visit the Blue Grotto by small fishing boat. The afternoon is free and yours to explore Sorrento and the Island of Capri at your leisure.

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 6: The Amalfi coast and the ancient city of Pompeii

This morning we are off for the gorgeous Amalfi coast! Meandering south, we'll slowly make our way to the village of Amalfi. Once a powerful maritime state, Amalfi is now a colorful seaside village and is also the resting place of Saint Andrew. After lunch, we drive to the ancient and well preserved city of Pompeii. Our private guide will recreate life in this ancient Roman town. Destroyed in a violent eruption in 79AD by Mount Vesuvius, the ruins of Pompeii are astonishing.

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 7: Sorrento to San Giovanni with an afternoon excursion to the Adriatic

This morning we'll say arrivederci to Sorrento and drive due east to San Giovanni (located near Foggia). We have a full day of activities. We'll rub elbows with locals in quaint neighborhood markets, visit medieval castles and gothic churches. This evening feast on local seafood and pasta specialties.

Overnight: San Giovanni

Day 8: A full day tour to Foggia

Your day will include a visit to the the Foggia area including Foggia11 (Vincenzo), Troia, etc. Also, while at Vincenzo we could have a memorial ceremony and a plaque laid at the two houses that were at the end of the runway and are now a national registered site.. Lunch will be in town at a local typical restaurant. Afterwards you'll have plenty of time to reminisce and explore the town and perhaps find the old "Red Cross Club".

Overnight: San Giovanni

Day 9: A day of towering castles, gothic cathedrals and quaint villages.

After a leisurely breakfast we are off to the Adriatic coast for a full day of exploring. We visit quaint villages and stunning castles near Barletta and Trani.

Overnight: San Giovanni

Day 10: San Giovanni to Ostuni via the castle of Frederick II in Bari

It's a relaxing drive south to Ostuni. Along the way we stop for lunch and a visit in the seaside town of Bari. Once home to Frederick II, Bari is rich in art and architecture from the time of his reign in the 13th century.

Overnight: Ostuni

Day 11: Excursion to the white village of Alberobello and ancient Matera

Our day begins with a short drive to the village of Alberobello. Located 35 miles from Bari, and set between tranquil olive groves, vineyards, almond trees and old farmhouses, Alberobello is famous for its "Trulli" white washed houses. "Trulli" are essentially round stone buildings, which were designed with a false cupola. There are about 1000 Trulli in the area all built in the 16th century. Their simplicity combined with the rugged landscape is a

spectacular combination. After a private tour of a Trulli we are off to Matera. Here the eye roams over a desolate landscape that is also famous for the "Sassi", groups of ancient habitations carved out of the vibrant ochre-colored rock of two enormous craters. These ancient communities have to be seen to be believed. Being that this is our last night together, let's get together for a farewell feast!

Overnight: Ostuni

Day 12: Bari to the USA via Rome

This morning transfer to Bari for a morning flight to Rome. Your guides will accompany you to the airport. For those wishing to stay on, hotel reservations may be made for you in Rome. Buon Viaggio!

Overnight: Rome

-Itinerary specifics subject to change-

