

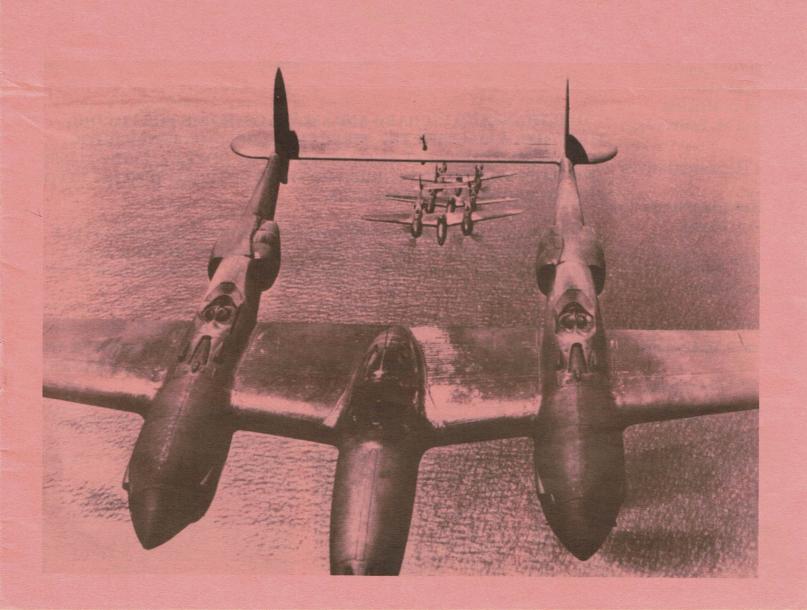
NEWSLETTER

November 27, 2004

ISSUE 62

SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Photos of the 82nd FG's San Diego Reunion Previews of coming Oshkosh Reunion Update on the 82nd FG's Web Site..



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Our President and First Lady Don Regina

OUR THANKS TO RICHARD AND SYLVIA OSTRONIK FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A MAGNIFICENT, FIRST CLASS, REUNION IN SAN DIEGO.

SPECIAL MENTION MUST BE MADE TO KATHY ROCKEY, CINDY MASSICK AND MARY WINES-BUONAGUIDI FOR THEIR UNTIRING SUPPORT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE REUNION.

OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTSTHE PRESENTATION OF THE DOOLITTLE D-DAY P-38" LITHO TO THE SAN DIEGO AEROSPACE MUSEUM WAS A GREAT IDEA. WE NOW HAVE A P-38 ON DISPLAY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ON THE WALL.

THE WEB SITE IS GOING GREAT WITH NO END IN SIGHT.
MEMORABILIA RECENTLY ADDED BY TERRY IS VERY IMPRESSIVE AND
OUR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM IS PROOF OF ITS SUCCESS; THANKS TO
ALL.

OUR ATTENTION NOW TURNS TO OSHKOSH FOR 2005. POINT MAN, BRENT LUETZOW HAS A TIGHT GRIP ON THE LIKES AND DISLIKES OF OUR FIGHTER GROUP AND IS FORGING AHEAD FOR ANOTHER GREAT EVENT. SEE YOU THERE.

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

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

Current Sustaining dues - \$20 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

ROY SAYS: DUES PAID BEFORE 1 JANUARY, O5 WILL REMAIN AT \$ 15.00

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The very successful Reunion 2004, San Diego, CA accomplished a fine program and financially a profit. Chairpersons Dick and Sylvia Ostronik are to be applauded by the 82nd Assn. membership in attendance. The Hospitality Room was in constant readiness for all comers, thanks To Terry and Cindy Massick.

Letters of appreciation have been mailed to the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel personnel and the various other people who the Ostroniks noted as being very helpful in attaining schedules, programs and materials.

The 82nd Assn. membership has been informed of the Reunion 2005 to be located in Oshkosh, WI, Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 2005. Chaired by Brent Luetzow, son of Albert Luetzow of the 96th.

The 82nd Assn. annual dues have been voted to be \$20.00. There are many LIFE paid members who donate funds each year.

The total finances as of November 1, 2004 are \$17,085.67. This includes the Reunion 2004 seed money and profit from Reunion 2004. The membership Roster expense is still outstanding. There have been many changes due to deceased members and increased Honorary members.

Respectfully Submitted,

REUNION 2004, SAN DIEGO, CA Financial Statement

BEGINNING ON HAND

RECEIPTS	
82nd Assn. Seed Money	\$ 1,000.00
Ben Mason - Roses	65.00
Donation - Michele Kinsman	1,000.00
For G. Marvin	
Hospitality Room - Donations	151.00
Mouse Pad Sales	120.00
Refund - Trolley Tickets	140.00
Registration - Reunion	14,893.00
Tee Shirt Sales	480.00
Funds Generated From Reunion	1,062.37
Total Receipts	\$18,911.37
PAYMENTS	

Ī	Atomic Tee Shirts \$	754.00
	Banquet	4,685.80
	Bill Bertie Band	600.00
	" " Tape	20.00
	Friday Lunch	1,573.00
	Hanging Name Tags	54.00
	Hospitality Room & Continental BKFT	680.23
	Hotel Brunch (Sunday)	1,276.80
	Kathey Rockey - Cosco	175.00
	Model P-38 Aircraft	135.00
	New York Pizza	570.00
	Old Town Trolley	1,900.00
	Plastic Red Bags (For Tee Shirts)	22.00
	Refunds (9)	1,000.00
	San Diego Air Museum	364.00
	" " Art Museum	42.00
	Sundance Stage Lines	778.00
	82nd Assn. Postage/Supplies	480.44

ENDING BALANCE ON HAND

Chairman-FSA Federal Credit Union \$ 3,543.54
82nd FTR. GRP. ASSN. 5/3rd Bank
Total Ending Balance \$ 4,236.66

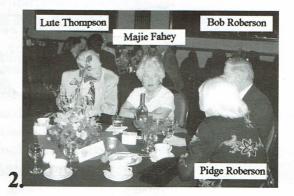
Transferred to 82nd Assn. Seed Money\$ 1,000.00
"""" Profit 3,236.66

Total Payments

Respectfully Submitted, 1909 & Maria Segretary/Treasurer







Letters from the Members

From Rosalind Roy

96H

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I am writing you in regards to my father, Master Sergeant Ellis P. Roy. I regret to inform you that he passed away two months ago in Atlanta, Ga. on July 14, 2004. He died of a long fight with Alzheimer's disease for the past 7 years. My brother, Sgt. James P. Roy, USAF (ret) and myself were with him when he died. He was buried near Keesler AFB, where he and my brother had both served; at Biloxi National Cemetery with my mother who passed 10 years ago.

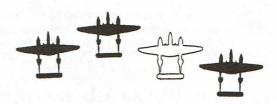
My father was always proud of being in the 82nd Fighter Group and was my best teacher of patriotism, sacrifice and loyalty. I will always remember how I was raised as a military brat my first years and how brave and giving Dad was to everything in his life. Please say a prayer for my father and how much serving his country meant to him.

Sincerely,

Rosalind D. Roy M.S., CADC

From Mary Ryland

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Missing plane formation for recently departed Heroes and Courageous Ladies of the 82nd.

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Al Du			May	y, or June	e,04	97th	
Ellis I	P. Roy			14 July	v,04	96 th	
Oscar	B. Poindex	ter		26 Jul.	, 04	97th	

Here in our latest mind-tester! Amazing, huch? In From G

97H

*INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOUR MIND **

Don't delete this because it looks weird. Believe it or not you * *can read it. *

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96th From Irving Swenson

Dear Hank. It and you to know I really enjoy getting the 82 nd fighter group news, and do want to keep getting it.

The moved a year ago from I loude to mm. this is my new address. Mr. Irving M. Swenson
614 3rd 91. 58
Perham, Mt 55573-1918
218. 344. 4674 The can not make it to dan bligge hope to get to a reunion again in the new guture.

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Oscar Burton Poindexter jr., 83, of Advance, NC, passed away Monday, July 26, 2004 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. He was born in Forsyth County, NC, May 20, 1921 to the late Oscar Burton and Mattie Shutt Poindexter and grew up in Advance, NC. As a boy he has an avid interest in radio and electronics.

Upon graduation from Shady Grove High School, he obtained a job with A.K. Sutton in Charlotte, NC, who had an area franchise for the distribution and sale of Philos electronic products. He enrolled in a nine month program in the electronic and communication field sponsored by the government and attached to North Carolina State College in Raleigh. He graduated with a commercial license in communications from the Federal Communication Commission. Shortly thereafter he volunteered for service in the USAAF. With his knowledge and skills in the communications field, he was assigned to the 82nd Fighter group, 97th Squadron with which group he remained throughout the war.

One September 9, 1945 he married the late Ruth Lettie Bowden, with whom he reared a family of four sons. In 1946, he became a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, from which he retired in 1972. His retirement years were filled with gardening, involvement with his church, and amateur "Ham" radio.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Ruth Bowden Poindexter, who passed away on April 14,2004. He is survived by four sons; Donald M. Poindexter, Richard B. Poindexter, Gene H. Poindexter, and J.Gordon Poindexter, all of NC

From Glendor McAdams

Hank.

I talked to Tom Carhart yesterday. Tom and Mae have been residing for the past year or so in an Assisted Living facility. They seemed to be happier there than keeping house - enough of cooking and washing dishes!

However, Mae's health has deteriorated and recently she had to be moved into a Nursing Home. Tom continues to reside in the Assisted Living place. He tells me that his health is not too good, but he sounds plenty sharp on the phone. He is 87.

Carharts address has changed from that currently listed in the roster

Thomas Carhart 130 University Drive, No. 109

Amherst MA 01002

Tel: 413-549-6325 (I advised Chuck Luke for 2004 roster coming soon)

I am sure Tom would appreciate any and all calls or notes from his old pals in the 82 FG.

Best regards, Glendor McAdams

I'm glad so many of you were able to share my beautiful city with me. My father was stationed here in 1943, after he returned from Africa. He liked it so much, he said he would retire here. That's just what my parents (Bill and Martha Schildt) did in 1960, and I'm glad

they did.

Dick, Sylvia, and I had a good time planning the reunion over this past year. We hope that the activities we choose for you were fun. Judging from the comments we received, it sounds like we did. I heard great things about the Marine Band, the Old Town Trolley Tour, the Midway, the Friday night banquet, and that wonderful brunch with the chocolate fountain!

That hotel was a good choice Dick, and the weather cooperated too.

Being a second generation member of the 82nd, I was especially glad to see more of my generation here. This is only my fourth reunion, but each year, I get to know more of you. You need to encourage more of your sons and daughters to join our group. If you grow up with P-38s, it's in your blood! As honorary members, we are not now paying dues. We need to start paying annual dues of \$15 so we can keep the news letter going. Thanks Hank. Just mail him your check.

I am really impressed with all the work that Terry Massick is doing to preserve our history. Many of the pictures and documents are irreplaceable, and he's getting them onto discs to preserve them forever. Our web site grows daily. I'm so proud of my father and all of you for what you did during the war. I don't ever want the world to forget your

contributions.

A special thanks to Cindy Massick for her help at this reunion. She had your coffee and breakfast ready for you every morning, and was always there if you needed anything else. Thanks Cindy.

It was my pleasure to have helped with this reunion. See you all in Oshkosh. Kathy Rockey

From Aido Buonaguidi 97th

1st Lt. Aido Buonaguidi, 82nd Ftr. Grp., 97th Ftr. Squadron flew 38 missions out of Vincenzo Airport in Foggia, Italy between Oct. '44 & May 8th 1945. Aido says, "Fortunately I never had to bail out." BUT, on his 80th birthday 8/25/04 he decided to celebrate by jumping out of an airplane @ 15,000 feet.

He invited all of the 11 other related Buonaguidis to join him at his expense. Only two could make it on that day; his son Matt, and his grandson Darren. They boarded the plane at Marina, Calif. And at 15,000 feet, Matt and Darren saw dad/grandpa bail out. Aido free fell for 10,000 feet, then pulled the ripcord, floated to earth and landed on his feet standing up. Then with eyes to the sky watched Matt descend and land on the same spot. AND THEN, Aido & Matt watched Darren descend and land on the same spot. Aido called it "The most memorable experience indefinable with words"

To memorialize the day, Aido had 12 T-shirts made with the inscription, "8/25/04 3 generations of Buonaguidis fell out of the sky today" (on the back), and 3 parachutists with names on the open chutes and corresponding ages on the chest (i.e.) Aido 80, Matt 40, Darren 19 (on the FRONT SIDE)

Aido was a Teacher of Mathematics in Glendale, Calif. for 45 years. He retired in 1995 and is still physically active; biking, roller-bladding, golfing (won a Bronze Medal in the Senior Olympics this past June and got the lowest score at the 82nd Ftr. Grp. Golf tournament in San Diego, Ca. this September).

Aido is a charter member of the National P-38 Association.

On 9/11/04 Aido had the honor of participating in the first wedding of his 4 children; two daughters, Cheri and Judi and two sons, Marc and Matt. Marc married Mary Wines in the Historic Old Town Chapel in San Diego, Calif. Aido's two daughters and granddaughter (Chelsea) were bridesmaids, and his son and grandson (Darren) were ushers. AND, Mary's son Jeffrey was ring bearer.

Another memorable occasion.

San Diego Reunion Celebrants, AD 2004

Table One

Dick and Sylvia Ostronik { Hosts } 96th Terry and Cindy Massick 95th 97th Mel and Lois Roalsvig Howard Warne Wolfgang and Brenda Asmus

Cmdr. 97th FTSqn.



Table Two

Kathy Rockey {Co-Hostess}	95H
Don and Regina Foley	97 th
Aido Buonaguidi	97th
Mark and Mary* Buonaguidi	97H
Jeffrey Wines	Gues
Jack Walker	97 th
*Formerly Mary Wines,	
now Mark's new bri	de!



Table Three

Roy and Jo Ann Norris	96 th
"Chip" Norris [son]	96H
Betty Willenberg[Roy's sister]	Guest
Gene & Jane Ames [Betty's	dau &
son-	in-law]

Christian Ames [dau] [dau] Jennifer Harman Mathew Guest

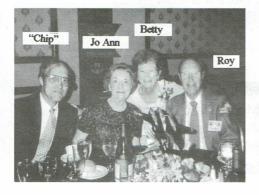




Table Four

Ben Mason	Hq
Aida Reinarz	HqH
Bill and Pam Mason	HqH
Kathy Mc Colley	Guest
Trudy Ophus	Guest
Charley Pinson	96 th
Roger Hesse	97H



Lola Giertz	95H
Bill Bean	95 th
Olen Medley	95 th
Nancy Medley Manduano [d	au.] 95H
Ben Stewart	Guest
Earl Breiner	Guest
Will Hattendorf	95 th
Delia Fine [Dau,]	95H

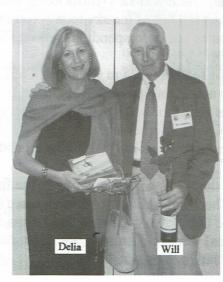


Table Six

97 th
97th
97H
97H
97 th
Guest



Table Seven

Buddy Strozier	96 th
Jim Monyhan	96 th
Raquel Buckles	96H
Leo Fisher	6 th
Nona Isaacson	96H
Bernise Craft	95 th
Cheryl Craft Northcutt [dau.]	95H
Clayton Northcutt [grandson]	95H



Table Eight

John and Frances Kane	96 th
Randy and Ginny Potter	Guests
Hank and Marlene Phillips	96 th
Georg and Lilo Fuereder	xxa



Table Nine ********

Link and Midge Jones	96 th
Bob and Pidge Roberson	-
	xxa
Robin and Mary Hansen [1stFG]	
Lute Thompson	96 th
Majie Fahey	Guest

Table Ten

G.T. and Rusty Lewis 97th
James Lewis [son] 97H
Larry & Cindy Lewis [son & dau-in-law]
Bob and Kathy Priest 95th
Becky Daniels 95H



Table Eleven

Monty and Margaret Powers Del and Mary Ryland Brent and Nancy Luetzow George Rivest Grace Davidson

Ryland 95th
cy Luetzow 96H
97th
n Guest

95th



Table Twelve

Meredith Embrey Clark & Paddee Embrey 95H

[son & dau-in-law]
Colin & Sheryl Embrey " "
Chad & Sabrina Embrey " "





Table Thirteen

G.L. Powell 97th
Nan Conner Guest
Steven & Peggy Powell

[son & dau-in-law]
Bob & Helen Wright 97th



Table Fourteen

Bob and Pat Carpenter 97th
Fern Morgan 97H
Jane Henley 97H
Blythe Pratt 97H
Brian & Linda Sheets [son-in-law & dau.]
Richard Kenny 95th

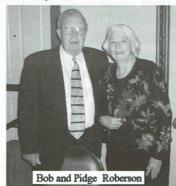




Table Fifteen

Bill and Delores Blurock 95th
Peter and Irene Kennedy 95th
Bill and Audrey Barr 95th
Norman and Virginia Sorensen xxa

Table Sixteen

Chuck and Judy Luke Mac and Meg McAdams Dick and Marilyn Paul Gene and Phyllis Sidwell

Meg

Guests 95th

97th

Table Seventeen

Gene and Bettye Russell
Derral & Sharon Russell
[son & dau-in-law]96H
Hugh and Lucille O'Brien 95th
Nancy Isham [dau] 95H
Stanley Palczewski 97th

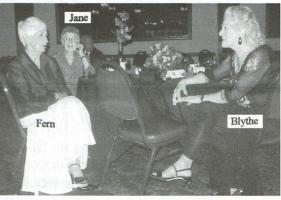
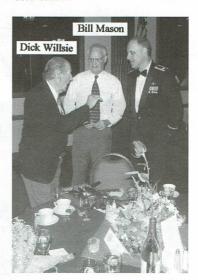


Table Eighteen

Frank and Connie Hurlbut 96th
Dick Willsie 96th
Steve Blake xxa
Sandra Baker Guest
Fred Graham 96th



Here's an interesting e-mail and I will copy you Dad's response in the near future. Thought you might use it in the newsletter.

From Bill Mason

Bill

Forwarded Message: -

From: Melinte Dan

To:

Subject: Color profile for P38 "Billy Boy" and true story for Mason victories on june, 10.

Date: Tue, 22 Jun 2004 15:10:35 +0000

Hi William (alias Billy Boy), I' m aviation history fan from Romania. A few years ago i start research for "June 10. '44 attack mission on Ploesti". I wrote an article about this in an romanian aviation magazine where a color profile of P-38 Billy Boy (attached files) was posted among others. As for the victories of Col. Mason on this mission based on research from Romanian Military Archiv and Mason story (Adorimini source) I found this: The damage transport plane on airfield south Ploesti was in fact an Lockeed-10 Electra from "LARES"(romanian civil company) located on Boteni airfield (50 miles NW of Bucharest). The Me-110 destroyed on airfield 200miles west of Bucharest was in fact an Messerschmitt Bf-110 F from 12th sq. NJG IV (night fighter squadron) flown by romanian crew Lt. Simion Ion -pilot and Sgt. Octavian - gunner. Because their airfield Otopeni (south Ploesti) was under attack, the crew take the decision to land on Craiova airfield (200 miles west of Bucharest) After been attacked by P-38 Lightings (sic!) the Bf-110 crashed on the airfield but the crew was only wounded.

So the funny thing is that Col.Mason victories were not germans but an american (build)

plane and an romanian flown Bf-110 F night fighter.

96th

I am in contact with a romanian ex. Bf-109 pilot Marinciu Ion who live in Bucharest and was credited with one P-38 on june,10 near Giulesti airfield (NW Bucharest) and I am friend with General Ion Dobran (ex Bf-109 pilot in 9 FG) who witnessed the crash landing of Col.Litton P-38 " Lucky Lady" on Tecuci airfield on august 4.

If you and your father would be interested to know more from romanian point of view for this (

june, 10) and other missions over Romania in summer '44 i will be glad to answer.

I like if you can sent to me pictures with Col Mason and his plane (higher resolution) i would appreciate your effort.

Best regards,

Dan Melinte Bucharest, Romania.







In the December issue (Volume 40) of Air Classic Magazine, there is a 2005 Calendar with a cover picture of the Glacier Girl. Also a picture for November 2005 is the P-38 Porky 11. Thought this might be of interest too all.

Kathy Rockey

Hank Phillips

Hello Everyone.

Lots of NEWS to tell you. Hopefully, Hank won't have to 'downsize' this to get it all in the NEWSLETTER. But, if he does, grab your magnifying glass. My magnifying glass, sits beside my computer!!!

By the time you receive this NEWSLETTER, the, 82nd FG website, will have celebrated its, 2nd Anniversary, at the end of November. In 2 years, well over - 87,000 visitors from over 100 countries, have visited the 82nd FG website.

US and Foreign education institutions - universities, colleges, high schools, grade schools. US and Foreign government offices, such as the, Pentagon, National Archives. US and Foreign Archivists, Researchers, & Historians.

At present, 8/25/04, holds the record for 1 day visitors - 351. June 04, holds the record for monthly visitors - 6,241. BUT, November 04, is on track to set a 'NEW' monthly record, for visitors.

Family members of the following, 82nd FG members, are seeking information. If you can be of assistance, please contact me. 95th - 2nd Lt. Elbert 'Cotton' Creech/KIA 8/17/144, 2nd Lt. Charles R. Curran/KIA 4/29/43, 1st Lt. Clifford V. Lord/KIA 4/6/44, Cpl. Marion Mark, Capt. T.H. McArthur/KFA 5/3/43, F/O John J. Netzer - KIA 7/9/43. 96th - 2nd Lt. Harrel B. Helton/KIA 1/7/43, 2nd Lt. Howell B. Coates/KIA 4/28/43. 97th - 2nd Lt. Jack Washburn/KIA 2/21/43.

Congratulations to Sylvia and Dick on the San Diego REUNION. Cindy and I were very glad, that we were able to assist, Sylvia and Dick during the REUNION. And, we are, VERY proud and honored, to be a part of the 82nd FG Family.

Late this summer, communications were received from an Italian researcher. Merrill Adelson/96th, had been given a 'probable' on the shoot down of a, Mc202. I compared the 82nd FG records, with the Italian records, as the Italian records show the, Mc202, was a 'confirmed' loss. The crash site was excavated in early October. I will be submitting a detailed report to official offices/personnel, to see that, Merrill is given credit for the shoot down, which will make him an, Ace. I recently spoke with Merrill. He had just returned home from a lengthy stay in the hospital and is getting back to a normal routine. I also learned, that, Merrill was stationed at, Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th.

Which brings me to the next item. At present, there are 4 members of the 82nd FG, that have not received awards, that, they were suppose to have received. I am going to use a different 'official' approach, to get the awards, for our members. If, you have an award coming and never received it, please contact me, as soon as possible.





TWO LOVELY FIRST LADIES Mary, First Ftr. Gp.-Regina, 82nd Ftr. Gp.





At the San Diego business meeting, a vote was taken and passed, to sell me the publishing rights to, ADORIMINI. If all goes well, ADORIMINI - III, will be published next spring. If you know of any 'corrections' that need to be made, before, we publish again. Please contact me or Steve Blake with the correct information. Steve and I have been discussing, NEW information additions, for the next printing. The 82nd FG Exec. Board and the 82nd FG Website Exec... Board will approve the additions, before, ADORIMINI - III, goes to print.

Recently I was contacted by a gentleman, that was assisting in settling the estate of, Bryce Henricks/96th & Mrs. Henricks. The most important items were, 3 photo albums of 82nd FG in Italy and a Scott Field graduation book. There was no way, I could let these, 3 valuable and important photo albums of 82nd FG history, go to, 'who knows where, in the world'. I was bidding against other people and THANKFULLY, I was successful, in winning, the auction. The 3 photo albums will remain in the 82nd FG family and will be loaded to the 82nd FG website, at the, Bryce Henricks - 96th Photo Section.

I have added a special 'secure' section to the 82nd FG website. NEWSBRIEFS, requires a: 'username and password', to access the section. NEWSBRIEFS, is for, 82nd FG family members, ONLY. Birthdays, anniversarys, trips/travel time, new cars, new houses, any NEWS that you would like to pass onto the 82nd FG family. Just send us the NEWS. For 'username and password' and details of how to get to the NEWSBRIEF section, please contact me, directly. No vital information will be listed: address or phone numbers.

Again, I would like to let the entire 82nd FG family know, we need, YOUR items for the website: photos/photo negatives, travel/promotion rosters, reports, logbooks, gun camera film, diaries, letters, newspaper/magazine articles. Even if you don't have a computer, everything is still needed for the 82nd FG website. If you have a family member, friend, neighbor that would like to be on the 'monthly' email list, have them contact me. If you have any questions, please, contact me.

Also, at the S.D. REUNION business meeting, an 82nd FG website, 'SPECIAL VOLUNTEER' motion was passed. At this point in time, I have no idea, WHO, these volunteers are. 'THANK YOU' very much. It is greatly appreciated.

As the 82nd FG website is, 'Up and At Em' for its 3rd year, we are approaching the date when, 4 years ago, I made that 'infamous' first phone call to Jake Hendrix and the second call to Linc Jones. Almost 2 years later, I learned, Linc was put in charge of 'keeping me REINED in', while the 82nd FG boys tried to figure out, "Who is this guy ?"; "What's he up to ?"; "What's in it for him ?"; "Why ?"; etc. At the end of 2001, it was decided, "Let's see how serious this guy is !". I was given a list of stipulations I had to meet. Stipulations - the civilian term for, 'ORDERS'. I followed my ORDERS. Then came the 'official' decision, "Well, he's still here. Don't think this guy is going to go away and leave us alone. Guess we'll give me a chance." And, the rest is, 82nd FG history.

We've come a very long way, in a very short time. Everyday, Cindy & I, are very THANKFUL, PROUD, and HONORED to be a part of the 82nd FG family. A very SPECIAL THANKS to everyone, for all the support, help, assistance, and trust in making the 82nd FG website, the #1 Fighter Group website in the world.

Cindy & I, would like to wish everyone, a safe and happy, holiday season.

As Always,

Cindy & Terry/95th-H





IN 2005, IT'S OSHKOSH B'GOSH!!!

The Entire Luetzow Family, with Brent and Nancy at the helm, extends: A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE ENTIRE 82ND FG ASSN.

Brent has sent his 'rough draft copy' of the 2005 Agenda. The dates are 7-8-9-10 September. The daily schedule will be as follows:

Thursday:

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast - Main Floor Lobby
9:00 AM	Golf - (2 price options)
10:00 AM	Shopping - Prime Outlet Mall
6:00 PM	Pizza Party

Friday:

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast - Main Floor Lobby
9:00 AM	(Option 1) Dep. for Lambeau Field and Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame
9:00 AM	(Option 2) Dep. for the Historic Kohler Village Tour.
6:00 PM	Cocktails - in the Eagle Hangar - Cash Bar
6:30 PM	Dinner and Dance in the Eagle Hangar

Saturday:

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast - Main Floor Lobby
8:30 AM	General Membership Meeting
10:00 AM	(Option 1) - Dep. For EAA Museum Tour - Pioneer Airport
10:00 AM	(Option 2) - Dep. For Maritime Museum [Sheboygan, WI]
Evening	Undecided as yet

Sunday:			
	8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast - Main Lobby; (Good-bys and Departures)	

Editor's Note:

Brent advises that the above schedule is quite firm at this time but reserves the right to make changes if circumstances dictate. A more detailed schedule will appear in the March, 05 Newsletter, as will the "Letter of Intent" that prospective Attendees are urged to fill out and send as soon as possible thereafter. In May or June, 05 the usual Registration Form will be sent. This form includes the prices for each activity and is to be sent to Roy Norris [with your check.]

One price has been definitely confirmed: The Hotel will be \$99.00/night (Continental breakfast and all taxes incl.) For \$3.00 extra, a full breakfast will be served. Many other events have been planned e.g. Sky Diving, Flights in: 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, Spirit of St Louis Replica, Bell 47 Helicopter, 1947 Waco YKS-7, and who knows what else! These special events, however, cannot be scheduled at this early date.

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