

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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## SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Preview of Washington D. C. Reunion [ 6 – 9 Sept., 2006 ]

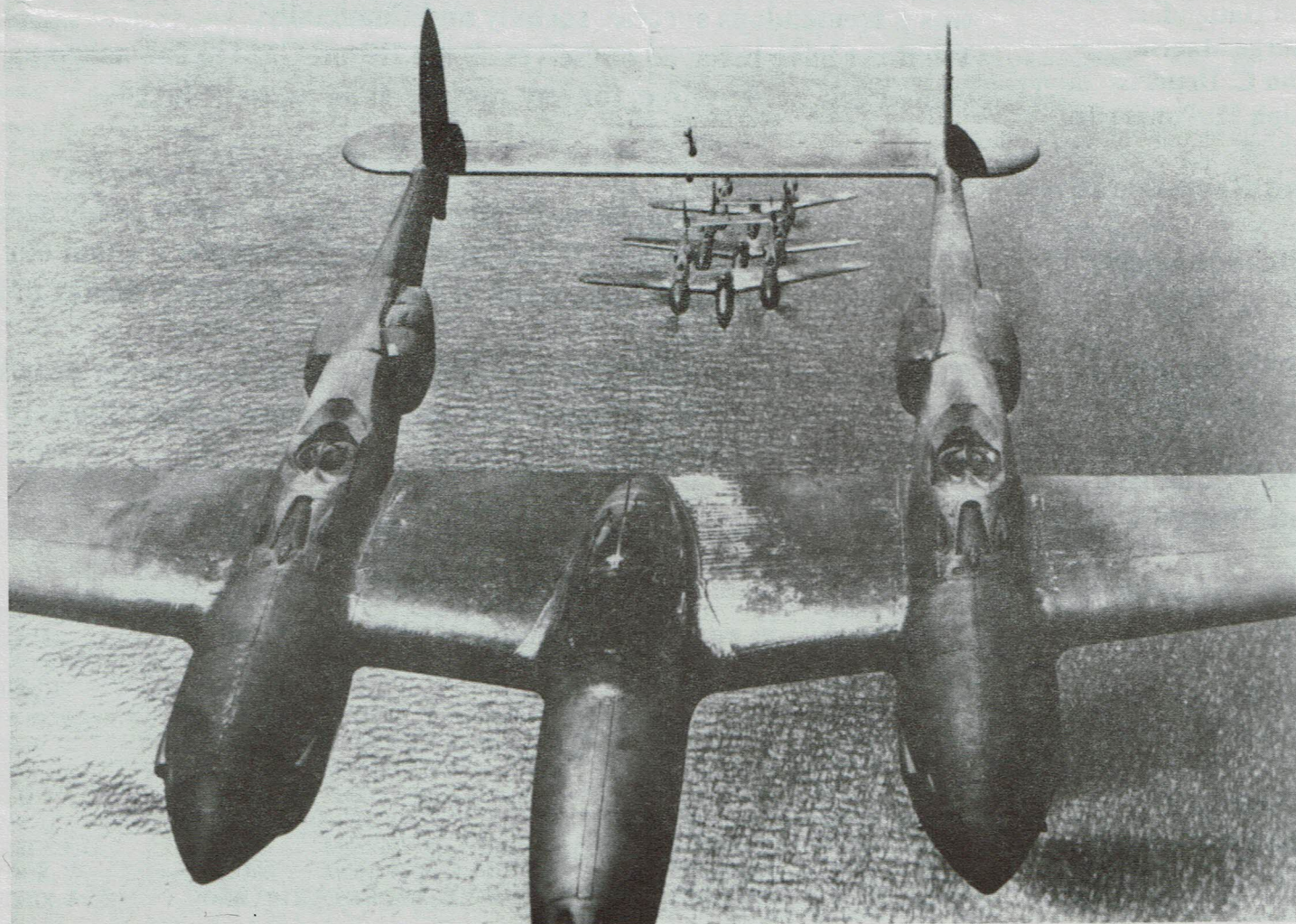
Photos of the 82<sup>nd</sup> FG's Oshkosh, Reunion

Part II of R.C. "Stumpy" Hollinger Remembers

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**Brent and Nancy Luetzow—***Host and Hostess of our Oshkosh WI Reunion*

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# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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Charles W. Luke

### Newsletter

Henry P. Phillips

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Regina

Don

Thanks to beautiful Nancy and Brent Luetzow, our Oshkosh Reunion was a tremendous success, socially and financially. We must have behaved ourselves as the Hilton Garden Inn asked us to come back.....anytime, for any reason. It's nice to be loved.

Our organization can't give enough thanks to Roy Norris for his accounting and secretarial skills along with Chuck Luke and his ever changing roster dilemma. Of course, we would fall apart without our "communications director", Hank Phillips. A sincere thanks to all.

Thank you also ( I think ) for extending my tenure for another year. We will try to keep afloat, adjust to our annual changes and get the very most out of our fellowship.

D.C., here we come ..... Watch out

Don



**\$ \$ \$ \$ DUES ARE DELINQUENT AFTER 31 MARCH OF THE CURRENT YEAR \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$**  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Current Sustaining -- \$20 per year, Life Membership-- \$100;** {these Members have agreed to be assessed an additional \$20 per year until further notice.}

**Associate Members -- \$10 voluntary (incl. newsletter ).**

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

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October 13, 2005

Hank:

Greetings, I have so much information to inform you, I don't know where to start? ! So here goes!

Reunion 2005, Oshkosh, WI, great success! Profit approximately \$3,200.00. Couple of items not complete.

Reunion 2006, Washington D.C. Deposit paid and several personnel working program details. A personal suggestion, members should contact their Congressman or Senator for a tour of the house assembly time and date.

Reunion 2005 General Membership Meeting notes.  
 Special note: 96th Representative, Lute Thompson.

Address Changes:  
 Hurlbut, Frank D. 9951 Cape Haze Circle, 96  
 Parrish, FL 34219 95H  
 Manduano, Nancy Zip 74720

Deceased:  
 Chatfield, Gene H. 97 Sept. 27, 2005

E-Mail Correction:  
 Norris, Roy norrisbc@usadatanet.net

New Member:  
 Lewis, Lawrence, C. 1340 Broken Pine Rd.  
 Deltona, FL 32724 XXA

Dues/Donation/Internet:  
 See attached

Thank you for your patience,



Executive Board Et Als: September 10, 2005

General Membership Meeting  
 Sept. 10, 2005, 8:15AM-9:30 AM

The General Membership meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Don Foley.

The Invocation was given by Bill Mason.

Introduction of United States Air Force, Colonel Wolfgang Asmus and German Luftwaffe WW II Ace George Fuereder.

Business Subject Finances: Roy Norris  
 Annual dollar balance is receding gradually.  
 Annual sustaining dues unpaid for 2005, \$1,320.00 or 66 unpaid 2005 sustaining dues. Members have been notified in the August N/L.

Propose to discontinue LIFE dues. Propose \$20.00 Annual Sustaining dues only: Proposal Accepted.

The following Finance Information not presented at the meeting but is of importance to explain the continue decrease in available funds.  
 Years 2000,2001,2002,2003,2004  
 Five Year Total Income \$25,509.81, Average \$5101.96  
 " " " Expenses \$30,504.31, " \$6100.96  
 Annual decrease is evident.

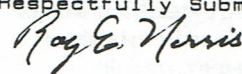
Monte Powers explained Reunion 2006.  
 Washington D. C. Sept. 6 - 9, 2006  
 Marriott Washington Dulles Hotel  
 Tours \$35 per person  
 Golf located 20 minutes distant  
 Museums no Charge  
 Bus cost \$8 each person

Internet Contacts: Countries 68, Education Institutions 227, U.S. Govt. unkn number

Election 96th Representative- Lute Thompson

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted



**DUES / DONATION / INTERNET -July 1 - October 13, 2005**

ANDERSON, V.J.	DON	HRODEGH, M.	DON	OTTO, G.	DUES / INT
BABINCAK, J.	DON	JONES, L.	DON /DUES	PHILLIPS, H.	DUES / INT
CRAFT, B.	DUES	KENNEDY, P.	DUES	PINSON, C.	DUES
ELKINS, R.	DON	LEWIS, G.T.	DUES / INT	POWERS, M.	INT
ELLISON, A.	DUES	LEWIS, L.C.	DON	ROALSVIG, M.	DUES
ELLISON, M.	DUES	LITCHFIELD, J.	DUES /DON	ROCKEY, K.	DON
ELLISON, S.	DON	MASON, BEN	DUES	RUSSELL, G.	DUES
FINE, D.	DON	MASON, BILL	DUES	RYLAND, D.	DUES
FOLEY, D.	DUES	MEDLEY, N.	DUES / DON	SORENSEN, N.	DUES / DON
FUEREDER, G.	DON	MEDLEY, O.	DUES	STROZIER, B.	DUES / DON
HAYDUK, W.	DUES	MONYHAN, J.	DUES	THOMPSON	DUES / DON
HENDRIX, J.	DON / INT	OSTRONIK, R.	DON	ZELLMAN, I	DUES



27 Oct 05

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to inform the 82nd Fighter Group Association that Lt. Col. Walter E. Carper died on Oct 13, 2005, at age 83.

A memorial service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec 16, 2005, at 1:00 PM.

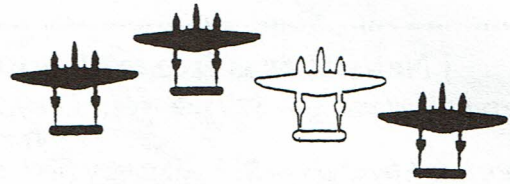
Please include mention of this in your newsletter, on your Web site, and to all interested parties. Thank you.

-The Carpers



**CHATFIELD, Gene Hall, 86**, passed away September 27, 2005, in Tampa. A businessman, a pilot, an author and retired minister, Mr. Chatfield taught Sunday school and Bible classes until last year. He had moved to Tampa in November 2004 from Hendersonville, N.C. Born in Minnesota, Mr. Chatfield served his country as a P38 pilot during World War II. He received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Nine Oak Leaf Clusters and Distinguished Unit Badge with two Bronze Stars. Most of his life, Mr. Chatfield lived in St. Petersburg. At age 58, he retired from business and became an ordained Baptist minister. He pastored Lake Toxaway Baptist Church in North Carolina for 10 years. From the time of his second retirement until 2004, Mr. Chatfield was active as a teacher in Sun City Center and Hendersonville, N.C. Gene Chatfield is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Norma Jean; his two children, Stephen and Ruth; and three granddaughters, Christy, Kara and Stephenie.

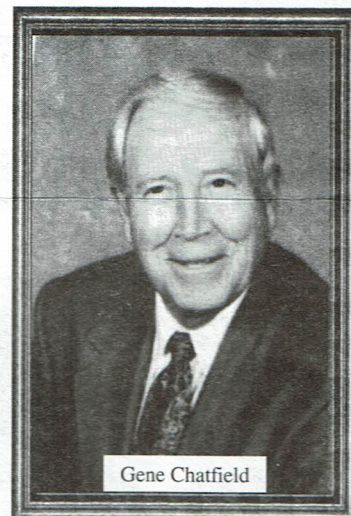
### FLY BY of HONOR



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

**	**	**	**	**	**
Reva Jenkins	23 June 04	95H			
Francis H. "Chappy" Chapman	23 Aug., 05	96th			
Don T. Kirkham	15 Sep., 05	97th			
Gene H. Chatfield	27 Sep., 05	97th			
Walter E. Carper*	13 Oct., 05	96th			

**Memorial Service for Walt at Arlington National Cemetery  
On Dec., 16 at 1:00 pm.**



Gene Chatfield

### FRANCIS HARDY "CHAPPY" CHAPMAN

June 23, 1924 ~ August 23, 2005

MONTEREY - Francis Hardy "Chappy" Chapman, age 81, of Monterey passed away August 23, 2005. Born June 23, 1924 in Auburn, California, he was raised in Fallon, Nevada and attended the University of Nevada. Mr. Chapman was a veteran of WWII. While stationed in Foggia, Italy he was a P-38 pilot and received the air medal with 7 oak leaf clusters. He later retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He spent the next 48 years of his professional career with the McKesson Company. A 30-year resident of Monterey, Mr. Chapman was involved in numerous organizations throughout the Peninsula. He was especially proud of his being a past president of the California State Air Force Association.

He is survived by his loving wife Bonnie E. Chapman of Monterey, brother Jim (Barbara) Chapman of Redding, granddaughter Amelia Hassberg of San Francisco and adopted son Antonio (Rocio) Hernandez and children. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his children, Steven and Nancy Chapman.

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Inurnment will be at the Fallon Cemetery in Fallon, Nevada. Memorial donations in memory of Chappy may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

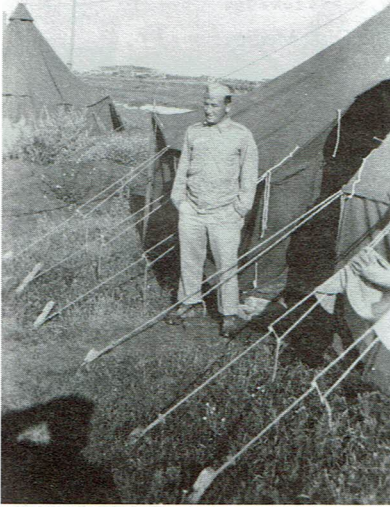


Chappy was a true American who loved his country and family with all his heart. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Arrangements are by The Paul Mortuary of Pacific Grove.





## R.C. "Stumpy" Hollinger Remembers [ Part II of a Series ]



In front of my tent at Poltava,  
Russia, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1944  
Destroyed hangar in the  
Background. —  
Stumpy

From Roy and Betty Elkins

xxa

Dear Mr Norris -

We have enclosed a  
check as a donation to  
the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Assn.  
in memory of \*Richard  
L. Hood (aka "Pops").  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> will mark  
the 4<sup>th</sup> year of his  
passing. Would it be  
possible to put a small  
article about him in one of  
newsletters? Roy will really  
appreciate this - he misses  
"Pops" daily. (over)

Also, if there's anything  
we can do to assist  
the group, please let  
us know.

Wishing you well -

Roy & Betty  
Elkins

Close But No Cigar

I had to go to Bari one day to see some  
people at 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force Hq. Lt Burgess of the  
96<sup>th</sup> was off the mission that day and wanted  
to go along. I drove my "Duck" (a jeep with a best  
body) over to pick up Bill while the mission  
was taking off. We got in the jeep, then  
decided we better make a "pit stop" before  
we left. We then started for Bari. As we  
were approaching the Gate we heard a loud report  
or Blast. The planes were going on a bombing  
mission with RDX Bombs. These bombs while only  
500 pounders had devastating power. One of  
the planes going over the fence at scarcely  
over 100 ft altitude had an engine to sneeze  
and the Pilot jettisoned his bombs on safe, but  
one of them went off and made a large crater  
just short of the Road to Foggia. <sup>our</sup> plane was  
badly damaged, but the Pilot came around and  
landed safely. The plane taking off next to  
him was damaged but flew the mission.  
I stopped the "Duck" and Bill and I made  
some calculations and decided that but for  
the pit stop we probably would have  
been close enough to where the bomb hit  
that we could very well have been casualties.

From Mar-Jo Spence

96H

I know the 82<sup>nd</sup> didn't fly  
this type plane, but I thought  
you might be interested in what  
is happening to this famous  
plane from World War II.

My late husband was a long  
time member of your Association  
and we enjoyed the reunions so  
much.

Mrs. Image O. Spence

Mar-Jo, Thanks for the article on the WWII B-17, Memphis Belle.  
Regret that there's no space available for this issue. hp



# Oshkosh Reunion Celebrants A.D. 2005

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## Table One

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Barbara and Albert Luetzow	96th
Nancy and Brent Luetzow <b>Hosts</b>	96H
Betsy and Bruce Luetzow	96H
Carol Bourne	guest



Barbara Luetzow

Al Luetzow

## Table Two

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Margaret and Monty Powers	95th
Carol and Jim Johnson	guests
Cindy and Terry Massick	95H
Col Wolf Asmus	97A



Carol & Jim Johnson

Margaret & Monty

## Table Three

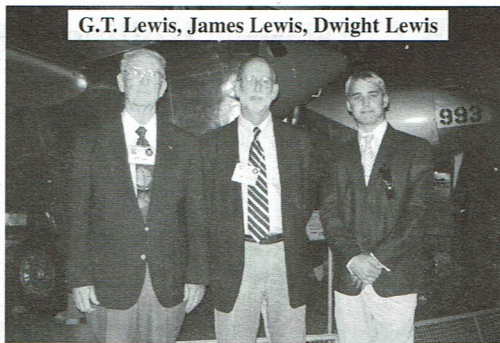
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Blythe Pratt	97H
Linda Sheets <b>Dau</b>	97H
Fern Morgan	97H
Fred Moser	95th
Lilo and Georg Fuereder	xxa
Marlene and Hank Phillips	96th



Linda Sheets & Blythe Pratt

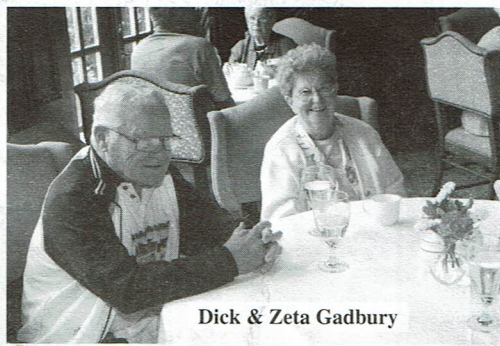
## G.T. Lewis, James Lewis, Dwight Lewis



## Table Four

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G.T. Lewis	97th
Larry Lewis <b>Son</b>	97H
Dwight Lewis <b>Son</b>	97H
James Lewis <b>Son</b>	97H
Ben Mason	Hq
Bill Masom	HqH
Mary and Del Ryland	95th

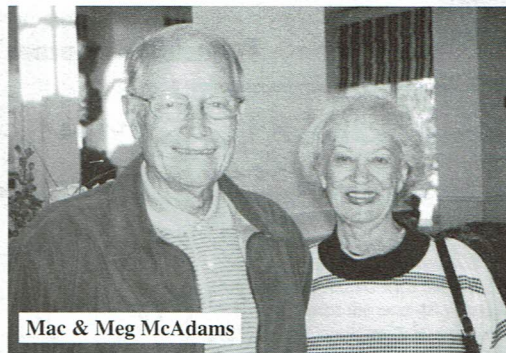


Dick & Zeta Gadbury

## Table Five

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Phyllis and Guy Otto	97th
Lou and Whitey Ellison	97th
Zeta and Dick Gadbury	97th
Lizann and Jim Nelson	97H
<b>Daughter Son-in-Law</b>	



Mac & Meg McAdams

## Table Six

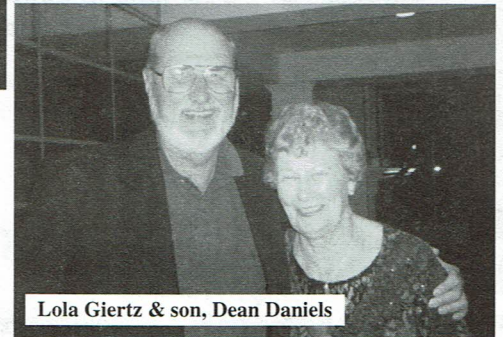
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Nona Issacson	96H
Marilyn Issacson <b>Dau.</b>	96H
John Fairbairn <b>Son</b>	96H
Charley Pinson	96th
Meg and Mac McAdams	97th
Judy and Chuck Luke	97th

## Table Seven

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Betty and Olen Medley	95th
Nancy Medley <b>Dau</b>	95H
Nannette Medley <b>Dau</b>	95H
Loa Giertz	95H
Dean Daniels <b>Son</b>	95H
Chris and Brian Luetzow	96H

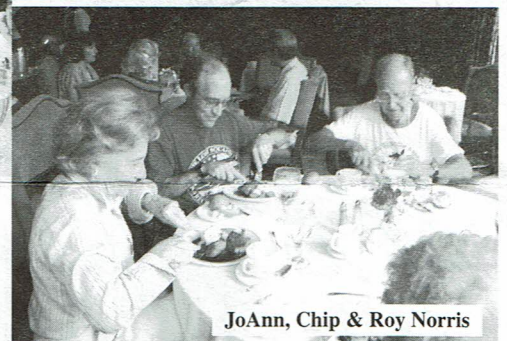


Lola Giertz & son, Dean Daniels

## Table Eight

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Violet and Mel Mullin	95th
JoAnn and Roy Norris	96th
"Chip" Norris <b>son</b>	96H
Eunice and John Bosshard	97th

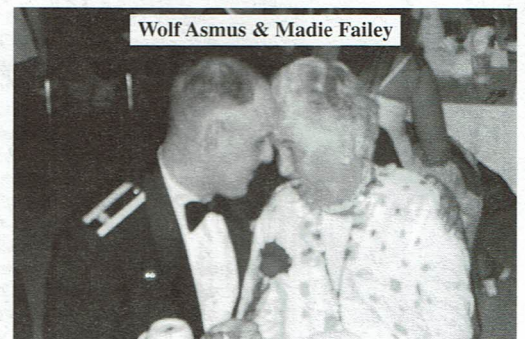


JoAnn, Chip & Roy Norris

## Table Nine

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Fred Graham	96th
Allen Graham <b>Son</b>	96H
Frances and John Kane	96th
Lute Thompson	96th
Madie Failey	guest
Bill Hayduk	96th
Carl Cobb	guest



Wolf Asmus & Madie Failey

## Table Ten

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Regina and Don Foley	97th
Sylvia and Dick Ostronik	96th
Lois and Mel Roalsvig	97th
Kathy Rockey	95H



Nannette, Betty, Nancy Medley



Chuck & Judy Luke



Fern Morgan



Lois & Mel Roalsvig

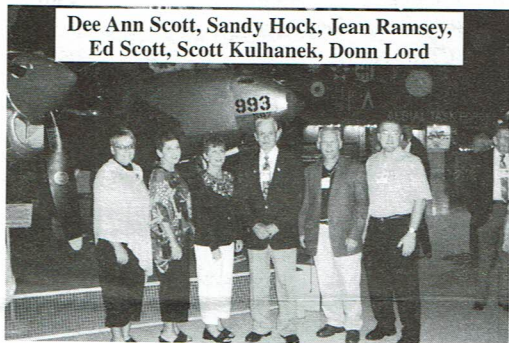


### Table Eleven

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Ed Scott		96th
Eddie Scott	Son	96H
Jean Ramsey	Dau	96H
Dee Ann Lewis	Dau	96H
Scott Kulhanek	Gr / Son	96H
Donn Lord	photographer	guest
Rose Dowidat	photographer	guest

Dee Ann Scott, Sandy Hock, Jean Ramsey,  
Ed Scott, Scott Kulhanek, Donn Lord

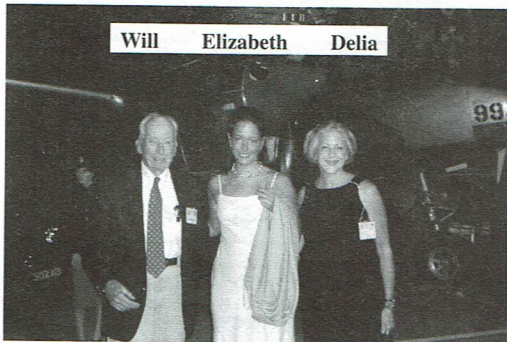


### Table twelve

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Will Hattendorf		95th
Delia Fine	Dau.	95H
Elizabeth Fine	Gr / dau	95H
Howard Warne		97th
George Rivest		97th
Grace Davidson		guest
Kathy and Robert Priest		95th

Will Elizabeth Delia



Brian Luetzow



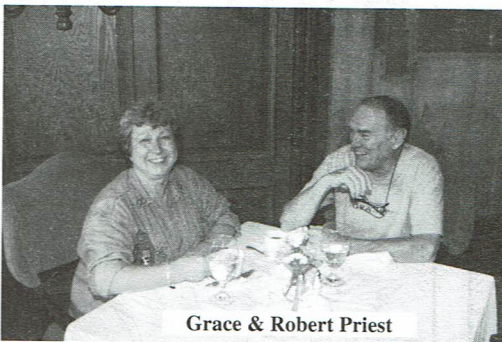
Chris Luetzow



Col Ben Mason, USHKOSH 9-05



Grace & Robert Priest



Cindy & Terry Massick



### Table Fourteen

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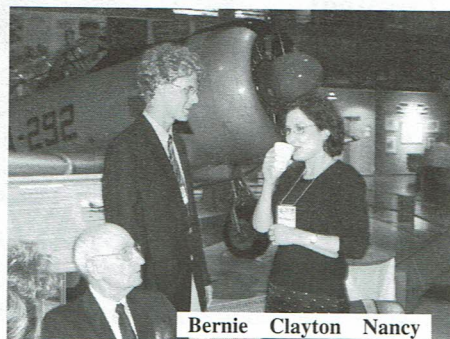
Marlin Griffith	xxa
Yvonne Richards	guest
Ginny and Terry Coleman	96th

### Table thirteen

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Bettye and Eugene Russell	96th
Sharon and Deral Russell	96H
Dau-in-law Son	
David Russell	96H
Bernie Craft	95th
Cheryl Northcutt	Dau. 95H
Clayton Northcutt	Gr / son 95H

Bernie Clayton Nancy



Wolf Asmus & Fran Kane





Hello Everyone,

A great and exciting Oshkosh REUNION. We were very glad to see everyone. The 82nd FG website has been online now for over 3 years, with well over 180,000 visitors. A big download of information to the 82nd FG website in Oct. coming from Donald Collins, son of Henry Collins/97th-HQ-S2. Collins was KFA/08/53 over the North Atlantic. The Granddaughter of Justin Henley/97th, is looking for info about Justin. If anyone would like to talk with her, please contact me. The Spring NEWSLETTER will have additional info and details on the 04/23/44 mission pertaining to the 95th FS, this info is coming from an Aviation Historian in Belgrade. We're tight on space in this NEWSLETTER. Wishing everyone a safe and happy, Holiday Season.

As Always,

Cindy & Terry/95th-H

From Jake Hendrix

95<sup>th</sup>

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I am too lazy to write "Thank You" messages for all of the cards that I received concerning my heart surgery, so I am asking Hank to do it for me.

I'm feeling fine until I do a little work and then I "poop out" very rapidly.

I have six more weeks in rehab and then, hopefully my strenght will be back. I also hope the seventeen pounds I have lost will return.

Phyllis is still not back to par after her hip replacement and compression fractures of three vertebrae. We have asked Santa to bring some new parts -- Hope he gets the letter in time.

Jake and Phyllis

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Note:

I didn't write Jake's letter. I only typed it. bp

From Lorraine Nielson-Clift

95H

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Dear Ray

I thank you for including in The roster "Widow of Douglas Neilson" for easier identification. It gives me hope that someone who knew him might get in touch with me and share some memories. It's really amazing that after contacting Gene Chatfield I learned (60 years later) about a mission They had together. It's a great story - I sent it to Don Doley.

Also 60 years after Doug was shot down and cared for by a couple enroute back to his unit, I located Their son who is an open heart surgeon in Michigan. Jim & I were invited to Their Lake home for a week end & he told us about what happened after Doug left to trek through the mountains back to his unit (a 2 1/2 wk trek). Luigi Maresca said



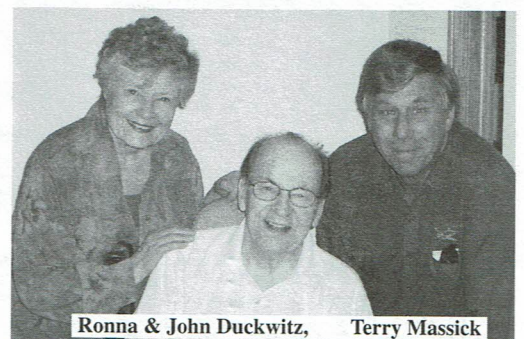
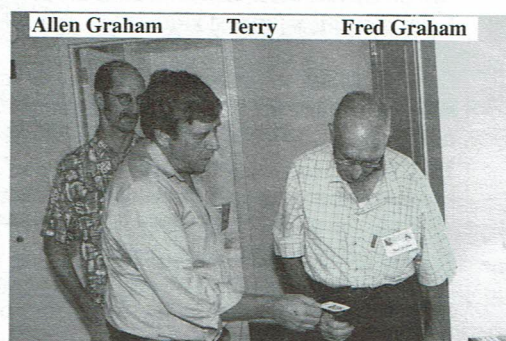
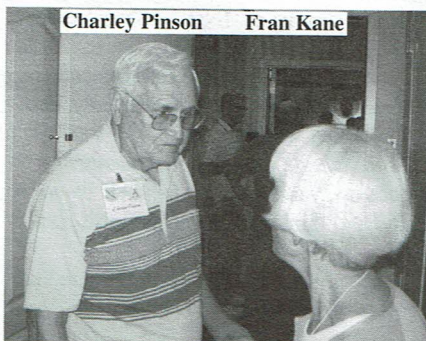
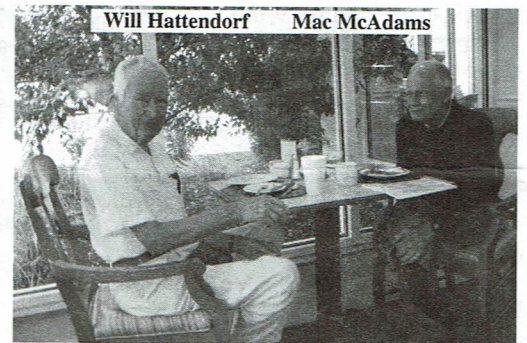
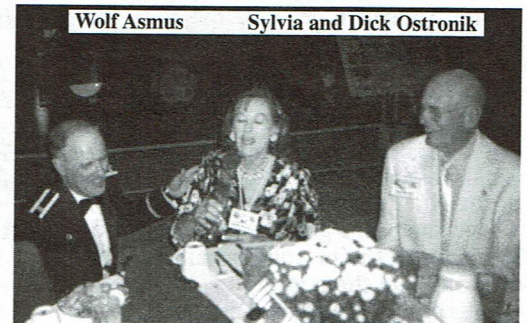
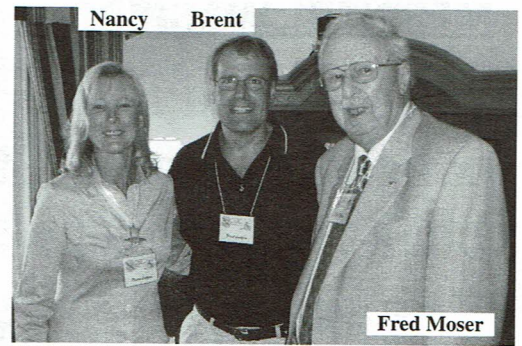
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an Italian informant told The German authorities that his parents sheltered an American pilot. But before Germans could take his parents, The allied lines moved northward so quickly that The Germans fled further north! Luigi & his parents told him about Dong many times - They buried his flight suit, gave him peasant clothes, fed & hid him, sent out scouts to check The lines, etc. It's a long story about his escape.

A couple of years ago I decided my 3 children should know The details (as I later heard them from Dong), so I wrote a 75 verse poem about it. Each of those dear guys I met Hartford have their own stories to tell.

I may have sent These pictures to you already. If I knew who the gentleman is on The right side of The picture of 6 & Joan, I'd send him a copy.

Thank you again for all your help  
Lorraine Nelson





## MERCIFUL WARRIOR

# With Crippled B-17 In Sights, German Didn't Pull Trigger

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — It's the stuff of legend.

The American crew of the B-17, crippled in a dogfight after a bombing run on a German aircraft factory, struggles to make it back to England.

The Luftwaffe pilot, closing in for the kill in his Messerschmitt 109, does not finish them off, but instead escorts them to the North Sea and safety.

And then, in a gesture immortalized by B movies of the period, he salutes the enemy and lets them go.

"It's one of the best documented stories of pure chivalry in the history of air combat," said the American pilot, Charles Brown, now 75 and living in Miami.

Brown recalled the December 1943 incident in a telephone interview Tuesday from the home of the German pilot, Franz Stigler, now 82. Stigler emigrated to Canada in 1953 and now lives in Surrey, British Columbia, just outside Vancouver.

Brown calls Stigler his "older brother" and they visit regularly since finding each other in 1990. Both were in Seattle last weekend for a special program at Boeing's Museum of Flight called "An Act of Honor," which celebrated their moment of combat brotherhood.

**A Banged-Up Bomber:** "We only had full control of one engine," he said. "Most of the tail had been shot off. . . . We had one dead and four additional casualties."

The oxygen system was shot out and Brown blacked out after the dogfight.

"My last memory was being inverted," he said. When he revived, he was at 2,500 feet and pulling up over trees.

When Stigler's plane pulled alongside, "he could have pulled out a handgun and finished us off," Brown said. "That actually went through my mind."

For his part, Stigler told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*:

"I was amazed the aircraft could fly. The B-17 is the most respected airplane. I flew within 12 yards of Charlie's. It was a wreck. The tail gunner was lying in blood. Holes all over. I saw Charlie [wounded in the shoulder] by himself flying the plane and his crew running all up and down tending the wounded."

Stigler signaled Brown to land in Germany, but "my mind just would not accept that," Brown said.

Stigler then tried to nudge them toward neutral Sweden, where the crew would have been interned for the rest of the war, but Brown resisted that, too.

"It was not one of my better days for brilliance," he said. "It wasn't a matter of bravery. It's just how the mind works."

Stigler's choice then was "he could either kill us or let us go," Brown said.

He escorted them to the North Sea, and then came the moment etched in Brown's memory: "He saluted, rolled his plane and flew away."

Brown knew Stigler's job "was to shoot us down. Had he said anything to anyone about it, he could have been court-martialed and could well have been shot."

Jackie Brown said she knows why Stigler spared her husband. "In one way they are both the same, they both share a code of honor."

**A Long-Held Secret:** Brown said he didn't talk about the incident for years.

"The story is so farfetched," he said, musing that it was the kind of war story that would "really discredit your credibility."

"And Franz couldn't tell it," Brown said. "It made him look like a braggart."

In 1985, Stigler attended Boeing's 50th anniversary for the B-17 and told the story in a TV interview.

Someone showed Brown the taped interview, and he knew Stigler was talking about his plane. He spent several years researching, and in 1989 the story of his quest was published in a German newsletter for World War II pilots.

Then he got a letter from Stigler — from Canada. When they met in 1990, they "really hit it off," Brown said.

The first time they met, five days before Christmas 1943, Brown's B-17 — called "Ye Old Pub" — had "rather miraculously" survived an attack by 15 German fighters after a 60-plane allied bombing raid on Bremen, Germany.



## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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Amboselli Game Reserve. Kenya

19 Sept., 2005

Kathy Rockey is too modest.

The account that she gave me of her *camera safari* to East Africa after departing Oshkosh was that she took a few photos and would I like some? THAT'S ALL.

After a few inquiries to my African Big Game Source, I get the REAL STORY! ...

Actually, it seems that Kathy really was out in the *veldt* to take a few pictures, but as an experienced "White Huntress", she was prepared for any emergency. Adjusting her telescopic camera lens for some distant Impala, she suddenly could feel the earth tremble — turning fast, Kathy saw this infuriated killer at less than 100 yards and coming at 'Express Train' speed.

Envisioning this magnificent addition to her trophy room, she carefully lowered her camera and un-slung her trusty *Holland and Holland .577 double rifle*. Standing rock steady, she took aim. . . . At 20 yards the behemoth realized that something was wrong — "Whoa boy"

Here was not the ordinary terrified victim — [she's Bill Schildt's daughter, remember]

he was used to other hunters wildly throwing their guns away and running for their lives.

This was too much for the rhino; sliding with all fours and thinking fast, he stopped, turned and pretended to eat some bushes.

Kathy handed the double-bore and camera to her trembling gun bearer, ordering him to take this photo. If the picture is a bit 'fuzzy' you now know why.

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*From our hard working and industrious Monty and Margaret Powers  
Our Host and Hostess in 2006*

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**ANNOUNCEMENT !**

**WASHINGTON D.C.  
September 6 thru 9th, 2006 82<sup>nd</sup> ASSN. REUNION**

If you can march or walk or be pushed in a wheel chair then  
join us for a visit with old buddies at our REUNION HOTEL

**THE DULLES—MARRIOTT HOTEL**

Phone 703 471 9500

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THE AIR & SPACE MUSEUM AT DULLES.**

Enjoy a narrated bus tour of the NATIONAL MALL and step off  
at the LINCOLN, IWO JIMA, KOREAN and the new W.W.II memorials.  
Also see the Washington Memorial, the Capitol, and White House and take  
the Tram Tour of the Arlington Cemetery to visit tomb of unknowns etc.  
Dulles Air & Space Museum will have 200 a/c etc. it is free to see or tour!!

You can play golf on Thursday and take another narrated bus tour  
of Mount Vernon and neighborhood on Saturday or confer with your  
Congressman to straighten him out!!  
Additional program events will be announced as contracts are signed.....  
plan to join us!! Check with M. Powers if you have a event to suggest! !

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

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Given the experience and diligence of Monty Powers, the 82<sup>nd</sup> FG can expect a  
thoroughly professional job of putting on the next Reunion (#25) in 2006.  
The hotel has already been secured and he's well along with his "Plan of Action."  
He will have early and valuable help from two volunteers from the 82<sup>nd</sup>; Kay  
Walling (97H) and Bill Hayduk (95<sup>th</sup>). There may be others by now of whom I am  
not aware.

The March, 2006 Issue of the 82<sup>nd</sup> FG Newsletter will have Monty's planned events  
in the usual "Letter of Intent". I speak for Monty when I say please send this  
(non-committal) Form as soon as possible. He will need it for his detailed Registration  
Form, which comes out either in late May or early June.

A couple of weeks ago, I sent out an email requesting photos for this issue of the  
Newsletter — I was flooded with responses! Thanks to all, but particularly to  
Sylvia Ostronik, Kathy Rockey, Roy Norris, Brent Luetzow, G.T. Lewis and Terry  
Massick. Space dictated that you see only a few in this newsletter.

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