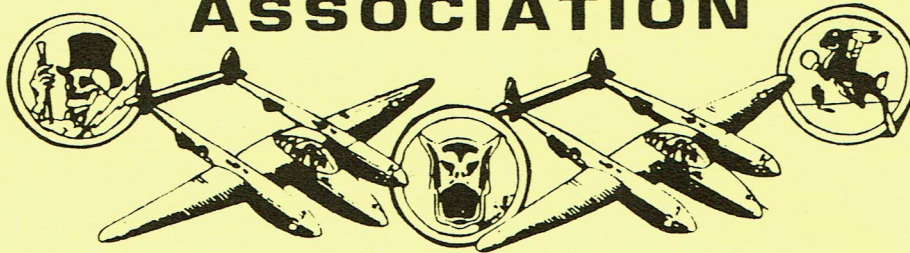


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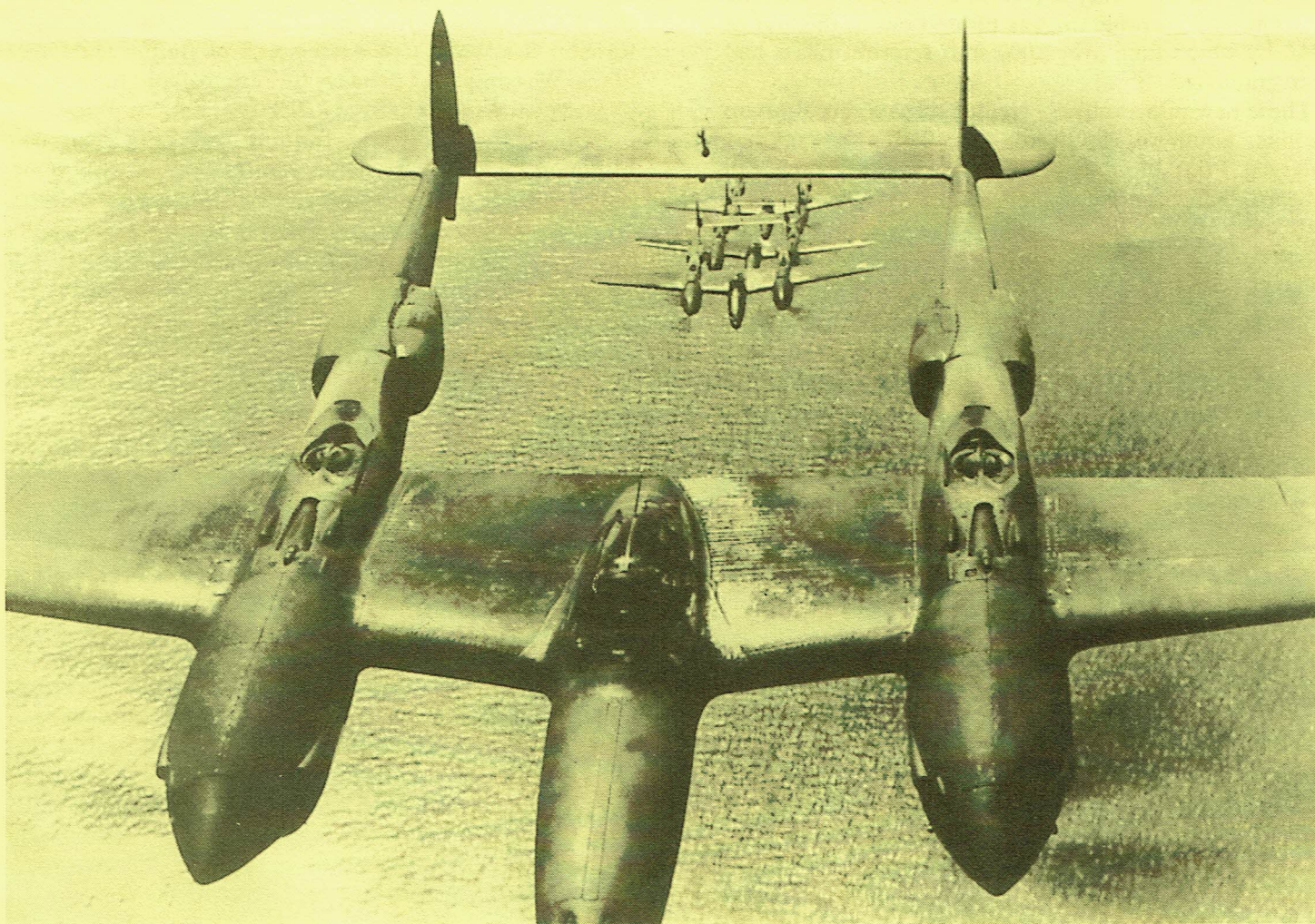
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**82nd FG Michigan Reunion ( Photos & Attendee list )**

**Palm Springs P-38 Grand Reunion ( Photos & Attendee List )**

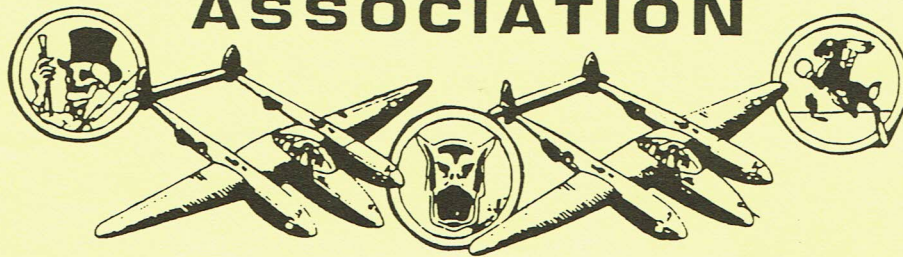
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Having just received the final report from Roy Norris, along with the bottom line tally on the Detroit Reunion, it is again appropriate to say "WELL DONE----and THANK YOU" to Monty, Margaret and Roy. Not only was the Reunion a fun time for all of us attending but it also was well budgeted and ended up in the black.

Now----for our 2001 Reunion!!!! As many of you are aware, there were no volunteers identified at our Detroit business meeting to host our next BASH. However, since then we have been contacted by several interested locations, and it also appears that we have some willing hands now identified to help host our next reunion at one of these locations.

Currently I am acquiring considerable information on three interested locations; ie: Branson, Missouri; Bar Harbor, Maine; and Tucson, Arizona. Shortly, a summary of all the data on each of these will be distributed to the Executive Committee members for review and recommendations. A decision will be reached and then the details will be sent out to you so you can mark calendars and make plans. All three of these locations have much to offer; and hopefully we can make our choices so that locations for both 2001 and 2002 can be determined and locked in.

On a different subject-----Looking back over our last reunion, and recalling previous meetings of years past, there has been a consistently impressive segment of attendees at each session. I'm referring to the active members of the 95th from the Tyndall Air Force Base who have been able to join us regularly now for a good many years. We are very proud of those active representatives of our organization-----and look forward to their continued attendance at our reunions. Hopefully, we can arrange things in the future so that the Tyndall representation will also include some ground support personnel.

Warmest regards, and a great Holiday Season to you all.

Will



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82nd REUNION 2000  
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Col. Tony Rock and Margo Hughes

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From Lt./Col. Tony Rock

95th FTS.

95th Fighter Squadron, 530 Flight Line Road  
Tyndall AFB, FL 32403-5212, 2 Oct., 2000

MONTY AND MARGARET,

WHAT CAN I SAY, BUT "Wow!" THE REUNION TRULY EXCEEDED MY WILDEST EXPECTATIONS AND YOUR ALL TOO GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WAS CLEARLY ABOVE AND BEYOND. FOR ALL OF THE CURRENTLY ACTIVE BONEHEAD ATTENDEES, I SAY "THANKS A TON AND INCREDIBLY WELL DONE!" I WAS SURPRISED AND VERY MOVED BY COL MASON'S GESTURE AND I'LL WEAR THE RANK WITH THE SAME PRIDE WITH WHICH WE'VE HUNG YOUR KIND GIFT OF THE P-38/BONEHEAD EMBLEM PRINT. THANKS AGAIN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FUTURE.

WARMEST REGARDS,  
LT COL Tony "Heater" Rock

## SPECIAL GUESTS

23 September, 2000



(Lt of Flag) Capt. Dave Schobel, Capt. Jeff Edwards, Capt. Dave Cool, Lt.Col. Tony Rock  
(Rt of Flag) Lt. Col. John Rogers, Capt. Mike Bibeau, and parents, Joseph and Carol Bibeau  
(Sitting) Supreme Commander, Mr. Bones

"Notso" Cool and "Slick" Bibeau in mixed Amer/Korean Uniform. REALLY COOL! ▶



Jim Monyhan, Buddy Strozier, Capt. Jeff Edwards



## 82nd Attendees at P-38, 2000

Guests of members are included in this list

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John Aiken  
 Dick Andrews  
 Bill and Audrey Barr  
 Steve Blake  
 John Caputo  
 Walter Carper  
 Jerry and June Cavanaugh  
 Francis and Bonnie Chapman  
 Marty Collis  
 Don and Betty Correa  
 Bob and Karen Cutting  
 Whitey and Lucille Ellison  
 Meredith Embrey  
 Everett and Joan Farnam  
 Don and Regina Foley  
 John Hendrix  
 Frank and Connie Hurlbut  
 Link and Midge Jones  
 Charles, Kay and Tina Joslin  
 John Kane  
 Allen and Betty Kennedy  
 Art Kidder  
 Bill Lancaster  
 G.T. and Rusty Lewis  
 Dick and JoAnn Lingenfelter  
 George Marvin  
 Ben Mason  
 Bill and Pam Mason  
 Mac and Meg McAdams  
 Olen and Betty Medley  
 Slick and Fern Morgan  
 Roy and JoAnn Norris  
 Dick and Sylvia Ostronik  
 Guy and Phyllis Otto  
 Don Perry  
 Hank Phillips  
 Charley and Betty Pinson  
 Blythe Pratt  
 Leo Press  
 John and Andrea Reid  
 Aida Reinarz  
 George Rivest  
 Mel and Lois Roalsvig  
 Del and Mary Ryland  
 Jack Sattler  
 Al Schneider  
 John Seamans  
 Lynn and Betty Shubert  
 Gene and Phyllis Sidwell  
 Steve Stone  
 Pincus, Steve and Marsha Taback  
 Lute and Jackie Thompson  
 Verle and Vivian Tilley  
 Jack Wallace  
 Howard and Peggy Warne  
 Dick and Marilyn Willisie

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Wyndham Hotel

Palm Springs,  
History Panel

25 May, 2000

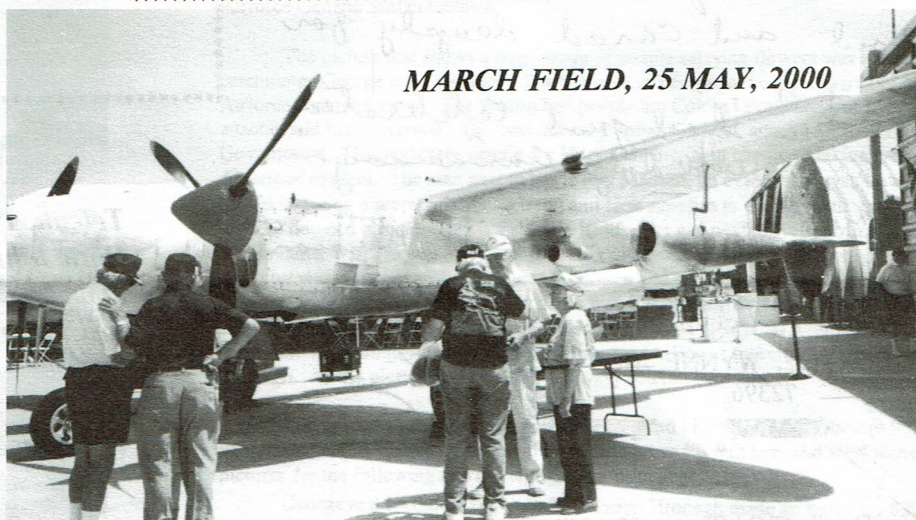
Dick Willisie (History Panel MC) addressing Members of the Combined P-38 Groups.

Left to right..

Herb Ross, 14 FG; Hubert Childress, 7 PRG; Jack Ilfrey, 20 FG; Dick Andrews, 82 FG;

Dick Willisie, 82 FG(Rostrum); Earl Hedlund 474 FG; Ben Mason, 82 FG; Perry Dahl, 475 FG.

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MARCH FIELD, 25 MAY, 2000

( Left ) Frank Hurlbut and Dick Willisie, chatting with visitors who are admiring the P-38 in front of the Tony Le Vier P-38 Hangar. Both Frank and Dick, along with Ben Mason and Dick Andrews gave excellent presentations at the at the P-38 Grand Reunion in Palm Springs. We members of the 82nd FG Assn, are proud of them.



GOLFERS AT THE DETROIT REUNION

( Left to Right ) Buddy Strozier (team leader), Jim Monyhan, Dick Ostronik, Steve Taback, Pincus Taback, Leo Fisher, Chuck Luke, Will Hattendorf, Rob Roberson.



Aug. 13, 2000

Dear Friends of the 82nd:

This is to let you know that one of your groups has recently passed away.

T.O. Spence of Wynne, Arkansas died Aug. 8, 2000 after suffering a stroke.

He had been unable to attend the reunions since a large stroke three years ago. He was a lifetime member of the 82nd and cared deeply for all of you.

We had just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in March.

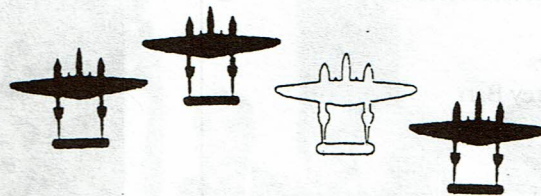
Best wishes for the Reunion.

MRS MAR-JO SPENCE  
BOX 122, WYNNE, AR  
72396



Mar-Jo Spence

## FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd

**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Margaret Stanovich	1994	95th				
T.O. Spence	08 Aug. 00	96th				
Hayward A. Jenkins	20 Aug. 00	95th				
Amos Wienbar	26 Sep., 00	97th				

Telcon, 19 Oct., 00

With John & Raquel Buckles Sr. 96th

John had been in and out of the hospital for the last 3 months for heart problems. He now has a pacemaker installed; He feels no pain, but is very tired at times.

(Their phone number is (520) 298-0906)

Telcon, 12 Nov./00

With Dorothy Latta 96H

Dorothy is back home and doing well after her successful by-pass surgery operation. Her phone number is : (812) 375-1957

Telcon, 17, Nov., 00

With Jerry Loewenberg Hq

Jerry and Pat now have their telephone (same number) in their new quarters in the HCC Section of Air Force Village 1. Jerry said they were both doing as well as expected for 94 year olds and look forward to calls and letters from the "Old Gang".

Phone number is (210) 674-1555.

(see page 8)

Talmadge Orville (T.O.) Spence, 82, of Wynne died August 8, 2000. He was a retired oil marketer, farmer and banker. He served in the U.S. Infantry prior to World War II and served the duration of the war in the Army Air Corp in the African and European Theatres. After the war he settled in Wynne and started the T.O. Spence Oil Company and Spence family farms. He was a former Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Perry County Bank and had varied business interest. He was a 32nd Degree member of the Scottish Rite; a 50 year Master Mason of the Rensselaer-Vann Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. He was a life member of the U.S.A. 82nd Fighter Group Association. He attended First United Methodist Church in Wynne and was a member of the Go-Getters Sunday School Class. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. After his retirement, he enjoyed working on his farms, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Mar-Jo VanDalsem Spence; sons, Van Spence of Wynne and Greg Spence and his wife Alisa of Wynne; a daughter, Sharon-Jo Spence Langley and her husband Stan of Jonesboro, Arkansas; granddaughter, Katie Langley and grandsons, Talmadge and Cole Spence; sisters, Jewel Harville of Pasadena, Texas; Carmen Cumberlis of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary Lee Mann of Whitehall, Arkansas and Gaye Morris of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter B. and Ida (Stafford) Spence of the Whitehall Community and brothers, Charles Spence and W. B. Spence of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be sent to the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1007, Wynne Ar 72396 or the Shriner's Burn Hospital.



## GUESTS OF SLOVAKIA AUGUST, 2000

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From Bill Hayduk and George Bowers 95th

Dear Hank and all the 82<sup>nd</sup> Members:

George Bowers and I just returned from a trip to Slovakia. We were guests of a flying group who are enthralled with the 15<sup>th</sup> Airforce and its history. Due to my being an evader and having been rescued by partisans, and George leading a supply drop escort to a partisan group, the history buffs found us. That's a short version of how and why we got to Slovakia. We were also there to pay homage to the partisans who lost their lives fighting to return downed American flyers to their bases. For three days we were escorted like royalty to various ceremonies where the Slovaks were honoring the people who rebelled against the Germans on August 28, 1944.

We met four men: Dr. Marion Hrodegh, Lt. Col. Jan Bogar, Herman Roman, and Jan Babincak. These four men know where every 15<sup>th</sup> Airforce plane shot down over Slovakia, landed. Dr. Marion Hrodegh went to Vienna, and purchased our 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group history book and has practically memorized it. These men are terrific researchers. They are down to trying to get serial numbers of aircrafts. They showed us a piston from Lt. Allen's 95<sup>th</sup> P38 that was raised from a swamp in '91 or '92 outside Bratislava.

Before we departed from this group George and I were both presented with the golden pilots wings of the Slovak airforce. The enclosed picture shows Lt. Col. Jan Bogar presenting George with his wings. The presentation of the wings was ordered by Airforce General Stefan Gombik.

The picture that shows a large group of people carrying flowers was at one of the ceremonies George and I attended. The first row of people in the picture are the French Airforce's attaché group. The second two people are Colonel Bingham, our U.S. military attaché, and his interpreter. The next man is a Polish General, attaché for the Polish Government. The next three people are Mary Cemanova, in charge of taking care of American evaders. The man next to her is Ray Madsen, an evader who was flown out of Slovakia during a secret mission to bring anti tank supplies to the partisans and returning with 20 downed airmen. This is a story in itself. The girl next to Roy is Mimi Gosney, whose father was a news correspondent. He came in on that secret mission. He stayed and later was captured with a couple U.S. airmen and some partisans who then were executed in Mathousen, Austria. His name was Joseph Morton, and he is the only news correspondent known to have been executed. His daughter was born after he was executed. Immediately behind Roy and Mimi are Lt. Bogar, myself, George and Dr. Hrodegh. As the picture depicts this was a very solemn occasion.

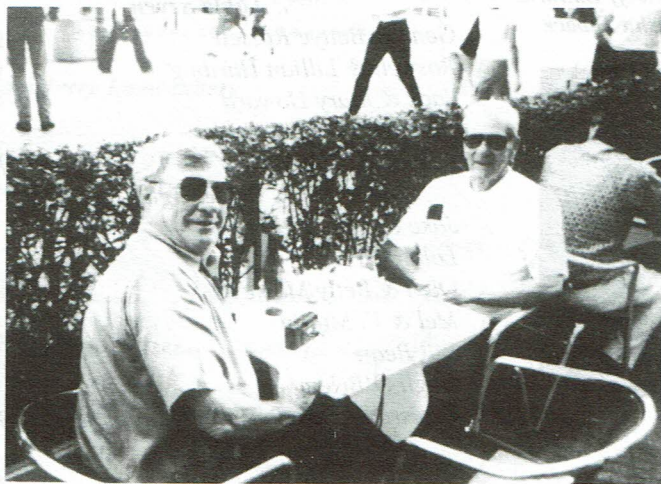
The third picture speaks for itself. George and I having our beer before lunch at an outside café in Vienna. This could go on and on so I'll quit here and send some pictures for the following newsletter after this letter goes to press.

George and I would like to see Dr. Marion Hrodegh made an honorary 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group member and to receive our newsletter. We will pay his lifetime membership dues and for the extra postage.

Bill Hayduk &  
George Bowers

Sincerely,

*Bill & George*



*Having a beer in Vienna.  
Bill Hayduk and George Bowers*



*Lt. Col Jan Bogan presents George with the Slovakian AF Wings.*



*Slovak Partisan Honor Ceremony,  
28 Aug.,2000 Lubina, Slovakia*



*Ray Madsen (US evader), Mimi Grosney, Bill & George,  
Museum--Banska Bystrica, 28 Aug.,2000*



## Detroit Reunion Celebrants

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Our honored guests from the 95th FS  
from Tyndall AFB, Florida:

**SUPREME COMMANDER, MR BONES.**

Lt. Col. Tony "Heater" Rock (Cmdr. 95th.)  
Lt. Col. John "Jolly" Rogers (ADO 95th.)  
Cpt. Mike "Slick" Bibeau (D Flt Ldr.)  
Cpt. Jeff "Thug" Edwards (Inst. Pilot)  
Cpt. Dave "Knotso" Cool (325 OSTD)  
Cpt. Dave "Snapper" Schobel (A Flt Ldr.)

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### Table One

Francis & Bonnie Chapman 96th  
John & Frances Kane 96th  
Georg & Lilo Fuereder xxa  
Bob & Pat Carpenter 95th  
Hank & Marlene Phillips 96th

### Table Two

Monty & Margaret Powers 95th  
Dick & JoAnn Lingenfelter 96th  
Bob & Kathy Priest 95th  
Bob & Nell Harrington 96th  
Capt. Dave Cool 325th OSTD

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Charley & Bette Pinson 96th  
Link & Midge Jones 96th  
Bob & Pidge Roberson xxa  
Will Hattendorf 95th  
Dick Hood 97th  
Roy Elkins 97H  
Lt. Col. Tony Rock 95th FS

### Table Four

Gene & Phyllis Sidwell 95th  
Del & Mary Ryland 95th  
Dick & Sylvia Ostronik 96th  
Ron Coon (Powers' Son) Guest  
Capt. Mike Bibeau 95th FS  
Joseph & Carol Bibeau (Parents) Guests

### Table Five

Roy & JoAnn Norris 96th  
Buddy Strozier 96th  
Jim Monahan 96th  
Dave & Sara Pope (Powers) Guests  
Clayton & Bev Tillapaugh 96th  
Capt. Jeff Edwards 95th FS

### Table Six

Pincus Taback 97th  
Steve & Marsha Taback (Son/Dau.-in-law) Guests  
Emory & Fern Morgan 97th  
Les & Connie Hutchinson (Powers) Guests  
Meredith Embrey 95H  
Monte & Lynne Commons (Embrey) Guests



Pincus looks on as Cpt. Jeff Edwards  
presents rose to Marsha Taback



Lucille and Whitey Ellison



Betty and Olen Medley



Don and Regina Foley

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Gene & Bettye Russell 96th  
Roswell & Lillian Harding 96th  
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Paul & Arkie Harman 96th  
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Lola Giertz 95H  
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Bill Bean 95th  
Hugh O'Brien 95th  
Christy Fitzsimmons (Hugh's Daughter.) Guest

### Table Nine

Don & Regina Foley 97th  
Bill & Bert McLaughlin (Foley) Guests  
Jim & Billie Metcalf 96th  
Bernie Craft 95th  
Jack Duncan 97th  
Jerry & Susan Van Houtan (Powers) Guests

### Table Ten

G.T. & Rusty Lewis 97th  
Jim & Chris Lewis (Son/Dau-in-Law) Guests  
Mercedes & Lauren Lewis (Granddaughters) "  
John & Jenny Sholly (Powers) Guests  
Allen & Betty Kennedy 96th

### Table Eleven

Ben Mason Hq  
Aida Reinarz xxa  
Bill & Pam Mason xxa  
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Leo Fisher 96th  
Len & Eloise Kuczmarski 96th  
Bryce & Margo Hughes 96th

### Table Twelve

Dick & Zeta Gadbury 97th  
Whitey & Lucille Ellison 97th  
Chuck & Judy Luke 97th  
Guy & Phyllis Otto 97th  
Walt Zurney 97th  
Lt. Col John Rogers 95th FS

### Table Thirteen

Mel & Lois Roalsvig 97th  
George Rivest 97th  
Grace Davidson (Rivest) Guest  
Howard & Peggy Warne 97th  
Paul/Chris Powers (Monte's Son/Dau-in-Law) Guests  
Johnson & Janie Williams 97th





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From Jerry Loewenberg

Hq.

1 Nov. 2000

Dear Ray -

I've reached the end of the line! For some time I've been on single engine, and that one has been sputtering badly. So - to save me from a fatal crash they've put me into a nursing home.

The doctor made me get rid of my car. So for all practical purposes I'm a prisoner. But I'm so weak and feeble I couldn't go anywhere anyhow. I'm four months short of my 94<sup>th</sup> birthday - so none of this is too surprising.

I had to get rid of all of my life-long possessions. And, in the process of getting moved, all of my 82<sup>nd</sup> material was lost. I have only your address (from the outside of ~~an~~ envelope) and the telephone number of Lingenfelter. I wanted to send something to George Marvin. So I had to call Lingenfelter to get Marvin's address.

You can do me two favors, if you will: Please drop a note to Chuck Luke, asking him to send me a copy of the roster. And please forward this note to Hank Phillips - for his information. Perhaps through him I can say: "Hale and farewell to the grandest bunch of guys I've ever known."

Please note my new address. It's only slightly different.

(Jerry's letter is continued on Page 13).

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From Dick Ostronik

96th

Hi Hank;

Last night, the 17 of October, we arrived at home. We have been on the road for two months plus one week. We covered 6,700 miles on our trip and I do not like to think about the cost of the gas. The highlight of the trip for me was when that great fighter pilot, Roy Norris, flew me and Kane down to Middleboro, Kentucky to visit the progress of the Glacier Girl. The work is going along well and the quality is top grade. We did some research in Branson for Will. We are not turned on by much of what we saw. After Branson, we stopped in Oklahoma and had a great visit with the Medleys. In Phoenix, we spent some time with the Rylands and Marry suggested that Tucson could be a thought for the next reunion. She is going to check on some things and report to Will. Tucson could be a great place.

When are Lilo and Georg going back to Germany?

Our pictures were sent in today and will send some to you as soon as they are back.

That's all for now and Hi to Marlene. Dick O



Lillian and Roswell Harding



Arkie Harman: Bettye & Gene Russell



Jack and Mary Howard



Dick Hood, Will Hattendorf, Bob and Pidge Roberson



From Georg and Lilo Fuereder

xxa

Dear Marlene and Hank!

After having traveled for four weeks through your beautiful country, we have finally arrived at St. Augustine Beach, Fla., where we are staying at a beachside apartment belonging to our dear friends Helga and John Clark. Now we have the time to digest and reflect on the impressions we gained during our travels and visits with relatives and friends.

As you know, our first stop was Detroit, Michigan and the 82nd's reunion. We had a wonderful time. the reunion was excellently organized and although we have family in Dearborn and, therefore, were somewhat familiar with the area, we still encountered a lot of new experiences. The main thing, however, was meeting the 82nd fighter Group members again. Georg especially enjoyed exchanging old experiences and stories with the guys-back to the times of their youth! Lilo had a great time listening to those stories and, of course, talking to and doing things with the ladies.

Our second stop was Seattle, Wash., where we were guests of our old friends Randy and Ginny Potter. We were stationed together at Ramstein AB over 20 years ago. We share fond memories. People say -- it always rains in Seattle - well, it did not rain when we visited -- the weather was gorgeous and so is the city and its surroundings. Our friends traveled with us to Vancouver and Victoria, BC. Again, we were very impressed by the beauty of these cities and the area and again we fell in love. We found Vancouver and Victoria (the Royal British Columbia Museum and the Butchard Gardens are very recommendable!) to be very "British" and to be completely different of that what we know of the North American Continent. We hope to return to Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula and Vancouver and Victoria.

Our third stop were the "Phillips" at Fort Walton Beach. Thanks again for your great hospitality. From Fort Walton we drove to Nashville, Tenn. to visit with our niece Gail. The trip through Alabama and Tennessee was enjoyable, the leaves were just beginning to turn yellow and red. Gail took us to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday evening. The show was great and versatile and surpassed our expectations. On the following evening we went to the Bluebird Cafe where the songwriters -- to be may present and tryout their pieces! Another interesting and enjoyable experience.

From Nashville we traveled southward the Natchez Trace Parkway. A wonderful route, very recommendable. We were sorry that we did not have the time to stop and visit at least a few of the numerous interesting historical and natural sites alongside the Trace. The trip was magnificent, almost no traffic except for some deer, wild turkeys or an occasional armadillo crossing our path! Unfortunately, we had to leave this beautiful parkway at Jackson, Miss., as we had hotel reservations in New Orleans. We would have loved to go all the way to Natchez, Miss. to visit and enjoy the "Deep South" and its antebellum homes and plantations. However, one cannot have everything. So, after an overnight stay at a motel in a small Mississippi town, where we had the opportunity to "take part" of the everyday-life of the local people, in its only sit-down restaurant during dinner and breakfast. It pays to leave the common "tourist trails."

New Orleans and the French Quarter where our hotel was located were a disappointment at first sight. There are cities which should only be visited at night! And New Orleans is one of them. We came mainly to listen to the "traditional jazz" and we were lucky. On Jackson Square an excellent group played and later we found a seat on the floor in Preservation Hall and listened to excellent musicians and music. That alone already made the trip worthwhile. Coffee and beignets at the Cafe du Monde and the dinner at the "Old Coffee Pot" as well as our hotel were excellent and very recommendable. Made us forget the tourist traps with the loud music, drunks, people who tried to get us into their establishments, etc., etc. We are sure that there is more to see and to do in New Orleans.

After an overnight stop with friends from good ol' times at Pensacola, we returned to Fort Walton Beach and again enjoyed your hospitality.

We have been here now for almost a week, relaxed, swam in the ocean, walked the beach and are getting ready for new adventures!

Hope to see you all again soon. Love and Horrido - Lilo and Georg



Howard &amp; Peggy Warne; George Marvin



GT &amp; Rusty Lewis; Al &amp; Betty Kennedy



Dick and Zeta Gadbury

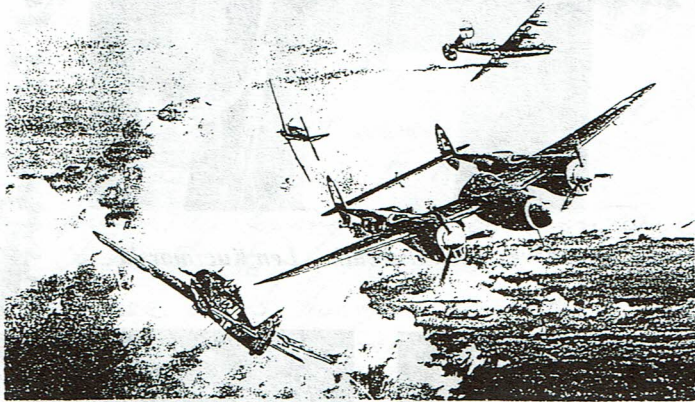


George Rivest and Grace Davidson



From Jack and Mary Howard

96th



From  
JACK HOWARD  
P-38-Pilot

November 9, 2000

Dear Marlene & Hank,

Jack had allowed me to use his special stationery to write to you.

We both want to tell you again how pleased we were to see you and how much we enjoyed the Re-Vision.

I have written separately to Margaret & Monty. They certainly made the Re-Vision very special.

We were delighted to meet her to and Georg. They are charming people, and we thoroughly enjoyed being with them.

We shall be anxious to hear about the next Re-Vision and hope we can make it.

Warmest wishes

Mary & Jack



Hugh O'Brien and daughter Christy



Pam and Bill Mason



Len and Eloise Kuczmarski



Fron Bill Burgess

96th

Dear Hank, 10/30/06

I saw the enclosed clipping in our local newspaper last week.

The Smithsonian is building a large aero/ & space museum out near Dulles Airport.

When it is finished there will be a P-38 on display. I thought you might be interested to know that there will always be one left for all time - What an airplane. !!!

Thanks for the work you & Marlene are doing on our behalf.

Best Regards

Bill Burgess

Unable to include Bill's Article about the Museum.  
I will mail copies to members upon request.

hp



Above : Dick Ostronik -- Len Kuczmarski



Aida Reinarz ;  
Chuck and Judy Luke



Jack Duncan



Lois and Mel Roalsvig



Margaret and Monty Powers



Immediate left -- Ron Cool (son) and Monty Powers  
Far Left -- Capt. Dave Cool and Margaret Powers



# Letters from the Members

(Sometimes abridged)

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From Rosalin Roy

96H

9-7-2000

Dear Mr. Phillips,

This is to let you know that my father, Ellis P. Roy, is presently living in Atlanta, Ga. Unfortunately, he has Alzheimers Disease and is living in an alternative living home near me. He is doing very well and still has his old Air Force memories. He enjoys hearing anything he can from the 82nd Fighter Group. He is no longer married to his second wife and my sister and myself are very happy to care for his needs.

167 Powell St.

Please change his address to: Atlanta, Ga 30303. I am in charge of his mail & am always happy to share your correspondence with him. If you have any questions please call me at 404-522-9809.

Rosalin Roy

Chuck Luke  
to the 97th FTS.

97th

24 Oct., 00

Gentlemen

I am a member of the 82nd FG Association 97th Fighter Squadron. We were not aware that the 97th had been reactivated as a reserve squadron. Please keep in touch with us. It is our custom to invite representatives of our active Squadrons to our Annual Reunions. Perhaps we can meet some of you next year.

I have recently received an e-mail that led me to your 97th Web page. I would like to make a minor change to the page We were in fact at an airstrip called Foggia #11/Vincenzo in Jan 1944. The Town was Foggia. Foggia#11/Vincenzo was an air strip built, named, and left by the Germans when they retreated from the Foggia area. We remained at this airstrip at Foggia until deactivation Sept. 9 1945. If you would like me to, I can e-mail you some Pictures of the actual P38s we flew in that time period that you could use for updating your Web Page.

A complete history of the 82nd FG including the 97th FS is spelled out in our book "Adorimini a History of the 82nd FG in World War II". If you don't have a copy I am sure we can get you one. Just let me know.

Regards

Chuck Luke  
82nd FG 97th FS



From Roy Norris

96th

Heck:

Oct. 2/00

Marv and Ostrorick stopped by last week.

I took Marv & Ostrorick down to see the P-38 restoration. Gide was supposed as well. But we became a little lost until we read the name of a tour on the hangar roof. These guys forgot how to navigate!! Will send copies of pictures!

Roy

John Kane cries "FOUL !"

John telephoned me about the flight to Kentucky ( Middlesboro); adamantly denying of being guilty of bad navigation. It seems that he had the " leg" from Cincinnati to Kentucky and Dick O had the one back to Cincinnati. "Middlesboro's just a little town -- you had to hunt for it -- those two wouldn't have made it without me ! --Cincinnati is so big you can't miss it, hence I felt safe in turning the task over to lesser navigators for the return flight."

hp

GO IMMEDIATELY TO PAGE 14  
FOR ROY NORRIS'  
SPECIAL NOTICE !!

From Capt. Greg Packman

97FTS

Cpt. Greg Packman, 97th TFS promptly answered Chuck's letter. : He stated that the 97th was re-activated as the 97th Fighter Training Sqn; attached as a Reserve Unit to the 340th FT Gp at Sheppard AFB. They are presently flying T-37, T-38, & AT-38 aircraft. While nothing has developed at this early date, the Capt. hopes for close contact with us, similar to our relationship with the 95th at Tyndall AFB..

hp



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# Strayed "Dogies"

( Addresses below are the last known.)

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Newsletters and Rosters to the above have been returned by the Post Office for unknown addresses. If any member has a proven address for any of the above, notify Chuck Luke, Roy Norris or Hank Phillips. hp

Instead of indicting my former apartment # (1719) substitute "HCC", which stands for Health Care Center. It's a nursing home within the same compound "Air Force Village I"

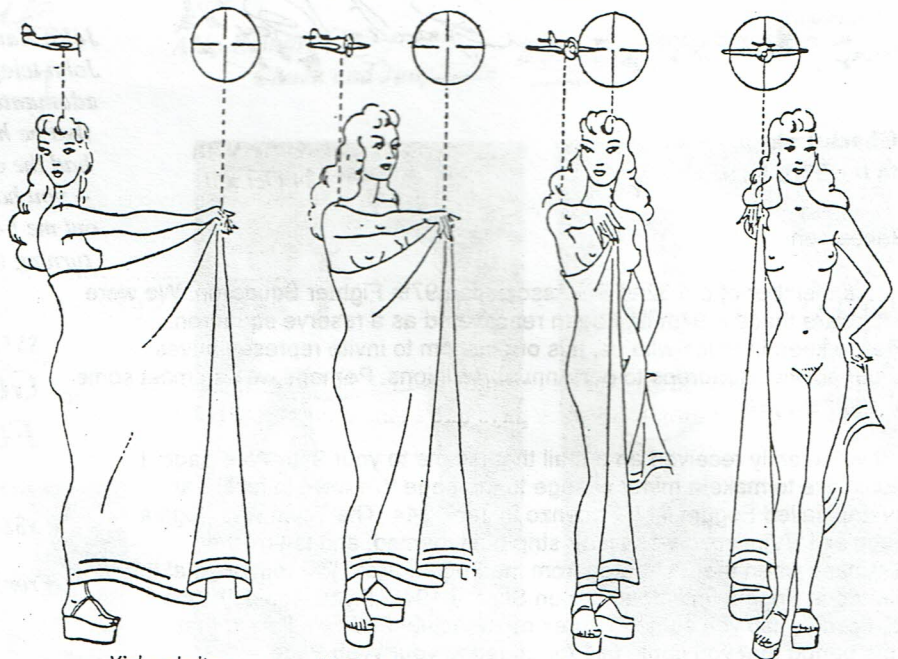
You can probably note from this note that my mind is deteriorating as fast as is my body. But then - nobody ever told me that it was going to be easy getting old !!

So long, old friend! I wish the best of everything for you and your family - as I do for all the guys of the 82nd. God bless.

Sincerely,  
Col. Jerome Loewenberg  
4917 Ravenswood Dr. (HCC)  
San Antonio, TX 78227

## AERIAL GUNNERY "101" ( LUFTWAFFE STYLE. )

{ From official Luftwaffe Aerial Gunnery Manuals }



Viel vorhalten — Weniger vorhalten — Noch weniger — Drauffhalten  
Der Jäger steht am schönsten findet die Stellung, wo der Vorhalt schwindet.

Hank's "free" translation:

Lots of lead      less lead      still less      Zero Lead

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The Fighter Pilot finds--  
That in his quest --  
The no lead angle --  
Is always best.

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**Monty & Margaret Powers say:**  
Many of the attendees have spoken or written saying how well the MICH—2000 Reunion turned out. We are grateful for that and we thank everyone who helped and especially:

**Roy and JoAnn Norris**  
**Hank Phillips**  
**Will Hattendorf**  
**Sylvia & Dick Ostronik**  
**Mary & Del Ryland**  
**Bette & Charles Pinson**  
**Our son, Ron Coon,**  
**(Hospitality Room Host)**  
**as well as Family & Friends**  
**from Jonesville.**

**EVERYONE was GREAT!**

Oct. 2000, Jonesville, MICHIGAN

I would append Monty and Margaret's above statement and add our appreciation of the many fine photos sent by our members for publication in the Newsletter. Their names are:  
Sylvia Ostronik, Buddy Strozier, Bill Hayduk, and Mary Ryland.

hp



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### Changes since the last newsletter

Caputo	new
Hebert	new
Hurlbut	new
Latta	Address change
Mitchell	new
Olson	new
Pratt	Address change
Randall	Address change
Sides	Address change

Note:  
Mason\*  
First two letters in Bill's address are r n; not "m" as it appears to be.  
\*\* Passes info to Meredith Embrey.  
\*\*\* richsyll1 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 }

### SPECIAL NOTE.

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Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Norris reminds us that **98 Current Sustaining Members** have not paid their dues for Year 2000. Roy says that the Annual \$15 dues pays one's share for the 82nd Roster and 3 issues of the Newsletter

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### Editor's Comments

The readers have probably noticed that I am a bit late in putting out this Issue. The main reason is that at this date (17 Nov.), no place or date has been set for the next 82nd FG Reunion. Hopefully, it will be decided before NL 50 goes to press. It will then be inserted as a LATE FLASH !!.

This Issue has fourteen pages instead of the usual ten -- this is because of the excellent response to my appeals for more letters, especially hand-written. THIS DOES NOT MEAN that typed letters are not desired. Those whose penmanship is like mine, and write very long letters, can be assured that their contributions are every bit as welcome.

I again stress that as in my last Issue, great occasions need not be the only reason to send letters, ordinary events are interesting to all of us and especially to "some Old Buddy" who would like to know how you are getting along -- don't wait until you or your spouse go to the hospital.

We now have 65 members listed in the above E-mail Addresses. It is an excellent means of dispersing late announcements; especially changes of home address and phone numbers. Chuck Luke does a superb job with his Membership Roster, but it comes out only once a year and with the way Area Codes are being changed these days, those members on the above list have frequently up-dated info. An added advantage is that E-mail members can quickly send new data to Chuck or me, which enables us to keep our records up to date.

Marlene and I wish you a --

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**