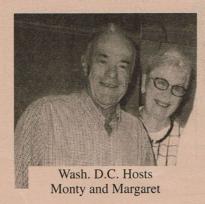


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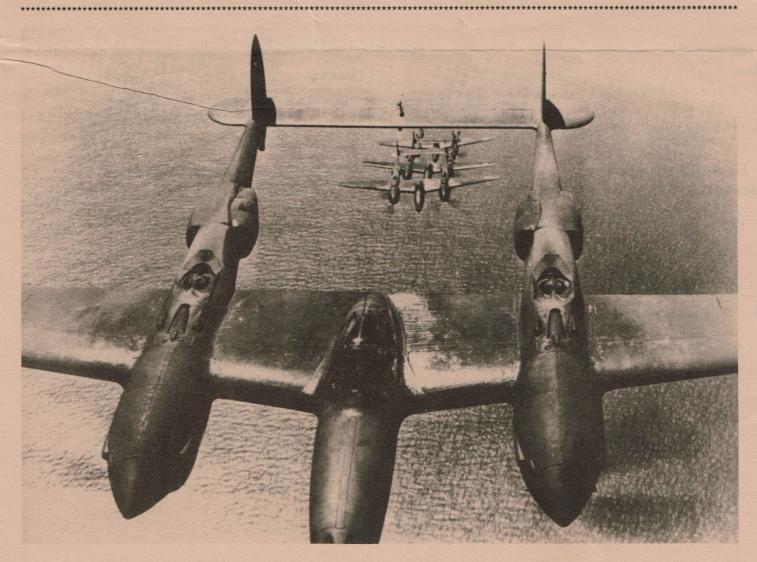
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# **SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:**

Preview of Washington D. C. Reunion [6-9 Sept., 2006]
Parts IV and V of R.C. "Stumpy" Hollinger Remembers
Col.K. Anestis observes P38 / ME109 air-battle
Cut-outs for Reunion Reservations





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### THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Keeping the 82<sup>nd</sup> alive and well is a tribute to those who were instrumental in forming the Association. Family members at our reunions are a great boost and are welcomed with open arms. Other than family members have attached themselves with sincere loyalty. This quality of membership adds to our longevity. Thanks to all.

Our special thanks goes to Monty and Margaret for their dedication and determination to get us all to our Nations capital.

Don

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

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Current Sustaining and Life Member dues - \$20 per year, Associate Members - \$10 voluntary (incl. newsletter). Send checks to: Roy Norris, Sec/Treas., 82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn., 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224

Please note the above dues change for Life Members.

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Executive Board: May 15, 2006	Executive Board: July 17, 2006
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The month of April continues with the preparation for the Reunion 2006. Current INTENTS number 102.	**********
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Respectfully Submitted, Roy E. Norris Segretary/Treasurer	***************************************

#### From: Marsha Taback

For security reasons, the Holocaust Museum must scan and inspect all bags and packages. To expediate check in, we strongly recommend leaving bags and packages on the bus or at the hotel. The Museum does not have facilities to check coats or packages for groups. Restrictions follow:

NO food or drink of any kind is allowed in the Museum.

NO filming with video cameras is permitted anywhere within the Museum.

NO photography is permitted in the exhibitions and flash photography is not permitted in the Hall of Remembrance.

NO cell phone usage is permitted in the exhibition.

We will be having lunch in the Museum Cafe. Please choose one of the following lunch options:

Turkey breast on Kaiser Roll

Albacore Tuna on Kaiser Roll

Egg Salad on Kaiser Roll

Vegetable Wrap on Spinach Tortilla

Lunch includes bag of chips, whole fruit, fresh baked cookie, canned soda.

\$9.00 is cost of lunch. Thank you.

#### To Museum visitors:

Please send your luncheon choices to Marsha Taback as soon as possible. Her mailing address is:

90 Bridlewood Road, South Windsor, CT 06074.

If your Reunion Guests will be attending as well, their choices should also be included. Thanks,

Hank

Ps: Do not include money at this time -- choices only.



Inside view -- Smithsonian.



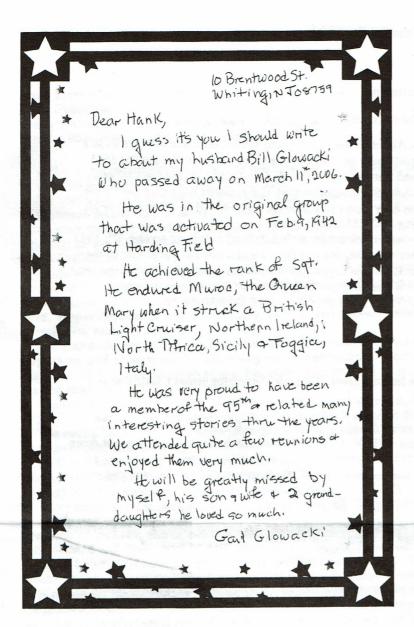
Inside view -- Dulles Museum Hangar



Frontal photo of the SR71

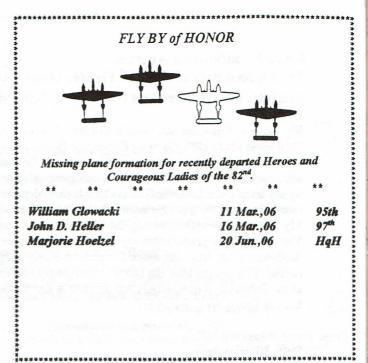
----- cut on dotted line and send to Marsha, to arrive nlt 23 August-----

Name	Unit	Number attending
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Turkey breast on Kaiser Roll		Servings requested
Albacore Tuna on Kaiser Roll		Servings requested
Egg Salad on Kaiser Roll		_ Servings requested
Vegetable Wrap on Spinach To	rtilla	Servings requested



Regretfully, I received no obit or other information about MARJORIE HOELZEL. Both she and husband, MILES were avid supporters of the 82<sup>nd</sup> when they were alive.

Should any friend or relative of Marjorie's have copies of her obit or other newspaper notices, please send me a copy. It will then be in the November Newsletter.





JOHN DAVID HELLER
March 8, 1922 - March 16, 2006

Lt Colonel (retired) John David Heller died peacefully at home on March 16, 2006 with his family at his bedside. He was born March 8, 1922 in Los Angeles, California to Charles and Isabelle Heller and is survived by his wife Roselie of 62 years, children Ron Walters (Kayren) of Phoenix, AZ, Jack Heller (Jewell) of Panama City, FL and Deborah Heller-Evans (Randy) of Livermore, CA as well as 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Colonel Heller Retired from the United States Air Force in 1964 after serving his country for twenty-four years. During WWII he flew 52 combat missions in P-51's (52nd Fighter Group - 5th Squadron) and P-38's (82nd Fighter Squadron) in the European Theater of Operations (Italy). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Air Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters as well as many other military accomplishments.

During WWII he flew P-39's, P-40's, P-47's, and P-61's. After WWII he went on to fly several military helicopters in Air/Sea rescue as well as the SA16 flying boat and B-25 Mitchell. Prior to his retirement in 1964 at Travis AFB, CA, Colonel Heller flew C-118's for eight years as a Command Instructor pilot at McChord AFB, Washington and Hickam AFB, Hawaii

After retiring, his love of flying continued in helicopters for various private companies. With the purchase of a Ryan PT-22 open cockpit aerobatic plane, he enjoyed taking friends and family up for flights around Mt. Rainier and the Puget Sound area. Over the years, he set a fine example for all his loved ones.

John Flew 52 Missions - He Is Now On His 53rd

From: Konatantinos Anestis.

To: All members of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Association

Subject: Officer's request for WW II P-38 Pilot

Hi to all

My name is Konstantinos Anestis Colonel (Ret) of Greek Air force and I'm looking to find information for a P-38's Pilot most likely CPT Corning Clearance H The above gentleman most likely was shoot down on Oct the 8th 1943 over Greece Levadia in between Mountains of Helikon and Parnassos My Family (my Father at that time 15 years old) gathered from wreckage site a navigational case and death recognition case The incident happened very close by my born town Levadia Greece This is the 4th time that I try to get contact with that pilot (if he is the one) or his family in order to appreciate for what he have done during WW II for my country

My father believes that among the others still there are some wreckage from that P-38 who downed on Oct. 8th, 1943 You see that my grandfather my father and my uncle were watching the dog fighting and saw the parachute of the American pilot dropping down but unfortunately they could not manage to get the pilot first like the British one year earlier They heard that the German troops get him away if you have any question or information please contact me at the following Konstantinos Anestis 187 A Lexington St Watertown Ma USA 02472 Tel 978 996-1373 Cell E-mail konanestis (a) yahoo.com

#### From Terry Massick (95H)

Hello Konstantinos,

Your message is most exciting and I have a few questions for you. Some of the questions may sound a little unusual and/or dumb. But, you don't know until you ask.

The 82nd Fighter Group lost 3 men that day.

#1 I think you have the wrong name. It's not Capt. Clarence 'Pop' Corning/HQ. Pop was in a B-25 as an observer on that mission. That B-25 was shot down and Pop became a POW. All those planes and he ends up getting shot down and becoming a POW.

#2 2nd Lt. Clayton M. Bennett/95th. He was captured and became a POW. He however, did escape later and evade

recapture. I'm sorry to say, he passed away in 1985.

Which brings us to #3 and the pilot that your father, uncle, and grandfather were watching. This was most certainly 2nd Lt. James P. Shawver/95th - MIA/KIA. I'm not sure of his location/area, when he was lost. Any additional information from your family and/or anyone on this, would be greatly appreciated.

Now for my questions:

Is the wreckage site well known to a lot of people or kind of a secret site? Is the wreckage above ground or below ground? Any idea what is left of the 38? Does anyone have any photos and/or newspaper stories - from WW II or now?

You mentioned a navigation case and a death recognition case. I assume that there were all kinds of papers and/or charts in these cases? Is the intention to return these items to the 82nd FG and/or the pilot's family? If not, would it be possible to get scans/copies of what paper items that may have been in the cases? Is the crash site going to be excavated or left intact?

Anything pertaining to this, is most important to the entire 82nd FG members and their families. Even after 60+ years, they remain a very close and tight Fighter Group. They still have the, "all for one and one for" attitude. Needless to say, as soon as I can learn a little more, I'll probably have more questions.

I hope my questions have not seemed to abrupt or blunt.

THANKS for contacting me . Looking forward to all of our future communications!

As Always,

Terry Massick/95th-H

Update from Terry: After a few phone calls with Konstantinos, it was also learned that his grandfather, father, and uncle watched the dogfight, watched the plane come down and crashed into 2 separate main pieces near them, and watched the pilot parachuting down with the wind carrying him into the enemy's hands. His family recovered the leather case which contained papers and/or maps and a 45 handgun. His grandmother destroyed all of the papers in fear of being caught with them. His father hid the leather case and the 45, in separate places. The 45 remains hidden and maybe lost forever, somewhere under a pile of rocks.

Luftwaffe records indicate that it was Sergeant (Feldwebel) Heinz Bartels \*, a top Luftwaffe Ace, who shot down Bennett and Shawver. Bartels was lost a few months later in combat action. AAF records officially show, 3 P-38's lost this day. In my communications with Steve Blake, to assist in record checking, the 3rd P-38 belonged to a 5th AF Group and went down near Madang, New Gunica. Needless to say, it is possible for anything to happen. Reference to the recovered leather case. Steve and I, think and assume, that the leather case came from the P-38 of 2nd Lt. James P. Shawver/95th.

Communication with Konstantinos continues today, and YES, there is a lot more information to this story, as well as, countless other stories and information to relate.

From Terry Massick 95H

Hello Everyone,

Visitors to the 82nd FG website were: March - 9,195 (New Record); April - 6,661;

May - 5,932; June - 6,039; July - 6,695.

In the 44 months that the 82nd FG website has been online, this brings the overall grand total of

visitors to the 82nd FG website to: 227,997.

We continue to help and assist people worldwide with research and questions. To name a few: a lady whose father was a navigator on a B-24 in the 12 AF that the 82nd FG covered and escorted numerous times; a family whose father was a 'Photo Freddie' pilot in the 7th PRG; a German researcher working on the 02/22/45 mission; and Col. Konstantinos Anestis from Greece, with additional details in this NEWSLETTER.

Some very exciting news from the 96th FTS. Major Richard 'Rick' Alderete is the 'official' 96th Historian and is now working on building the 96th Historical Archives. I have sent over 7 hours of downloaded 96th historical material, that has been cleaned and readied for view, with ALOT more to be sent. Major Rick came over from the 97th FTS and served under and has been friends with, Col. Wolf Asmus, for many years.

Ted Papermaster/96th and I have been communicating. Ted has been sending all his photos/photo negatives and paperwork for scanning and preservation. Well over 800 photos and countless pages of paperwork. Ted has decided to put his collection into my care, to avoid the chances of it being lost

and/or destroyed.

Charles Walker/95th - POW, has sent a some paper items and his, Williams - Class 44-A Yearbook.

We have heard from the following family members of 82nd FG members:

The entire family of Ted Anderson/96th. So far, they have sent over 500 photos and countless pages of paperwork, with more to come.

Lt. Col. Phillip Wyllie - US Army, Retired, son of William Wyllie/96th/HQ. Phil will be submitting lots of

photos and paperwork of his father's.

Mary Rankin, niece of Fred Steinberg/96th. Mary is submitting photos and paperwork of her uncle's.

Terry Dean, son of James H. Dean/97th. Terry will be submitting items of his father's.

Cindy has embroidered 82 FG & Sqd. insignia patches now available, as well as, a new P-38 design for back of jackets, shirts, pillows, etc. The patches are 3 3/4" diameter. The P-38 design measures 5 7/8" wide, 8 3/8" long, and 10 1/4" diagonial. Contact us for additional details and price quotes.

Larry Lewis/97H has designed a very special and beautiful, 16 x 24 / Washington D.C. P-38

Poster/Print. Please contact, Larry and/or us, for additional details and price quote.

A reminder for everyone coming to the DC REUNION, to 'PLEASE BRING' your photos/photo negatives, paperwork, gun camera film, etc. for scanning and preserving. Please carry your items with you and/or in your carry on bag. And, for anyone that will not be at the REUNION, we still need your photos/photo negatives, paperwork, gun camera film, etc. Anything and Everything, for scanning and preserving. Please contact me with any questions you might have and/or additional information, any time. That's what we're here for.

.Cindy & Terry/95th-H

From Larry Lewis

97H

Dear Monty,

As you know my dad, G.T. Lewis (97th) will not be attending the 82nd Reunion because of ill health. My family also will not be able to attend. I have been working on the posters for the reunion and thought I had better get them to you. I will mail them out to you early next week. Let me know if you want me to send them anyplace else. Two of the posters are 20X30 inches and will fit in a inexpensive poster frame from K Mart that you could put in a good place. The third poster is 11X14. One of the posters has the Washington DC background the others do not. I threw in some pictures of Glacier Girl that some might find interesting. I do not need the posters or pictures back. Hope this doesn't give you too much to carry.

I sent a .jpg copy of the poster via e-mail to Terry and told him the 82d is welcome to use the poster any way you want

too. Wish we were able to make the reunion but hopefully we can get my dad in better shape for the next one.

Larry Lewis



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

#### Part IV

Stumpy is referring here to Col Clarence "Curly" Edwindson Gp.CO. 28 Aug., to 22 Nov.,1944 NO SAME FOR A NOVICE

one morning curly told me to get dressed up we were going up to fighter command where he was going to shoot skeet with four other colonels.

They haggled around for a while trying to get hand. capped, but they finelly decided to shoot one round scratch for \$10.00, then adjust. Well, Eurly broke every bird until each of the others had missed. Then he kept track and when everyone had at least two misses, hed miss. So he won \$40.00, and they adjusted. Next round he broke all the Birds and won \$40.00 more.

curly told them he'd give them a chance to get their woney back, if they gave him five birds hed shoot left healed. All he did was break 20 so he won \$0,00 more. They never invited him to shoot for money again.

DIXIE WALKER

#### **PartV**

again.

DIXIE IS A BIG YOUNG HAN, AND BY HIS DICKNAME YOU KNOW HE IS FROM THE SOUTH. HE'S A NICE LOOKING CHAP, AND VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS JOB, WHICH IS CREW CHIEF OF A P-38 CREW WHO HAVE THE AIRPLANE SHIPSHAPE AT ALL TIMES, AND READY TO GO AFTER THE KRAUTS AT ANY TIME.

WE HAD A BAD STORM DUE NIGHT DURING WHICH THE GOCART TOWER WAS BLOWN DOWN SOME MEN OF THE 82ND FE BUILT THE TOWER SUPPORTED WITH GUY CABLES, BUT IT STILL WENT DOWN

A DAY OR TWO LATER WHEN THE AIRPLANE WERE
RETURNING FROM A MISSION, DISIE'S AIRPLANE
BEING FLOWN BY LT BENKOSKI WAS HAVING
TROUBLE EXTENDING THE LANDING GEAR. WE
HAD ALL THE RADIO GEAR ON THE GROUND, AND
I WAS TALKING TO BENNY TRYING TO GET THE
GEAR DOWN. I TURNED AROUND, AND IN BACK OF
ME WAS DIXIE WITH A VERY LARGE WRENCH
IN HIS RIGHT HAND. HE TAPPED ME LIGHTLY ON
MY CHEST AND SAID "STUMPY-PAUSE- IF YOU DON'T
GET THAT GEAR DOWN AMM GONNA KILL YA." HE WAS
VERY STERN, AND UNSMILING.

OBVIOUSLY WE GOT THE GERR DOWN BECAUSE I'm STILL HERE SURE would like to See DINE



Don and Hank at the 95<sup>th</sup> 's Reunion. (May 06). Hank wins the 'Center Piece' at his table!'

Send this copy with check to ROY NORRIS, 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224 ph. 513 931 2436 Keep a copy for your records. Monty Powers ph. 517 849 9114

REGISTRATION FOR WASHINGTON D.C. REUNION, 2006
82<sup>nd</sup> Ftr. Grp. Assn. Sept. 6 to 10, 2006 at Marriott Airport Hotel, 45020 Aviation Dr., Dulles, VA 20166
Phone 703.471.9500 for special 82<sup>nd</sup> rate of \$104.00 a night including buffet breakfasts and all taxes

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Lunch at your co	ist and special group rate of		X \$31.50 total \$
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Notice: the cutoff da	tte for 82 <sup>nd</sup> Special Gr	oup Rates at the H	otel is August 16, 2006

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## 2006 Washington D.C. Reunion Schedule 82<sup>ND</sup> FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION September 6 to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Washington Dulles Airport Marriott 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, VA 20166

For reservations phone the Hotel @ 703.471.9500. or National Reservations @ 1-800.228.9290

Daily 82nd Group rate is \$104.00 including all taxes etc. and buffet breakfast

Hotel offers up to two days both before and after the Reunion at 82<sup>nd</sup> Group Rate!

Minor time changes may occur

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2006:

Early arrivals take courtesy van from the DULLES Airport Terminal to Marriott Hotel. HOSPITALITY ROOM is the Hotel's CHANTILLY ROOM with hours as posted daily. Will Hattandorf has details for GOLF Outing Thursday with TEE OFF at 10:00 AM. Marsha Taback invites you to join the Thursday tour of the new Holocaust Museum. See page 3

THURSDAY, September 7, 2006: Deluxe Buffet Breakfast is included with room charges. GOLFERS leave for 10:00 AM Tee Time at Virginia National Golf Course

9:00 AM Marsha Taback will depart with tour group to National Holocaust Museum
On your own visit the new Air and Space Museum at Dulles nearby, sign up for Hotel
Courtesy Van round trip. No admission is charged. Join a conducted tour group on the floor of the museum or drift from group to group to hear and see this Great Museum. Or at A.&S.
DULLES buy a round trip deluxe motor coach ticket to Downtown Air & Space museum at \$14 p.p. This tour bus connects the two Air & Space Museum sites with no pickups or debarkation stops en route. You need enough time to get back to Dulles Marriott Hotel.

Friday, September 8, 2006: Deluxe Buffet Breakfast is included with room charges.

9:00 AM Two Tour Buses will leave for a 4 hour narrated City Tour. Step off the bus at the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, Iwo Jima and World War II Memorials and board Arlington Cemetery's tram to Tomb of Unknown Soldiers and the Kennedy Gravesites. View from the coach the Capitol, Library, Supreme Court, House & Senate Offices, FBI, White House, Embassy Row, Georgetown and the Navy Memorial.

OR: Visit the Air & Space Museum at Dulles; see Thursday above take hotel van.

OR: Visit the <u>Air & Space Museum at Dulles</u>; see Thursday above take hotel van.
OR: RESTON TOWN CENTER for shopping in nationally known stores use hotel van.
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Hotel's cash bar & social time before <u>BANQUET</u> at Hotel Ballroom.
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM Banquet and dancing to "Glenn Miller style" C.A.P. Military band.

Saturday, September 9, 2006: Deluxe Buffet Breakfast is included with room charges.

8:30 AM General Meeting of the Membership at Hotel in place to be announced.

10:00 AM 4-Hour narrated Bus Tour "Mount Vernon and Old Georgetown"

OR take Hotel Van to RESTON TOWN CENTER, for shopping in many fine stores.

OR tour the Air & Space Museum at Dulles via hotel courtesy van. This new museum has an excellent Gift Shop and lunch facility, no admission is charged, but private parking costs!

5:30-6:30 PM Band Concert followed by Pizza Party at outdoor pavilion.

Sunday, September 10, 2006: Buffet Breakfast and Good Byes until next year.