

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 30, 2004**

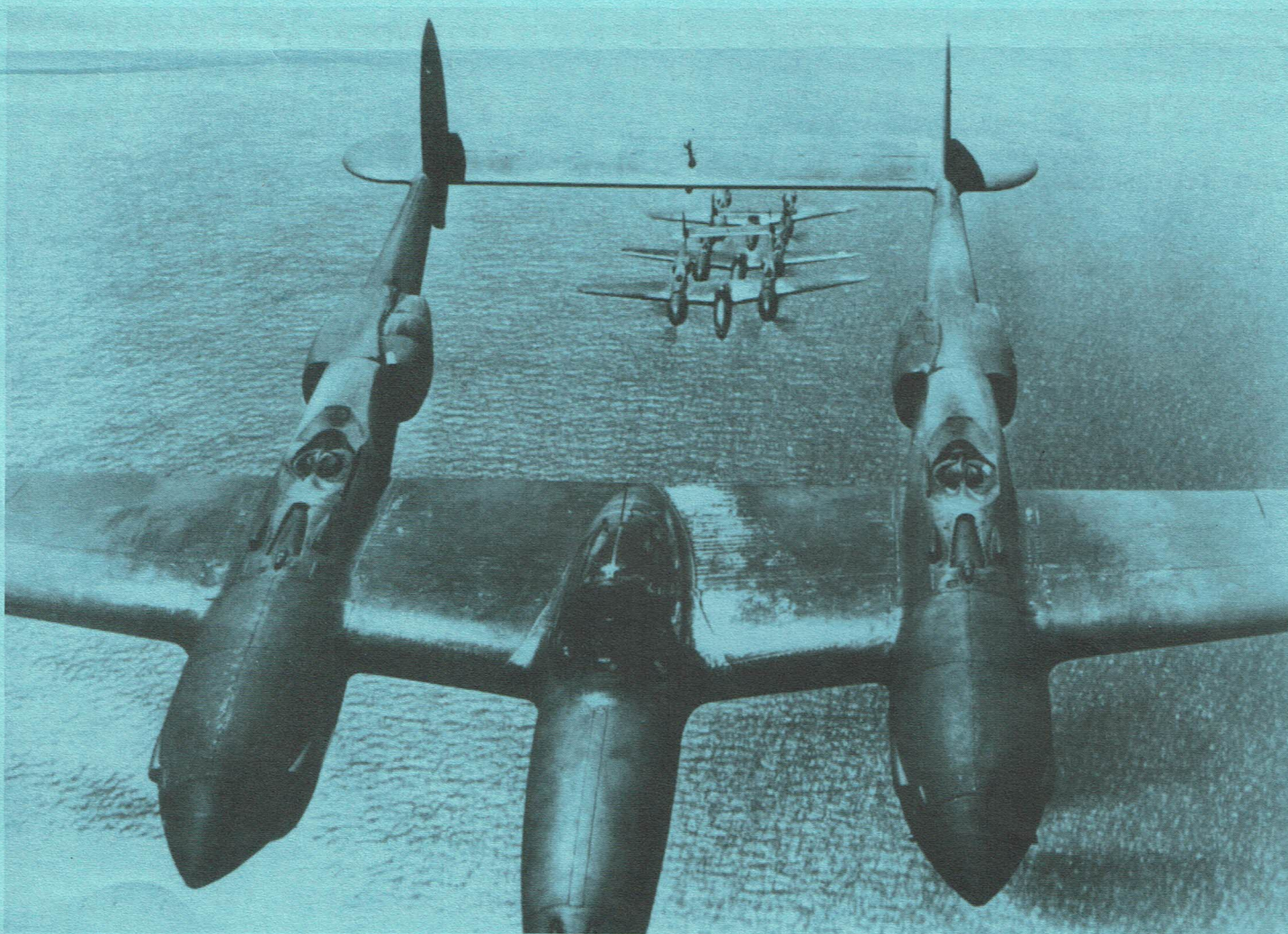
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## **SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:**

**Photos of the 95<sup>th</sup> Ftr, Sqn. Reunion  
Latest San Diego Reunion Information**

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# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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### 96<sup>th</sup> Squadron

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### 97<sup>th</sup> Squadron

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### Roster

Charles W. Luke

### Newsletter

Henry P. Phillips

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

ALTHOUGH THE NEWSLETTER IS OUR BIGGEST EXPENSE, IT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE BINDER KEEPING OUR ASSOCIATION TOGETHER. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH SUPPORT FROM ALL MEMBERS, MUST NOW SHARPEN THEIR PENCILS AND FACE REALITY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE BOTH ROY AND HANK SOMETHING POSITIVE TO WORK WITH. CAN DO, AND WILL DO.

REPORTS ON THE SAN DIEGO BIVOUAC ARE ENCOURAGING AND A WONDERFULLY ARRANGED PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EXHAUST THE BEST OF US. EARLY TO BED AND.....

WE WILL MISS THOSE NOT WITH US BUT WE KNOW THEIR FLAG WILL STILL BE FLYING.

DON FOLEY.



**\$\$\$ 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

July 7, 2004

The finance report for Fiscal 2003/2004 is enclosed. Please note the beginning and ending balance. The association is just holding on as to finances. Without the tremendous Donations our finance picture would look very grim.

The Reunion Intent Roster is just over 100 people with the actual registration count of thirty-three to date. Some have failed to identify their choice of the entree for the banquet.

The association President has notified the active duty units 82nd, 95th, 96th and 97th with Banquet Invitations. No response to date.

The Reunion 2005 Chairman Albert Leutzow has been overcome with physical health difficulties, his son Brent Leutzow has accepted the responsibility to carry on. He has been sent a copy of the normal operating procedures for a reunion planning guide.. Brent and his wife will attend the San Diego, CA reunion for an update on the Reunion 2005 plans.

**DECEASED**

Gongos, Robert M.	5/13/04	96
Harman, Arvilla	4/22/04	96 Spouse Paul Harman
Huggins, Lee Ray	3/5/04	95
Jones, Thomas H.	4/11/04	95

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Metcalf, James R.	972.771.2507	96
Sheets, Linda	97008-7533	97H

**NEW MEMBERS**

Leutzow, Brent 1105 Davis Ave. S'Milwaukee, WI 53172-1195 414.762.0410 96H  
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Respectfully Submitted,

*Roy E Norris*

FINANCIAL REPORT

1 JULY 2003 - - - 30 JUNE 2004

BEGINNING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$ 7,574.41	
CHECKING	4,480.62	
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		\$12,055.03

INCOME

DONATIONS (39)	\$ 4,266.97	
DUES - LIFE (5)	500.00	
- SUSTAINING (38)	815.00	
HISTORY BOOK SALES	788.04	
INTEREST	116.22	
N/L ASSOCIATES (9)	175.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$ 6,661.23

EXPENDITURES

ACTIVE DUTY RESERVATIONS	\$ 280.00	
NEWSLETTER	3,631.54	
POSTAGE	187.24	
REUNION 2004 SEED	1,000.00	
ROSTER	1,000.00	
SUPPLIES	141.73	
TELEPHONE	54.22	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		\$ 6,294.73

ENDING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$ 5,037.29	
CHECKING	7,384.24	
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE</b>		\$12,421.53

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roy E Norris*  
 Secretary/Treasurer

**Dues, Donations received since March,2004**

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Currier, C	95 <sup>th</sup>	03/04	Palczewski, SF	97 <sup>th</sup>	05/06
Ellison, ME	97 <sup>th</sup>	Donation	Powell, GL	97 <sup>th</sup>	04
Lewis, GL	97 <sup>th</sup>	LIFE	Russell, E	96 <sup>th</sup>	Donation
Light, EE	96 <sup>th</sup>	04/Donation	Sorensen, N	xxa	Donation
Metcalf, JR	96 <sup>th</sup>	04	Stewart, RL	97 <sup>th</sup>	03/04
Norris, RE	96 <sup>th</sup>	04	Strozier, B	96 <sup>th</sup>	03/04



## LETTERS from the MEMBERS

(Sometimes abridged)

From Bob Kirtley

95<sup>th</sup>

Sorry I've been such a poor correspondent. I'll try to do better in the future.

I often think our great adventure with the 82nd FG. I well remember those early days at Muroc, Mines Field, Eglington and side trip country called Africa. A pretty wild ride. It didn't stop there. Three years running the P-47 training at Dover, then a year trying civilian life (too dull) then a year at March, then Japan as commander 49th Fighter Group (another pretty wild bunch), then Korea for a year. After that, Armed Forces Staff College, AF Hdq. JCS, Harvard, NATO. The most thrilling and scary ride was after I retired. I ran my own company for 6 years. So much for that.

My wife and I moved to Williamsburg in 1980 and loved it. She died in 1993. About 5 years ago, I moved to a wonderful retirement community called Williamsburg Landing. (Search Google). I am in excellent health, 87 years old, playing golf at least 4 times a week and shooting my age. I weigh 149 pounds, the same as when I entered flying school in 1939. I've attached a recent picture of me and my very good friend Dana.

I've really enjoyed working with Terry on our 82nd FG web site. He has done a wonderful job—a labor of love. I'm also in touch with my old friend Jake Hendrix who kept my flying and is doing a wonderful job at the museum

Good luck to all, and best regards,

Bob Kirtley

From Monty Powers

96<sup>th</sup>

Brent is a son of Bert & Barb Luetzow

He and his brothers operate the family business with their folks

Brent spoke with me on the phone last week and  
HE IS TO BE HOST OF THE OSHKOSH - 2005 82ND REUNION.

Brent knows all the people at Oshkosh EAA and Hotel and things to do nearby..... so he will do very well..... he plans to come to San Diego Reunion in September, 2004 to present the options and his suggestions for 2005 at Oshkosh. I have mailed him a roster and some other pertinent info and he will have all that his folks and Margaret and I had collected.

Brent's info is:

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From Phil Taback

97<sup>th</sup>

At 10:04 PM 07/14/2004, ptaback wrote:

>Hi All you guys and gals,

> Haven't heard from any of you fine people in months. Hope all is >well. Sure would be nice to know what everybody is doing and how they

>are feeling. As for myself. I'm feeling OK. Full recovery from the

>automobile accident. Just had a tooth pulled and am getting over that.

>Am golfing two to three days a week. Stopped bowling because the season

>is over. I would like to hear from you all because as probably some of

>you know that Steven, Marsha and I will not be in San Diego. Sorry, It

>is our High Holidays and we have to do what we have to do. Hope to see

>you all at the next one. Pincus P. Taback

We are indebted to Frank Hurlbut for the for the article below. As a high ranking Fighter Ace, his signature is on other WWII paintings from the MILITARY GALLERY.

The result was that he could select other combat pilots to add their signatures to Bob Taylor's Paintings. A delightful trip ensued to Ojai, Calif., where, [compliments of the Military Gallery] the pilots below and their wives enjoyed several days with all the amenities at a luxurious hotel for the signing on 27 February, 04. hp

## THE SIGNATURES

### DOOLITTLE'S D-DAY

*Each print in Robert Taylor's evocative new limited edition commemorating the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, is signed by no less than FIVE top P38 fighter pilots who flew combat during the Allied Invasion of Europe 1944 - 1945.*

#### Colonel HUBERT M. CHILDRESS

Herbert Childress was posted to England, joining the 27th Photo Recon Squadron, 7th Photographic Group flying the F5 – a specially adapted photo-recon version of the P38 with cameras and no guns. Hubert flew his first combat mission on New Year's Eve 1943, and was heavily involved in many reconnaissance missions prior to D-Day. He also flew the Spitfire MkIXs on several operations. He flew 58 combat missions and later commanded the 7th Photographic Group (R).



#### Lt Colonel FRANK D. HURLBUT

Frank Hurlbut joined the National Guard in early 1940 before being activated following the Japanese Attack at Pearl Harbor. He was posted to the 82nd Fighter Group, 96th FS flying P38s in Europe. He became a P38 Ace on 10 July 1943 during a notable fighter sweep in which his Group was credited with 10 kills. Frank Hurlbut flew over 50 combat missions and scored nine confirmed victories, all in Europe, making him the second highest Ace in the 12th Air Force.



#### First Lieutenant RICHARD OSTRONIK

Joining the service at the end of 1942, Dick Ostronik was posted to the 82nd Fighter Group in Italy, in the summer of 1944, where he flew P38s with the 96th FS. Attacking targets of opportunity and strafing trains, the squadron escorted the heavy bombers that attacked aircraft factories and industrial targets, and flew defending photo-reconnaissance missions – once against a pair of Me262s. Dick flew over 30 combat missions, finishing his stint in Europe in May 1945.



#### First Lieutenant MEL ROALSVIG

Already in the Reserves, Mel Roalsvig was activated for full service in August 1941, and was posted overseas to join the 97th Fighter Squadron, 82nd Fighter Group, by then operating in Italy. Flying the P38 Lightning in it's main role of bomber escort, he also took part in dive-bombing operations in Czechoslovakia, and hitting targets of opportunity, including strafing an ammunition train which exploded, the debris seriously damaging his aircraft.



#### Colonel RICHARD WILLISIE

Joining up in 1942, Dick Willisie was posted to North Africa with the 414th Night-fighter Squadron, where he flew 31 missions on the Beaufighter. He transferred to the 96th FS, 82nd Fighter Group, flying the P38 Lightning on 82 day-missions through to the end of hostilities in Europe. He notched up a large number of ground attack victories, as well as three aerial victories in his P38 'Snake Eyes'. He later served in both Korea and Vietnam, and retired in 1974.





From Robert H. Johnson ( Top turret . Gidi Gidi Boom Boom)

Hello 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group-P 38's  
Our plane received it's name from the natives of Dakar; then French West Africa. We had noticed that they were wearing bracelets or trinkets around their necks, on their arms, ankles and where ever you could put them. Their reason was that these gave protection to them from their enemies or maladies such as snake bites, diseases and whatever. They called them, yep "gidi-gidies" Our crew decided that we were headed for trouble with the German 88 ack-ack cannons and that this might be the solution. So we promptly had them give our plane the proper induction into -- the world of gidi gidi's the promptly named it "Gidi Gidi Boom Boom" to protect us from the 88 cannons. I think it worked pretty good as we only had a few hits by flak in over 40 missions, then we were shot down by fighters on June 24<sup>th</sup>, but I think it was our fault because we were too limited in our definition of boom boom.

Say. I just wanted to thank you both so much for spending your time at my request. You guys just keep on giving. So I want you to know that we are forever in your debt. I believe it has been best said by our Group Commander of the 449<sup>th</sup>, Col. Jack Randolph. Here is his reminder to the crews of this unit ---"and lastly, I believe we must give tribute to the Fighter Groups whose dedicated and gallant pilots protected us so well on our long and hazardous journey into enemy skies. It was SO great to see them weaving overhead -- or to know that they had secured our route. Before they had the range to provide cover all the way to the target on our deepest penetrations --how we dreaded their 'Good Luck big boys, see you again on your way home' What a glorious sight it to see them waiting for us as we left that huge black cloud of flak and weaving over head as we made our way home from the target all bruised, crippled and seared !! Thanks again Fighter Boys -- We salute you!!"

Let me add for our crew; your presence, circling us as we fell to the ground -- it was as tender as a mother's love. We shall never forget you.!!

So, forever, may you spread your tender care.

Bob Johnson



Brigadier General Larry New  
Wing Commander

Olen Medley

From Olen Medley

5-7-04 Fri

Dear Wank,

I know, you don't want pictures of yourself but these are for you - if you want to publish any of them, that's OK. Sorry I don't have the name of the General or the C.O.'s wife

Bill Hayduk, Carl Cobb (Bill's bro-in-law) & I drove down to Apalachicola Saturday & had raw oysters, gumbo, etc. Was a nice, scenic drive - ate at the old hotel where Bill & his wife had stopped before.

I got back to Tulsa Sunday evening & drove on to OKC Monday after Betty's doctor appointment. Quite a lot of work had been done on the new house - still expecting it to be completed by the middle of June.

I have your squadron jacket & will mail it to you soon. Enjoyed your company while down there. Best regards Olen

Olen sent me more photos than I have room for -- I have selected two for this issue. I forgot my 96<sup>th</sup> jacket when I checked out of the room -- Olen didn't forget. Thanks Olen!

hp



Guest Speaker, Charley Pinson (96<sup>th</sup>), addresses the Reunion Assembly at Panama City.



From Jerry Cavanaugh

95<sup>th</sup>

82nd Fighter Group Assn.  
 Hank Phillips  
 3 Idlewild Court NW  
 Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

Re: Article F-38 Blackest Day 6/10/44

Dear Hank:

I was in Major Herb Phillips Flight. He was the 95th squadron commander. I was tailend Charlie Herb, s wing man was (I'm guessing) Chuck Elberti or Frank Hanlon or Dan Wiley or Roberts. The element leader was Collins. As Dick Willsie described it, "It was as though the roof fell in on us." My impression was like a Dodge car amusement ride. As we started our climb the enemy A/C were making headon passes at us. We were suppose to climb to 10,000 ft. But as we approached the target area the smoke thickened and the flack was heavy, we could barely see through the smoke, what appeared to be our target (the cracking unit) Collins peeled off to the right, and I followed into the smoke we were at 6000 ft we dropped our bombs and leveled out in the smoke, and headed southwest. Shortly thereafter, we spotted a lone P-38 on one engine (it was Chuck Adams). We pulled along side of him, we were down on the deck we saw enemy aircraft overhead, but they must not have seen us. When we got to the Adriatic Chuck opted to land at Bari. Collins and I continued up the coast to Foggia. My crew chief said later I must have had about 30 gal. of fuel left.

Again to quote Dick (some bright guy) at headquarters thought up the idea of a dive bombing mission at a rolest. In my opinion he could have qualified for a section eight.

*Jerry Cavanaugh*

From Rex Ortman

96<sup>th</sup>

Hi: Hank.

13. Apr. 04

I am a life member of the 82nd and I was in the 96. Sqdn from Calif to the finish. I attended some of the reunion. But now my wife is in a nursing home. she has alzheimer. so as long as she is living my traveling days are over and now I am money. so with all my problem would you please change my address on the reunion letter and on the roster and any thing else that needs it. and I Thank you. still miss all the boys.

REX ORTMANN

From Guy Otto

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Hi Hank,

This is Guy Otto getting into the modern world.

I now have an E-mail address to add to the unit list.

I thought that the following might be of interest: I am also a member of the 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Association, in this case postwar. This is the first few sentences from their latest newsletter:

"The Reunion at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks was a successful gathering of members and guests, but unfortunately our President Leo Battista was called to a higher glory.---

Leo's agenda consisted of a Memorial Service at the Connecticut Air National Guard Base for members who have gone to a greater place, -- On the agenda was lunch and a walk through the Air National Guard Museum. We all sat down to our lunches when Leo started his journey into the 'Wild Blue Yonder'. People with medical experience tried their best to revive Leo, but he died on the way to the hospital."

What a coincidence, but thankfully our reunions have had no such unhappy endings.

Guy

From Patricia Johnson

95<sup>th</sup>

HELLO, MY NAME IS PATRICIA JOHNSON. MY FATHER IS BURL JOHNSON. I AM WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY FATHER PASSED AWAY IN FEBURARY OF THIS YEAR. MY SELF, MY CHILDREN AND SOME OF MY DEAREST FRIEND'S HAVE ALL HEARD SO MANY OF THE GREAT STORIES FOR YEARS ABOUT THE 82 FIGHTER SQUADRAN. BOTH OF MY PARENTS HAVE ALWAYS TALKED SO HIGHLY OF THIS GROUP ALONG WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT WERE AT THE FUNCTIONS. MY FATHER WAS PROUD TO BE A PART OF YOU AND WAS PROUD OF ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT SERVE THIS COUNTRY. I DO HAVE TO TELL YOU MY MOTHER WAS ALWAYS SO IMPRESSED AT HOW GOOD ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TO THEM AND OF COURSE MY MOTHER'S FAVORITE WAS TO SEE MR. BONES. WHETHER DRESSED IN TIE AND TOP HAT FOR DINNER OR WITH A BEER UNDER A TREE, I DO REGRET THAT I DID NOT GET TO MEET MR. BONES. I HEARD ABOUT ALL OF THE PRANKS THAT WERE PLAYED, SUCH AS BEING LEFT IN SOMEONE'S BATH TUB, ECT.

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER ALL OF THE STORIES DAD TOLD ABOUT HIS SERVICE TIME. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF FRIENDS COMPILING ALL OF THE STORIES THAT THEY CAN REMEMBER SO THAT MY SON AND DAUGHTER CAN SHARE THEM WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

MY DAD LIVED A LONG AND GOOD LIFE, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MYSELF, A GRANDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER, AND HIS 1<sup>ST</sup> GREAT GRANDSON (THAT WAS BORN LAST YEAR ON HIS BIRTHDAY), AND NAMED AFTER BURL'S FATHER. THAT WAS A GREAT GIFT.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND THE BULLITONS AND FLYERS, I DO ENJOY READING THEM AND I AM COMPILING THEM FOR FUTHER GENERATIONS. I KNOW THERE IS AN EXPENSE TO SENDING THESE, SO IF YOU NEED A DONATION IN MY FATHER'S MEMORY I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE ONE.

PLEASE EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL OF THE GREAT STORIES AND TELL EVERYONE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SHARE THEM, WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

THANK YOU,

PATRICIA JOHNSON  
 FLORENCE JOHNSON-WIFE  
 JUSTIN KLUG- GRANDSON  
 KARA KLUG-GRANDDAUGHTER  
 NATHANIEL KLUG-GREAT GRANDSON



Douglas Kibbey Evans (born September 1925) Major, USAF (retired) passed away in his sleep July 13, 2004 at Hope Hospice in Ft Myers, Florida. His final approach ended a full and eventful life that left no regrets of omission. Doug enlisted in Aviation Cadet School in 1943 right out of high school. He received his wings as a Flight Officer in 1945. Too late to see combat in WWII, he more than made up for that in Korea and Vietnam. In Korea, Doug flew F-86 Sabres in the 336<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, flying 100 combat missions, where he received the DFC for two confirmed aerial victories. In Vietnam he initiated the Forward Air Controller program, becoming the first USAF FAC, flying in combat areas in the L-19/O-1 with a Vietnamese Air Force squadron. Doug also served in the Air National Guard and separate tours of duty with the Navy, flying off carriers, and Marine Corps, flying Crusaders. His last military duty was in TAC at Eglin AFB, retiring in 1968 after 25 years of service. A lover of flight, Doug continued to fly after retirement in jobs requiring low level flying for crop dusting and forestry fire patrol, any excuse to fly three feet off the ground and upside down, always living up to his nickname, Wildman Evans.

Having fulfilled all his boyhood dreams, his dreams now return him to his most memorable times with friends and family who have gone before him. Doug's ashes will be buried at Arlington to be with his father (Francis T. Evans, USMC), mother (Elizabeth) and brother (Francis T. Evans, Jr, USAF). He leaves behind a life of adventure and example for his wife, five children and six grand-children. Thanks dad and don't forget to put your wheels down. Happy landings.

*Doug was a post-war member of the 95<sup>th</sup> and the author of 'Sabre Jets over Korea'; a fine book!* hp



## KOREA

### Douglas K. Evans Mig-Killer and Author

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

I am writing to you on the request of my father, Paul Harman. I regret to inform you that my mother, Arky Harman, passed away on April 22, 2004. My mother always enjoyed going to the reunions. She often spoke of the men that my father served with. I have enclosed a copy of the obituary and request that it be placed in the next newsletter. May God bless you all and watch over you.

Respectfully,

Steven P. Harman

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### Arvilla M. Harman

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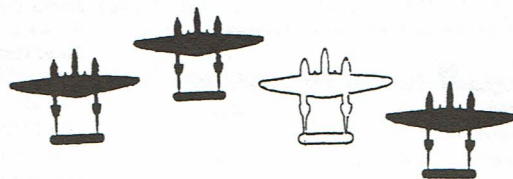
Arvilla M. "Arkie" Harman, age 82, of Lower Paxton Twp., formerly of Millsboro, DE, died Thursday at the Harrisburg Hospital.

She was born March 20, 1922 in Harrisburg, the daughter of the late William and Cora Gettys Grau.

She was retired from Sears in Colonial Park; was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lower Paxton Twp.; member of AARP; and American Homeowners. She was a machinist at Olmsted Air Base in Middletown, during World War II and was a graduate of John Harris High School.

She is survived by her husband, A. Paul Harman; her son, Steven P. Harman of Lower Paxton Twp.; and her brother, Richard Grau of York. She was predeceased by a son, Robert P. Harman.

## FLY BY of HONOR



### Missing plane formation for recently departed Heroes and Courageous Ladies of the 82<sup>nd</sup>.

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Thomas D. Hodgson				14 Jan., 86		95 <sup>th</sup>
Edward Gonzalez				12 Aug., 03		97 <sup>th</sup>
Burl Johnson				06 Feb., 04		95 <sup>th</sup>
James M. Ross				05 Mar., 04		97 <sup>th</sup>
Lee Ray Huggins				13 Mar., 04		95 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas H. Jones				11 Apr., 04		95 <sup>th</sup>
Arvilla 'Arkie' Harman [Paul]				22 Apr., 04		96 <sup>th</sup>
Robert M. Gongs				13 May, 04		96 <sup>th</sup>
Douglas K. Evans				13 Jul., 04		95A
George Marvin				22 July., 04		97 <sup>th</sup>

### From Lisa Jones-Moore

Thomas Herndon Jones was 87 years young, and enjoyed every minute of his life. Born in 1916 in Sturgis, KY, to George and Allie Jones. Tom enjoyed riding motorcycles and flying. As a young man, he joined the U.S. Air Force, and was shipped to Texas for pilot training. When WWII broke out, he and his brother, George Jr., both answered 'the call'. He flew his full quota of missions with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group. When the war ended, he was stationed in Trieste, Italy, as a liaison officer. After returning from Europe, he was instrumental in opening the Richards Gabar Air Force base in Kansas City, Mo. It was there that he met his future wife of 22 years, Marilyn.

After the birth of their only child, Lisa, they were stationed in the Phillipines and Duluth, MI. Tom retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1965, and moved to Colorado Springs, Co., with his family. Next to flying, his other 'first loves' were hunting, fishing, tennis, hiking, skiing and camping with his daughter. There, in the Colorado Rockies, they shared many outdoor adventures together.

Tom is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Rolf Jones-Moore, and grandchildren Jennifer and Thomas, of Lynnwood, Wa. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Bettye and Bob Mayberry, nephew Tom Mayberry and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn and his brother, George Jones and nephew, Mike Mayberry.

One of Tom's favorite quotes was, "I have dined sufficiently". Yes, we believe he has...and he will be missed by so many.



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## Changes since the last newsletter

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Aceves		new listing		95H
Bardwell		new listing		96H
Embrey		new listing		95H
Fuereder		address change		xxa
Gadbury	temp. Arizona address			97th
Leutzow		new listing		96H
Massick		address change		95H
Morgan		address change		97H
Norris		address change		96th
Olson		address change		95th
Otto		new listing		97th
Pinson		removed		96th
Rockey		new listing		95H
Ryland	back to original address			95th
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Note:

\* Ltr.A after Sqn denotes post-war member.  
Members wishing to add their names to the above,  
notify Hank Phillips or Chuck Luke  
{ E-mail preferred }

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**Hello Everyone,**

**Another 'fantastic' month for the 82nd FG website, during the month of July.**

**July visitors number were: 6,196 (almost another 'new' record, missed it by 46).**

**Grand total of visitors to the 82nd FG website: 63,723**

**We should be over 70,000 visitors, by the time we get to the REUNION.**

**Before I get to some of the additional July updates.**

**I want to remind everyone, ANYTHING and EVERYTHING, is needed for the website: Photos/Photo Negatives, Travel & Promotion Rosters, Reports, Logbooks, Diaries, Letters, Newspaper/Magazine Articles, Gun Camera Film, ETC. It is ALL needed and wanted. No matter how unimportant it may look or its quality. It is ALL important.**

**Just contact me and we'll figure out how to get the information to me.**

**If you don't have a computer to see the 82nd FG website, talk to a family member, a friend, go to your local library - it's FREE. Just type in, '82nd Fighter Group'.**

**For the 82nd FG members that will be coming to the REUNION. PLEASE bring your items with you. Be sure to pack/put your items, in your 'carry on' bag.**

**During the month of July:**

**The 82nd FG, received a 'Thank You' Letter from Robert H. Johnson, 449thBG/717thBS. The B-24 he was in, was shot down on 6/24/44 and the 82nd FG covered the crew members as they floated down after bailing out. Robert also sent us some other great items, including a photo of the crew members. All of Robert's correspondence is listed at the 6/24/44 - Mission The 97th FTS, is working on the 'History of the 97th FS'. So, we need ALL the 97th items we can get.**

**42, 43, & half of 44, 'Luftwaffe Information' is now listed at the 'This Week' section. The remainder of 44 will be coming in the future. At this time, there is no 45 information available. Our THANKS to, Tony Woods, for letting the 82nd FG website, use his valuable work.**

**Monthly summaries for: Feb., Mar., Apr., May., Jun., & Jul., 1945 will be downloaded to the website by Aug. 10th.**

**The 82nd FG website, August monthly report, will be the first week of Sept.**

**As Always,**

**Terry & Cindy/95th-H**



**82<sup>ND</sup> FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**22 TO 26 SEPTEMBER 2004**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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**Wednesday Sept.,22**

Early arrivals

Registration in Hospitality Room. [Room #1131 ]

Golfers meeting .[ check Bulletin Board in Hospitality Room for time/place ]

**Thursday Sept.,23**

8 a.m. Golfers depart for Cottonwood Golf Club.

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room.

On your own visit Old Town and or Fashion Valley Shopping Center.

Transportation via complimentary hotel shuttle.

*Fashion Valley consists of Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks, Macy's, Penny's and Robinson May; plus 200 other stores and restaurants.*

4 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

5 p.m. Welcome Reception. United States Marine Corps Band Concert [ Pool area.]

6 p.m. Pizza Party.

**Friday Sept.,24**

8 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room.

9:45 Bus departs for Aerospace Museum and adjacent Balboa Park Art Museum. Lunch at Hams Lighthouse Restaurant.

3 p.m. Return to Hotel.

6 p.m. Cocktail Reception. [cash bar]

6:30 to 10:30, Banquet Dinner and Dancing.

**Saturday Sept.,25**

8 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room.

9 a.m. General Membership meeting. [ Room to be announced]

Ladies meet in Hospitality Room for Old Town Trolley Tour information. {This is a narrated tour with 7 stops: Cruise Ship Terminal, Seaport Village, Marriott Marina, Horton Plaza, Coronado Island, Zoo and Balboa Park.}

Pick-up at Hotel to Old Town, where tour starts and ends. Get on and off all day, or stay on for the continuous 2-hour tour.

Evening on your own.

**Sunday Sept.,26**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Champagne Brunch at Islands Restaurant in Hotel.

Farewells and good-byes.

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**A reminder from Sylvia and Dick Ostronik (96<sup>th</sup>).**

1/ **CUT-OFF DATE** for Red Lion Hanalei Hotel reservations at the discount price is **10 Sept.** Later reservations will be at the regular price. { Please pass this info on to your 82<sup>nd</sup> FG Friends.)

2/ Also, do not forget your **NAME TAGS** while packing for the Reunion.

3/ Ladies who are previous 82<sup>nd</sup> FG Reunion Hostesses are requested to bring their **HOSTESS MEDALIONS** for group photos, recognition, etc. Fresh ribbon will be available.



**PLEASE SEND BY 30, APRIL**

**Statement of Intent**

**82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Reunion, 22-26 September, 2004**

**San Diego, California**

**Red Lion Hanalei Hotel --2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108**

**For Hotel Reservations: Call Toll Free 1(800) 882-0858**

**Ask for 82<sup>nd</sup> FG Association Reunion Group Rate of \$ 99.00 incl. Tax.**

**Special Rates apply 2 days before and after the Reunion.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

I /we plan to stay at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Other location \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel will be by Air \_\_\_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_\_\_ RV \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht \_\_\_\_\_ Train \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Activities of Interest to me/us:** *State the number of people for each selection below*

**Thurs: am, Golf \_\_\_\_\_, pm Casual Welcoming Pizza Night** around the pool, while enjoying the Marine Band\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri: All day Old Town Trolley Tour \_\_\_\_\_** (( Members can drop off on their own, or remain on for the complete tour )).

**" Banquet Dinner & Dancing (Friday night) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sat: San Diego's Air and Space Museum, Incl. Lunch\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ or Art Museum Incl. Lunch\*\* \_\_\_\_\_** (Select one only)

**Sun: Sunday Morning Polynesian Brunch\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_**

I volunteer to help with: Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Bartending \_\_\_\_\_ Auto Errands \_\_\_\_\_ As needed \_\_\_\_\_

\* Marine Band is tentative at this early date.

\*\* This lunch is with a beautiful ocean view at the Lighthouse Restaurant.

\*\*\* Highly recommended.

Save top copy and mail bottom copy to: **Roy Norris, 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224**

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