

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 25, 2001

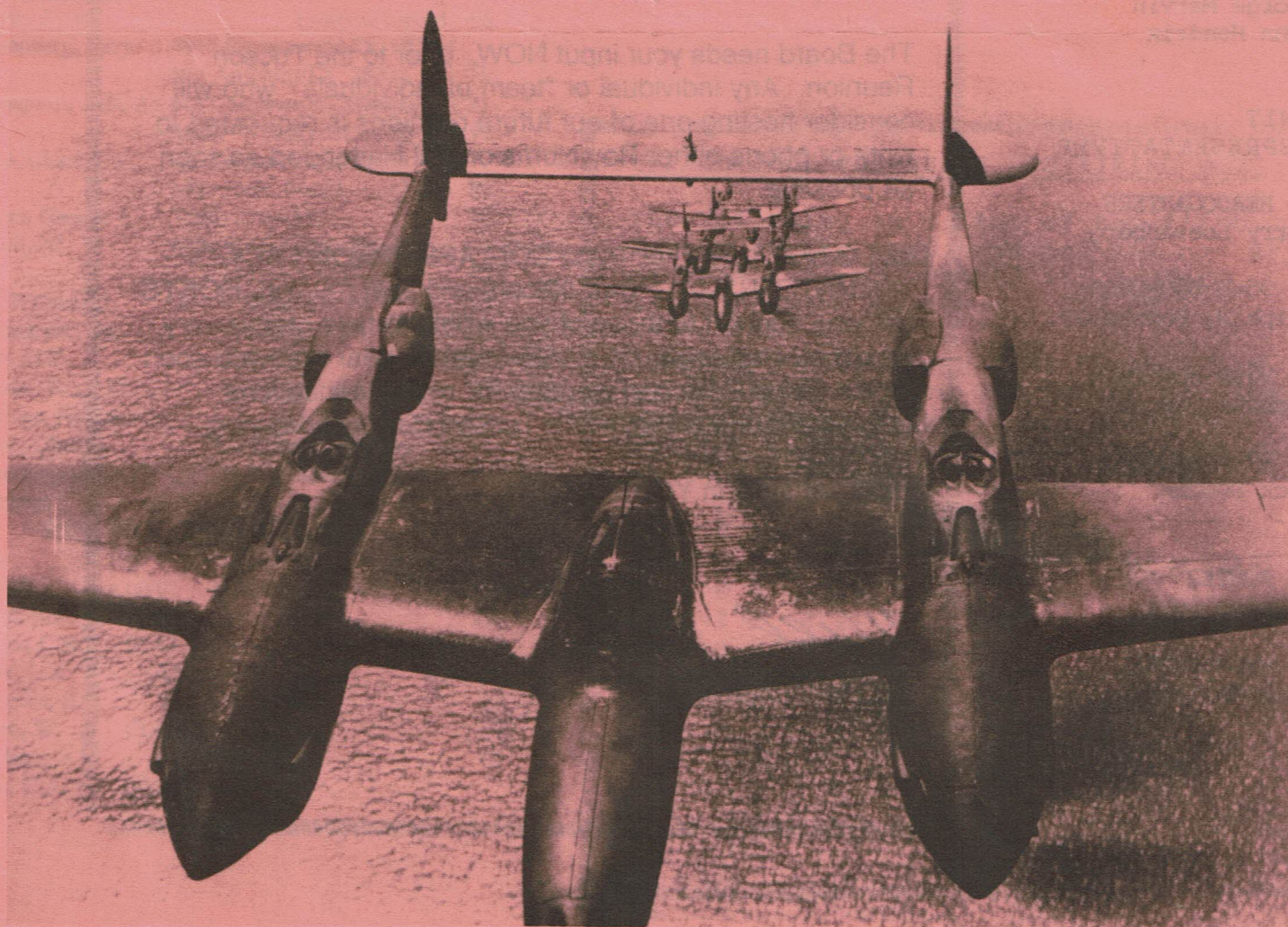
ISSUE 52

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President's Appeal to Eighty-Second Fighter Group Association Members

82nd FG 2001 Reunion -- Tucson, Arizona

INSERT -- 82nd FG Tucson Reunion Sign-up Sheet



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE !

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Your Association Officers and Board need the membership's timely assistance in planning ahead for the '02, '03, & '04 reunions.

Volunteers are ESSENTIAL to ensure the continuation of our annual reunions. Along with said volunteers will also be the need for identifying suitable, enticing locations, easily accessible and fairly priced.

The Board needs your input NOW, prior to the Tucson Reunion. Any individual or "team of individuals" who will consider hosting one of our future reunions is requested to write or phone either Roy Norris or Will Hattendorf as soon as possible.

LET'S NOT LET THE 82nd COLLAPSE FROM LACK OF VOLUNTEERS----. Your officers and past reunion HOSTS will lend support to those of you willing to take on this very important challenge. PLEASE-----let us hear from you soon so the Exec. Com. can develop its' recommendations to the full membership at the Tucson Business Meeting.

OUR future is in YOUR hands.

Will Hattendorf, Pres.

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\$ \$ \$ \$ 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

Executive Committee et al:

Another fiscal year has been completed; 1 July 2000/30 June 2001. The finances are slowly decreasing and the unpaid dues for the year 2001 for 115 members at \$15.00 equals \$ 1,725.00. A list of unpaid voluntary sustaining dues -- noting only the **first letter of the last name** in alphabetical order will cause some members to start searching for their last membership card. The list appears *at the bottom of this page*. The forthcoming cost of the August and November newsletters, plus the once a year roster cost in November, will require the closing of the smaller Certificate of Deposit and transfer the funds to the checking account.

There are several factors which effect our diminishing finances: 1) laxity in payment of voluntary sustaining dues. 2) the constant increase in cost of the newsletter. 3) the annual cost of the roster. 4) the one contributing factor to keeping the association solvent is the voluntary labor contribution. It can be attributed to labor of love for the association! !

The 2001 82nd Fighter Group Reunion (as of 1 August) has 113 total intents made up of 53 members, 35 spouses, 8 Honoraries/Associates and 17 guests. 66 have paid up There are 11 interested in the golf game.

Consolidation (partial) of Roy's letters to the Executive Committee; April, May, June and July, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy E Norris

Address Changes

Hurlbut, Frank	(760) 321-4404	96
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	San Antonio, TX 78227	Hq
Buonaguidi, Aido A.	416 Cameron Pl., Glendale, CA	
	91207 (818) 596-2676	97
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	Milo, ME 04463	97
Bowers, George A.	(856) 779-9817	95
Durrell, Al	6209 E McKellips Rd. #14	
	(480) 985-0353	97
Hall, William D.	1251 E Luconia #146	97
Kuczmarski, Len	Stone Mountain	96
Lewis, G.T.	32701-7667	97
O'Brien, Hugh M.	(812) 842-5834	95
Partridge, Norman	(209) 358-2626	96
Pinson, Charles	1278 Medinah Drive	96
Schneider, Albert G.	85215	97

Deceased

See FLYBY (P-4)

Dues

Cook, B.J.	00/01	Monson, G.E.	01/02
Dickie, H.B.	01	Blake, S.	01
Currier, C.H.	00/01	Joslin, Tina	00/01/02
Fisher, L.A.	01	Joslin, Kay	00/01/02
Lawrence, B.	01	Flicker, A.C.	01
Mason, W.	01/02	Jones, T.H.	01
Steinberg, F.L.	01	Tipton, R.	01
Joslin, C.A.	00/01		

UNPAID 2001 VOLUNTARY SUSTAINING DUES

The following is a list of the first letter of the last name and the number of unpaid dues. Unpaid 115 members @ \$15.00 each equals \$ 1,725.00.

Voluntary Sustaining Dues finance the three issues of the Newsletter and the once a year member roster. Also the reunion seed money. Check the date on your last membership card? ! ?

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E 2	J 2	O 2	T 0	Y 0		

Roy E. Norris
 Sec/Trea.

Roy E Norris

Letters from the Members

(Sometimes abridged)

From: Dorothy Latta 96H
To: 82ndFG

Good news! When I went to see my cardiologist, she said that I was just fine and did not have to come back for a whole year!!! Thank you for all your concern, support and prayers.

Lovingly, Dorothy

From: Bob Kirtley 95th
To: Jake Hendricks 95th

My family is donating \$1000 to the P-38 museum in my name. I understand they have been in touch with you. It was a very generous and much appreciated action. I had the choice of that, or the WWII Memorial.

You know the decision was very easy. You guys have done a great job!

Regards, Bob

From: Lute Thompson 96th
Hank,

Thanks for your call. Jackie died at approximately 11:45 PM on Wed. June 20th. She was a smoker and developed cancer in her lung. An operation was performed to remove the cancer but it had spread too much. Her heart was weak and she couldn't tolerate the stress. She was not uncomfortable. She just faded away. The time from first sign of stress to death was not over 12 hours. If one has to go, that's the way. Our two daughters are here -- I couldn't handle it without them. I'm sure I'll have my act together by Tucson.

See you then. Regards, Lute

From: Roger Hesse XXA

From: <RogerHesse@aol.com>
To: <hphill@gnt.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2001 8:10 PM
Subject: Conrad Bentzlin

Hello, I was given your name by Steve Blake. He has been coaching me on searching for any information on my uncle Conrad Bentzlin who I never knew. He was shot down on April 16, 1943. He was a 2LT and was flying a P-38. He was assigned to the 97th Fighter Squadron, 82nd Fighter Group. His remains were never found. He bailed out over the Mediterranean. It's been pretty much established that Conrad was a replacement pilot. It was only his fourth mission when he was shot down. Steve suggested that I have a request for information published in the 82nd FG Association newsletter. And, while I am at it, I was wondering if I should/could join the Association. I would like to attend the next reunion in October. Thanks for your time.
Roger Hesse.

A request

Terry Massick, nephew of 95th MIA, 2nd Lt. Francis Molloy is working on a new 82nd FG website. He asks for photos, rosters, orders, reports, letters, diaries, etc. ANYTHING and EVERYTHING about the 82nd...
Contact Terry Massick, 979 Jewell Drive, Knoxville, Iowa 50138. Tel: (641) 842-7451; e-mail- twmcdm@harenet.net

hp

From: Lute Thompson 96th

July 24, 2001

DEAR HANK -
MAY I TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO THANK
THE MANY 82ND PEOPLE
WHO HAVE SO KINDLY TAKEN
THE TIME TO WRITE ME &
MY FAMILY EXPRESSING
GREAT SORROW AT JACKIE'S
PASSING.

I HAD JUST RETURNED
FROM ITALY AND ON LEAVE
WHEN JACKIE POPPED THE
QUESTION!

WE HAD 56 YEARS OF
A GREAT LIFE.

SEE YOU - ALL IN
TUCSON.

THANKS

[Signature]

From: Del and Mary Ryland

95th

Our story of Lou Geresi---

Del and Mary Ryland

Having just received the sad news of the passing of Louis Geresi (95th Sqn), of Wyckoff, NJ, we would like to share our story.

In 1949 or '50 we, Del and Mary Ryland, had just moved to Hackensack, NJ. Del was employed by Studebaker Corp. (Remember them?) in NYC (He later switched to Ford Motor Co.) On the main street in Hackensack Del had just entered a men's clothing store, while Mary waited outside. She was approached by a polite young man, who asked, "Is that your husband who just went into the store?" After her yes, he asked, "Was he in the 15th Air Force?" Thus began our friendship with Lou and Alice Geresi. He taught school in Bloomfield, NJ, and Mary in Maywood, NJ, near Geresi's home.

Although we moved a great deal, our contact lasted. Then came the 82nd Fighter Group reunions. The Geresis resisted flying (maybe just Alice). Finally they consented to drive to Boston in '96! There we not only had a joyful reunion, but they connected with Gene Sidwell, Lou's one-time bunkmate! Small world!

3. Our hearts go out to Alice and their three children at this sad time.

From: Dorothy Hasenplaugh

95H



June 19-2001

Dear Mr. Howe-

Just a note to tell you how wonderful all the reunions were so great. Gayle & I loved every get-together. It is a wonderful group.

I enjoy receiving the newsletters & look forward to them. #68 CK

I have enclosed \$50 but did not know how much they were so if I this is not enough I'll send more to help with the cost of postage. Let me know anytime.

Going to the reunions were the happiest days of our lives -

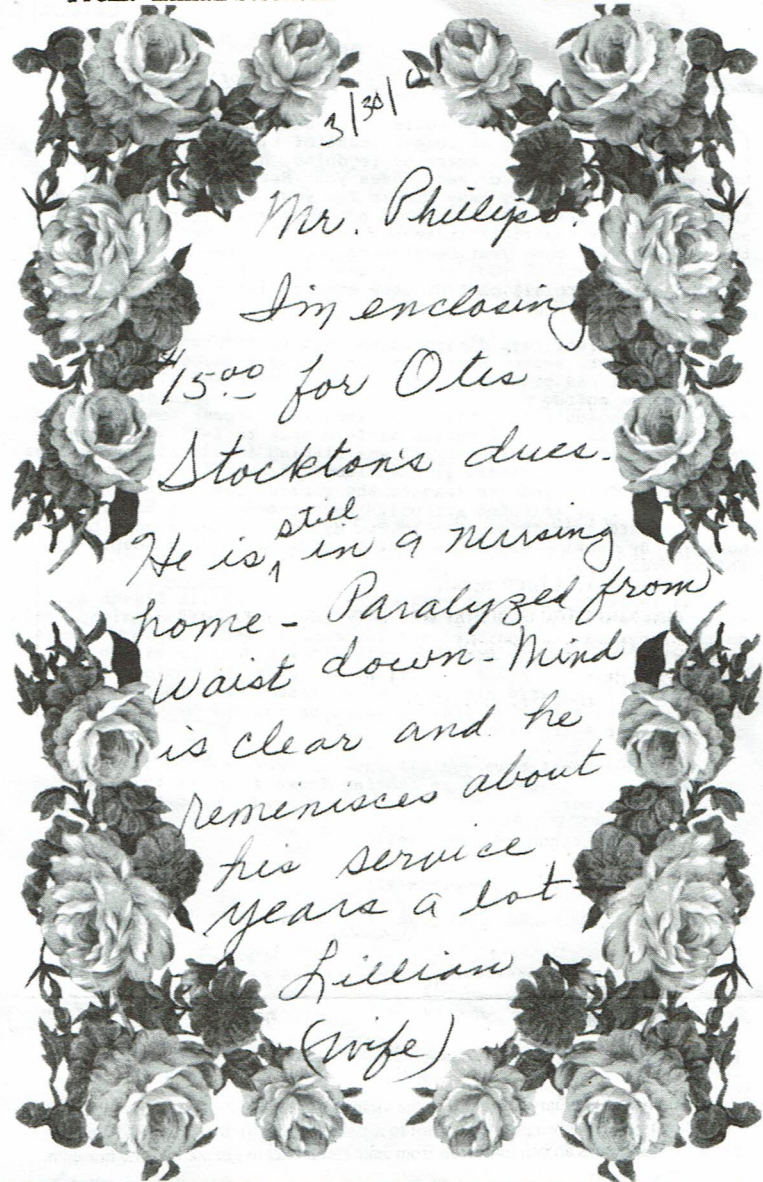
This next one is close by but without Gayle it wouldn't be the same.

Have a wonderful time.

Best wishes to some wonderful friends

Sincerely,

Dorothy Hasenplaugh



3/30/21
Mr. Phillips

I'm enclosing

\$15.00 for Otis

Stockton's dues.

He is, still in a nursing home - Paralyzed from

waist down - Mind

is clear and he

remembers about

his service

years a lot

Lillian

(wife)

From: Jack Duncan

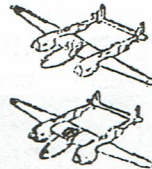
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97th Fighter Squadron
82nd FIGHTER GROUP



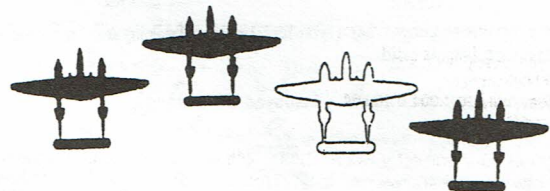
Hi HANK:

Looks like the Tucson Legion will be a good one. Have my reservation and was planning on driving. However, my ex-stress for degeration and refined wasn't improved as fast as I hoped for. I'll be back next month for evaluation. Hope you and the Lennis lady are both well.



As Always
Jack

FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd

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Charles D. Jackson				? Jan.,01		96 th
Joe. E. Cardimona				14 Mar.,01		96 th
John A. Buckles Sr.				24 Mar, 01		96 th
Jo Ann Lingenfelter	(Dick)			21 May, 01		96 th
Jackie Thompson	(Lute)			20 June,01		96 th
Louis Geresi				23 July,01		95 th

Letters) Cont)

From: Olen Medley

95th

April 19, 2001

Dear Marlene and Hank,

Well, you came through again!!!! Just about the time I really start thinking at longer spans of time about our 82nd bunch of guys, what everyone is doing, how they are feeling, have we lost anymore, etc. here comes your Newsletter bringing me up to date. My many thanks for your continuous great job and the many hours I know that you put into getting it together. Nothing is more important in keeping us all together and creating the cohesiveness than your Newsletter. Of course, the work of our officers is important too, and the desires of most of our membership to belong are all part of this success story of our group staying together the way we have.

Hank, I feel real disappointed that we didn't get to come through Ft. Walton Beach back in February on our way to Ft. Myers. I had planned to come through there and give you a call to have coffee or lunch or whatever but I was running so far behind schedule in getting to Tampa at a decent hour I had to take the fastest route (Mobile on I-10 east to I-75 and south to Tampa). As it was, Bernie Craft was sitting in a chair out by the road in front of his house with a flashlight waiting to wave is in. If you know Craft you can imagine the racking over I got for being so far off of my intended arrival. We spent a couple of nights with him before going on down to Ft. Myers. He was a good host, however. By knowing him since 1942 I was able to soon smooth things over (ha).

While at Ft. Myers we visited Bette and Charlie Pinson at their home and then had a great lunch before doing some sight-seeing to the Thomas A. Edison home and laboratory, etc. We took a little "sidetrip" down to Key West-yep, all the way down to mile 0 of highway 1. Saw one alligator trying to cross the Tamiami Highway but the traffic scared him back as we passed him. Lola said she saw three gators in the backditch water on the way back along the Alligator Alley highway.

We had a great trip and all made it back home in tired but otherwise, good shape. We're looking forward to the trip to Tucson in October.

Hope this finds you both well.

Sincerely,

Olen

From: Bill Hayduk

95th

May 4, 2001

Dear Hank:

Early last February, I stopped in the vicinity of the new P-38 museum located near March Field in Riverside, CA. Prior to my staying over in that area I had a couple phone conversations and an invitation from Jake Hendricks to get me into the museum.

While we were at the motel, my wife asked me if I knew how far Jake was going to drive to take me to the museum. When she informed me that Hawthorne was about 70 miles away, I was shocked! This wonderful person was going to spend his Saturday morning to show me the place and end up driving about a 150 miles to do it. What a guy.

I wanted everyone to know what a wonderful person Jake is, and I trust too many of you don't impose on Jake as I did.

The museum is great and I must say I enjoyed it thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Hayduk



An Open Letter to My Fellow 82nd Fighter Group Members

Elections for our Group will be coming up shortly at the Tucson Reunion. As you know, I have been honored to have been Vice President for this past year and may have even been in line for President. However, because of personal/medical reasons, and along with discussing my situation with my wife, Midge, I have advised our President Will Hattendorf and several board members, that I/we feel it best to withdraw my name for future consideration for any office for this next year. And, I bring this up now so that the nomination committee will have enough time for consideration of the many good people available to do the job.

I have enjoyed my year of being VP and being part of our board. I am sure that whoever is nominated will carry on our goals as having the best group reunions and the other activities of our association.

We are looking forward to the Tucson reunion and seeing you all there.

Lincoln Jones
July 5, 2001

From: Ted Papermaster

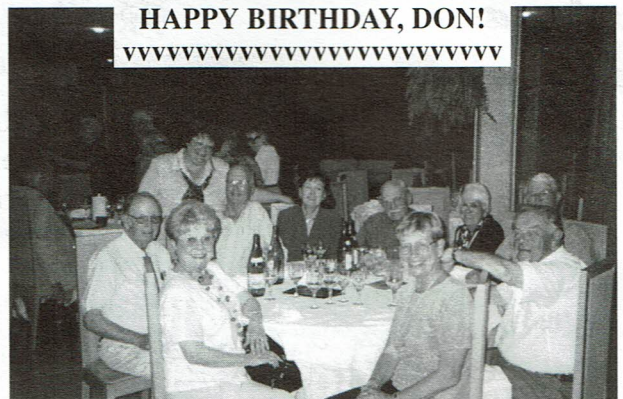
96th

To the Editor:

The Foscani raid reviewed in the March 15, 2001 Newsletter along with the heroic Andrews-Willis rescue omitted a final incredible scene. When the two pilots eventually returned to Foggia, we all gathered to re-enact the positioning of the pair in the cockpit of a P-38 so we could take pictures. Try as they might----and with all the time in the world----they found it impossible to occupy the cockpit and then shut the canopy!! How did they do it under duress?

Ted Papermaster
Ted Papermaster

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON!



Above:

25 May, 01 -- Hotel Montana dining room, San Agata, Italy.
(l to r) Midge Jones, Link Jones, Heather (Guide), Dick Ostronik, Sylvia Ostronik, Slick Morgan, Fern Morgan, Hank Phillips, Don Foley, Regina Foley.

Left

24 May, 01 -- Benedictine Abbey of Monte Casino and the Polish Memorial Cemetery.
(l to r) Lois Roalsvig, Heather (guide), Mel Roalsvig, Fern Morgan, Dick Ostronik, Hank Phillips, local guide, Grazia (guide hidden), Bob Carpenter, Mike Orr, Theresa Orr, Regina Foley.

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COL. JEROME L. LOEWENBERG
4917 RAVENSWOOD DRIVE (HCC-4)
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78227

July 30, 2001

Dear Monty -

Thanks so much for those great pictures. I particularly liked the group picture because it brought back memories of so many of the guys.

Godbury seems to have changed the most.

And you have grown the most!

So you're only a kid of 78! I was going to tell you an off-color story, but now I'll wait until you mature.

I have a daughter who is 73!

I liked that time about the advantages of being 90. But, now that I'm 94, I could make a much longer list of the disadvantages!! Oh to be 90 again!!

I reproduced the group photo, and will send copies to some of the guys who didn't go.

Thanks again, and best to you & Margaret!

(OVER)

Cordially - Jerry

P.S. I spoke with the Pope (Pius XII) on June 6, 1944, under peculiar circumstances.

On 82nd Sgt. & I had obtained a jeep, and, being young and adventurous went forward as far as we could. Rome had just fallen.

Just inside of Rome we came upon a number of U.S. Army units - preparing to enter Rome on the following day. So we felt safe.

We entered that night - keeping unobserved. We knew the Americans would be in the next day.

I had spent a couple of hours talking with an Army chaplain about religious matters. He had been an apostolic delegate before the war, and knew people in the papacy. He was very anxious to get in and make arrangements for an audience for the American army brass. He did in arranged an audience for 10 on June 6. Most were Catholic Generals & Colonels. I was a non-Cath. major. We all had beads & crucifixes to be blessed by the Pope. We lined up abreast, in order of rank, in a room - facing the direction where the Pope would enter. He came in - a little short guy - and went to the head of the line, walked down it while blessing

Dear Monty,

He hadn't said even one word to any of them.

I was the last guy - so he had to stop. He said to me "Where are you from?"

If it had been you, you wouldn't have said "Jonesville." You'd have probably said "Hicksville."

So - I didn't say "Sea Cliff", I said "New York."

"Oh" "You must go to St. Patrick's Cathedral."

Well - I was died for a funeral, so I said "Yes"

"You must convey our blessing to Cardinal (I forgot his name)"

"I will, your Holiness" but I haven't yet done so. The Cardinal is probably in Heaven.

Then the other U.S. officers gave me hell! One general said, "If he had spoken to us

we could have told our grandchildren that the Pope talked to us. Instead he picks the only heathen and talks to him!!"

One Colonel actually punched me - hard - on my upper arm.

I said, "He asked me where I was from. Should I have replied - Ask them?"

They saw the logic of my defense. I didn't start the conversation. They were just frustrated and took it out on me!

I wrote to my parents about it. Sea Cliff was a small town, but it had its own newspaper. In type they should have saved for the headline: "THE WARENDOS" They printed across the top 7 pages: "LOEWENBERG MEETS THE POPE"

I was a town hero - particularly among the Catholics. One would have thought that I had achieved sainthood! It was quite an experience.

Once again - thanks to you & Margaret

And again Cordially Jerry

Sorry about the small print, but there was no way I could cut this story. For members who can't read the small print I have "Saint Jerry of Sea Cliff's" original letter and will send a copy upon request...

From: Phil Taback <ptaback@temassociates.com>
To: Hank Phillips <hphphil@gnt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2001 5:59 PM
Attach: Lou Geresi Obit.jpg
Subject: Lost pilot

Louis Geresi, Bloomfield teacher

Services for Louis Geresi, 81, of Wyckoff, a retired Bloomfield teacher, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Christ Church, 251 State St., Hackensack. The funeral will be from the Trinka-Faustini Funeral Home, 439 Maywood Ave., Maywood.

Mr. Geresi, who died Monday in Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, was a teacher in the Bloomfield school system for 40 years before retiring.

He was a graduate of Rider College, Lawrenceville.

Mr. Geresi was treasurer of the Essex County Teacher's Federal Credit Union and a board member of the organization for more than 50 years.

He served in the Army Air Force with the 82nd Fighter Group during World War II. He also served with the National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Mr. Geresi was a member of the American Legion Post 130 Fenner Court, Midland Park.

Born in Passaic, he lived in Maywood before moving to Wyckoff 38 years ago.

Surviving are Alice, his wife of 52 years; daughters, Mrs. Linda G. Tamer and Gail A.; a son, Gary W.; a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Palatini, and two grandchildren.

From: Sally Zuercher

96H

Joan "JoAnn" Hamilton Lingenfelter

Joan "JoAnn" Hamilton Lingenfelter, of Boise, died Saturday May 19, 2001, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Hawthorne, Nev.

Memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26 at A. L. D. Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

JoAnn was born in Lowell, Ark., October 7, 1921, the daughter of Fred and Ollie (Stubblefield) Hamilton. Her family moved to Idaho where she graduated from Buhl High School in 1938. She met her future husband, Richard (Dick) Lingenfelter at the University of Idaho and they were married on July 7, 1942 at Scott Field, Ill. The newlyweds were separated by WWII until 1945. They eventually raised six children in California and Idaho. JoAnn began working in the field of Early Childhood Development and Education in 1962. She established a successful preschool in conjunction with Kirk O the Valley Presbyterian Church in southern California where the family was very active. The family moved to Idaho in 1966, and JoAnn continued to nurture her interest in children's education and welfare. In 1969, she was named director of the El Ada Community Action Agency Headstart Program, a post she held for three years. During the same time

period she worked at the Elks Rehabilitation Center with physically challenged grade school children. In 1973, she was chosen to establish and direct a new child care training program for Boise State University Vocational Technical School. JoAnn remained with Boise State until her retirement. She was also the author of a preschool teachers workbook entitled Exploring a Child's Environment, and she was recognized in the Idaho Statesman as the Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen in 1981. JoAnn earned her Master of Science degree from the University of Idaho in 1984. In later years, JoAnn enjoyed a career as a volunteer, telling stories of pioneer life in Idaho to schools, retirement centers and fellowship gatherings. She was a member of Whitney United Methodist Church and sang with the Whitney Womens Chorale. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, serving a term as president.

JoAnn is survived by her husband, Dick; her son, Richard Jr. (Linda); four daughters, Jane (James) Allen, Mary (Greg) Swardz, Barbara (Gary) Oldenburg and Sally Zuercher. She is also survived by her brother John (Eunice); her sister Elizabeth Anderson and her sister Mabel Redwine. She had 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. JoAnn was preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret (Peggy) Middleton and would have been saddened to learn of the death of her niece Linda Anderson Amos on May 21, 2001.

JoAnn Lingenfelter was a true pillar of her community, a wonderful mother and wife and leaves us all knowing she made the world a better place.

From: Aline Cardimona

96H

82nd Fighter Group Ass:
Dear Mr. Phillips:

Joseph A. Cardimona, one of the Slugging Jack Rabbits, died on March 14, 2001.

We have attended several of the 82nd reunions. Though I'm not sure there are any left who remember Joe, I'd like you to announce his death for me.

Joe & I have lived in Greensdale, Wis., for 40 years but we were wintering in Albuquerque, N.M., at the time of his death.

I'll be going home in May. I'm not sure if there will be another newsletter before the October reunion but I trust you will announce his death at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, (Mrs.) Aline Cardimona

Both Mary Ryland (95th) and Millie Jacoby (xxa) sent separate copies of Jackie's obit.

hp



Jackie

Thompson, passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, June 20, 2001. She will be missed by all of us who knew her for her love of life, family and friends. A third generation

Californian, she was born in Santa Maria on September 17, 1922. Jackie was raised in Los Angeles where she met and married Lute Thompson, after the war they returned to Lute's family home in Honolulu for several years. In 1955 they moved to the Phoenix area. Jackie was a devoted member of the Phoenix Zoo and was a past president of the Zoo Auxiliary. She was also active for many years in the Phoenix Musical Theater. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lute, two daughters, Deanna Callan and Becky Thompson and three loving grandchildren, Lexi, Carrie and Chloe. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2001 at 3:00 P.M. at Whitney & Murphy Arcadia Funeral Home, 4800 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix. In lieu of flower's family requests donations to Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008-3431.

Italy Tour Group

(21 May – 1 June, 2001)

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Bob and Patricia Carpenter	95
Roy and Roy Elkins Jr.	xxa
Don and Regina Foley	97
Dick and Zete Gadbury	97
Dick Hood	97
<u>Chuck and Judy Luke*</u>	97
Ben Mason	Hq
Mac and Meg McAdams	97
Gordon and Kaki Fuqua	97
Jake and Phyllis Hendrix	95
Link and Midge Jones	96
Bill, Pamela & Mike Mason	HqH
Slick and Fern Morgan	97
Theresa and Mike Orr	95
Dick and Sylvia Ostronik	96
Norm Partridge	96
Hank Phillips	96
Monty and Margaret Powers	95
Aida Reinartz	xxa
Mel and Lois Roalsvig	97

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Guides:

Grazia and Heather

Driver:

Franco

* The Tour Group is indebted to Chuck and Judy Luke for the superb job in making the Foggia visit such an outstanding success. Without them, it would not have happened !

It can be truly said that the Tour was conceived, researched, planned, promoted, and publicized, by the Lukes alone. Their efforts extended over at least a two year period and perhaps longer.

THANK YOU CHUCK AND JUDY !

hp

At the risk of appearing ungrateful, I ask that members send photos for printing in the newsletters without or very few with Hank Phillips in them. (large groups and Marlene permitted, of course.).

To date, strangers to these issues probably think that I'm a bit on the egocentric side..

Thanks.

hp.

RETURN OF THE WARRIORS

Site of the 82nd FG's last airfield in WWII.

Foggia 11

27 May, 2001

Standing (l-r): -- Jake Hendrix, Maria La Sola (local resident), Norm Partridge, Slick Morgan, Dick Hood, Mac McAdams, Dick Ostronik, Ben Mason, Bob Carpenter, Mel Roalsvig.

Front row (l-r) -- Link Jones, Monty Powers, Chuck Luke, Gordon Fuqua, Hank Phillips, Dick Gadbury, Don Foley.



82nd FG Visitors and Dignitaries of the City of Troia

26 May, 2001



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Blake	address change	xxa
Foley	new address	97th
Heller	address change	97th
Kenney	address change	95th
Lewis	address change	97th
Norris	deleted	96th
Ostronik	address change	96th
Wolfe	new address	96th
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 }

Rome, May 23, 2001
Hank risks losing a hand -- Link is "chicken".?



NOTES from the Editor

Two relatives of former 82nd FG pilots whose fates are unknown at this time have requested any information that our group may have. Both pilots are listed as MIA (Missing in Action) in our 82nd FG history, " Adorimini ".

Case 1 -- 2nd Lt Conrad Bentzin (97th) -- bailed out at sea on 16 April, 43.No details of his subsequent fate is known at this time. At Steve Blake's suggestion, Conrad's nephew, Roger Hesse, requested that a notice be placed in this newsletter, asking for information that any former 82nd member might have. (See letter on P-3). Roger's Tel.# is: (253) 631-9218; e-mail: RogerHesse@aol.com; Postal address: 14405 SE 274th Pl. ; Kent, WA 98042.

Case 2 -- 1st Lt John Schlener (96th) -- listed only as MIA on 2 September 1943 (no details). John's nephew, Dale Piper, contacted me in June,asking to place this notice in the August newsletter, in hope that a former member has information about his uncle. Dale's Tel # is: (440) 427-0797; mailing address is: 25940 Cook Rd, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138.

Sec/Treas., Roy Norris has contacted both Hesse and Piper, advising that they are now Associate Members of the 82ndFG Assn.

hp

OCTOBER 11 TO

Tucson

OCTOBER 14, 2001

James Monyhan, HOST,

bids everyone !

WELCOME -- to Tucson! As the Tucson Tourist Bureau proclaims:
"Tucson is the true Southwest: a city alive with character,
history, cosmopolitan charm, and cultural diversity".

To review and emphasize prior information:

March Newsletter: Outline of date, place, and attractions.

June Newsletter: Registration form to send with payment.

Above all, we do NOT want you to miss our reunion! Please send in
your registration. Then if you meet up with unavoidable changes,
notify Roy Norris at once! (Phone (513)931-2436).

Repeated highlights:

HOTEL: DoubleTree Guest Suites, 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson
85710. Tel.: 1-520-721-7100 or 1-800-222-TREE.

E-mail: <http://www.doubletreehotels.com>. Note: There are

2 DoubleTrees so specify ON SPEEDWAY.

Rate (specify 82nd FG): \$69 (sngl or dbl) plus tax. Rates apply

3 days before or after the Oct.reunion dates. Room amenities:

Extra couch, 2 TVs, refrig., coffeemaker. Pool, spa, tennis

TRANSPORTATION: Most major airlines fly into Tucson. Shuttles
run frequently to the hotel. If you choose to fly into
Phoenix, the "Arizona Shuttle" runs hourly to Tucson.
(Its cost is \$24 one-way or \$43 R.T. pp. 1-800-888-2749).

REGISTRATION: Opening Thursday morning. Obtain packets of
tickets, schedules, and map of the many good restaurants,
(Remember the free hotel shuttle within 4 miles of hotel).

MAIN SCHEDULED EVENTS: THURSDAY: Golf (Tucson is consistently
rated one of the best golfing destinations in the West).
(Beware of the bunnies, roadrunners, quail, and javelinas!)
Buddy Strozier in charge of golf. Phone: (405)364-1949.
Golfers depart hotel at 7:30 AM.

FRIDAY: Pima Air and Space Museum and hangar lunch.

SATURDAY: Sabino Canyon Trip and lunch at Hidden Valley Inn.
Evening: Banquet and live dance band.
(See schedule for business meeting).

SUNDAY: Farewells

EARLY ARRIVALS: Quite a number will arrive on Wednesday. Your
hosts will be on deck to welcome you. See prior list of
attractions. Best shopping: **Park Place Shopping Center** nearby.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING: Squadron jacket (or lightweight cover for
evening. Oct. temp variation: 57 - 84 degrees). Name tags.
Pictures or videos to share. Dress: casual except for banquet (?)

**Great News! The Commander 95th Ftr.Trng.Sqdn., Col. Matthew "Gorilla"
Donovan advises that he and up to eight members will attend our reunion.**