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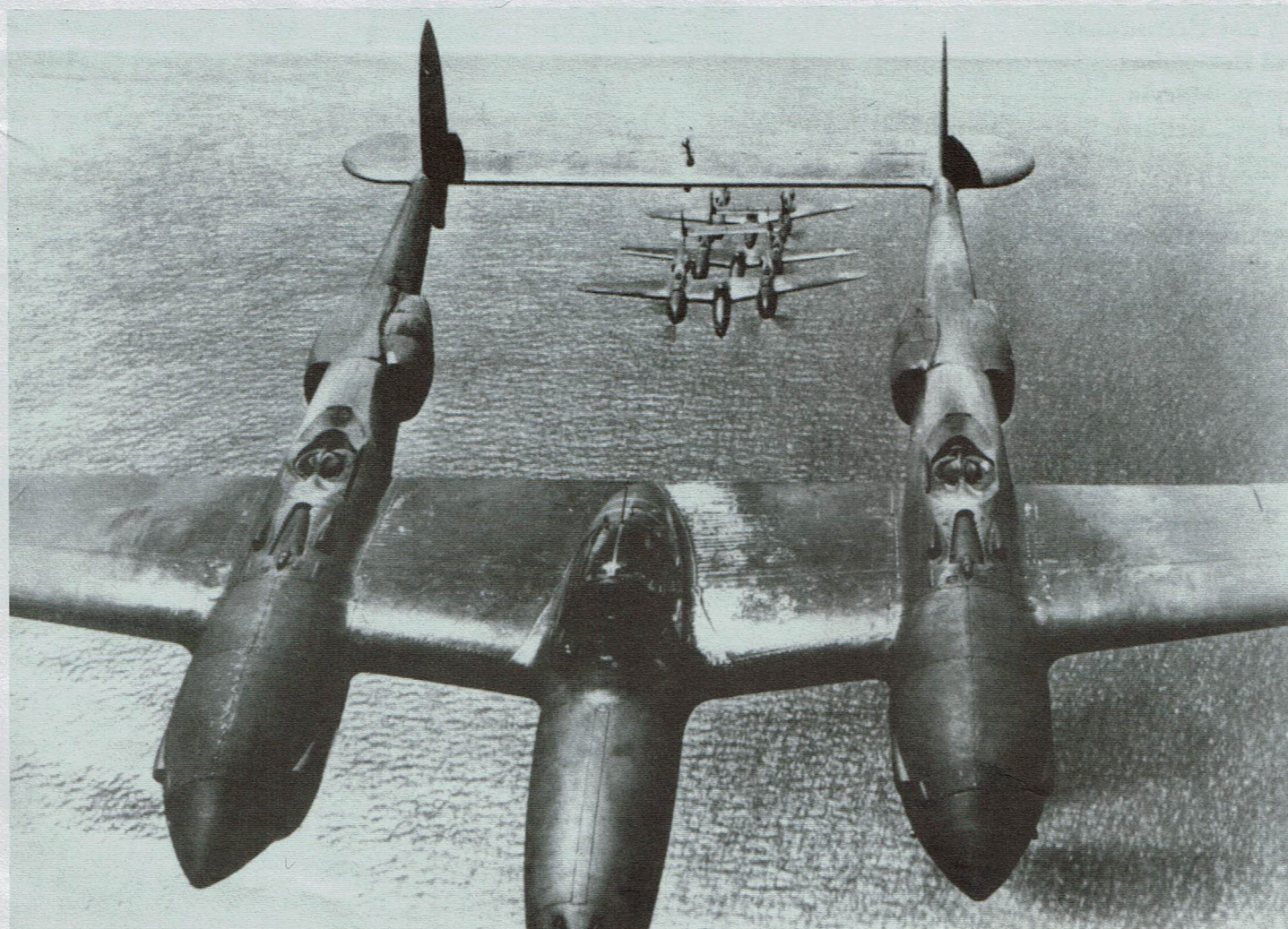
Fort Worth Hosts: Terry and Cindy

SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Fort Worth/Sheppard AFB Reunion 17 - 21 Oct., 2007

Schedule and Reunion Events

Insert -- for the Reunion Registration



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I wait patiently for Roy's update to show a successful Ft. Worth reunion. Lookin' good. Then I patiently watch for a good word from Terry and Cindy who are in charge of the rain god in the Ft. Worth area. Keep your rubber boats pumped up.

Seriously, I salute our members, both old and new, who shows an unblemished loyalty along with those who are with us with love and spirit and not able to be with us at this time.

A special hand salute to those in uniform at our active bases who are carrying the load of preserving our freedom by carrying through with the 82nd's fighting traditions. Bless all.

Don Foley

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

[Newsletter is free to all Sustaining and Honorary Members]

Current Sustaining -- \$20 per year, Associate Members -- \$10 voluntary (incl. newsletter).

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

NOTICE

Life Membership is no longer accepted. **Present Life Members** will continue to hold the title and honors, but most have agreed to pay the **Current Sustaining Dues of \$20 per year.**

The following is the list for 2007
 paid membership dues, donations
 and internet receipts:

Anderson, V	Don
Babincak, J	Don
Craft, B	Dues
Elkins, R	Don
Ellison, A	Dues
Ellison, M	Dues
Ellison, S	Don
Fine, D	Don
Foley, D	Dues
Hayduk, W	Dues
Hrodegh, M	Don
Jones, L	Don/Int
Kennedy, I	Dues
Lewis, L	Dues
Lewis, R	Dues/Int
Litchfield, J	Dues/Don
Luke, C	Dues/
Mason, B	Dues
Mason, W	Dues
Medley, N	Dues/Don
Medley, O	Dues
Monyhan, J	Dues
Ostronik, R	Don/Dues
Ostronik, S	Don
Otto, G	Dues/Int
Phillips, H	Dues
Pinson, C	Dues
Powers, R	Int
Roalsvig, M	Dues
Rockey, K	Dues
Russell, E	Dues
Ryland, D	Dues
Sorensen, N	Dues/Don
Strozier-Wagner, J	Dues/Don
Thompson, L	Dues/Don
Zellman, L	Dues

UN-PAID 2007 DUES;

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A 3	G 5	M 1	S 14
B 9	H 17	N 1	T 6
C 16	I 1	O 7	U 0
D 5	J 2	P 7	V 1
E 3	K 8	Q 0	W 13
F 3	L 11	R 5	X/Y 0
			Z 3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006/JUNE 30, 2007

BEGINNING BALANCE

PNC BANK	\$14,179.15
NATIONAL CITY BANK	69.50
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE	\$14,248.65

RECEIPTS:

DONATIONS: INTERNET	\$1,505.00
REGULAR	765.00
PHIL TABACK	378.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,649.00
DUES: ASSOCIATE	\$ 50.00
HONORARY	100.00
SUSTAINING	1,065.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,215.00
REUNION 2006 PROFIT	\$ 2,770.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 6634.01

PAYMENTS:

BANK CHARGE	\$ 23.41
FLOWERS: NONA ISAACSON	60.44
PHIL TABACK	94.52
INTERNET	975.00
NEWS LETTER	4,183.37
POSTAGE	220.90
REFUND REUNION 2006	1,137.00
REUNION 2007-SEED	1,000.00
ROSTER	438.00
SUPPLIES	58.87
TELEPHONE	20.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 8,211.51

ENDING BALANCE

PNC BANK	\$12,671.15
(UNPAID SUSTAINING DUES	
2007 \$2,200.00)	

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Norris
 Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Percy Roberson

Feb. 4, 1925 — March 8, 2007

Robert Percy "Bob" Roberson began his new life on March 8, 2007, after a short illness. He was 82.

Bob was born Feb. 4, 1925, in Arkansas and grew up in San Diego where his parents owned and operated a bakery.

Upon graduation from high school, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and trained as a P38 fighter pilot until an injury grounded him.

Following his discharge from the Army, he attended and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1949. He then moved his young family to Washington and worked as an aeronautical engineer for Boeing on the design of the B52. He relocated to Sunnyvale in 1957 when he began his career at Lockheed. During his years as a young dad, he was actively involved in his children's lives as Little League president and Scout master.

Upon his retirement from Lockheed in 1979, he began his second career with his sons as a Round Table Pizza franchisee and relocated to Davis. At one time, the business owned 44 restaurants and had 1,000 employees.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed golfing, traveling and theater.



ROBERSON

Bob is survived by his wife, Pidge, of 25 years, his children Chris (Lorie) of Roseville and Sue Roberson-Hamlin

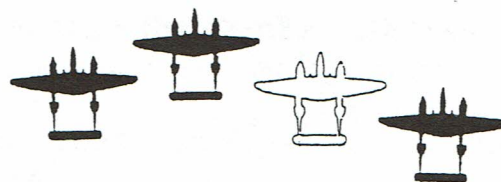
(Nick) of Portland; daughter-in-law, Judy of Sacramento; stepdaughters, Peggy Palkovic of West Sacramento, Susan

Lilly (David) of Berkeley, Janet Horton (Forrest) of Virginia and Carol Christie (Briggs) of Hawaii; 17 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is embraced in heaven by his parents, Emma and Percy, his sons Joe and Tim and his first wife of 32 years, June.

Bob's favorite charity was the Joseph P. Roberson Foundation, which initiated and continues to fund the Huntington's Disease Clinic at the UC Davis Medical Center where 200 people with Huntington's disease receive excellent care. The address is Joseph P. Roberson Foundation, 6975 Warbler Way, Sacramento, CA 95831.

Friends are invited to join the family for the funeral Mass on Friday, March 16, 2007, at 11 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 1275 B St. in Davis. A reception lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at the Davis Cemetery, 820 Pole Line Road in Davis.

FLY BY of HONOR



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

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<i>Russell Bowen</i>				<i>25 Sept, 06</i>	<i>96th</i>
<i>David A. Williams</i>				<i>01 Oct, 06</i>	<i>97th</i>
<i>Ellen Weltman (John)</i>				<i>01 June, 06</i>	<i>Hq.</i>
<i>Mert Duncan (Jack)</i>				<i>09 Feb, 06</i>	<i>97th</i>
<i>Ralph S. Miller</i>				<i>16 Dec, 06</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>Keith G. Leachman</i>				<i>14 Jan, 07</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>Alfred P. Ellington</i>				<i>17 Jan, 07</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>John Weltman</i>				<i>27 Feb, 07</i>	<i>Hq.</i>
<i>Robert P. Roberson</i>				<i>07 Mar, 07</i>	<i>xxa'</i>
<i>Pincus Taback</i>				<i>22 Apr, 07</i>	<i>97th</i>
<i>Dorothy Hasenpau</i>				<i>27 June, 07</i>	<i>95h</i>

Pincus Philip 'Phil' Taback, 88 - Fighter pilot, sales manager, of Livingston died on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at home. Funeral services will be conducted from the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, 2950 Vaux Hall Road, Union, on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 1 p.m. Interment will be in the King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton. Born in Passaic, Mr. Taback resided in Newark, Irvington and Union before moving to Livingston last year. He was a sales manager for General Cigar, Newark, for 20 years, before retiring in 1982. Mr. Taback served in the Air Force during World War II as a P38 fighter pilot and served in the North African Theatre. He was one of the flying sergeants with the 97th Fighter Squadron of the 82nd Fighter Group, and later served in France during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from service as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member and served as the past president and secretary of the Ashbrook Mens Golf Association, Scotch Plains. Surviving are his loving children, Steven and his wife, Marsha Taback, Karen and Philip Montalto, and his cherished grandchildren, Evan, Susan, and Tracy Taback, Gina and Matthew Montalto. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Harriet (Friedman) and his dear brothers, Milton and Leo Taback.

Keith Gordon Leachman
Sept. 24, 1923-Jan. 14, 2007

Keith Gordon Leachman, 83, of San Diego died Jan. 14. He was born in Inglewood and was a vice president for Great American Bank. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and was a pilot with the 82nd Fighter Group.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Leachman; daughter, Julie Maack of Orange; son, Steven Leachman of Hawaii; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services: private.

Letters From The Members

(Sometimes abridged)

From Al R. "Snuffy" Kennedy 96th



To Whom it may concern

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am celebrating my 40th anniversary - of Retirement from the Air Force - that was on June One, 1967 at Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan.

Service included being allowed into the Cadets with less than the required two years college, being introduced to the 96th squadron at Glendale while still a Cadet, joining the 96th Squadron at Constantine and leaving just prior to the move from Africa.

Betty and I spent one month at Grand Central before the squadron was moved to Ontario for the rest of that war, after which I was separated from active duty for the next five and one half years. At Glendale, I was allowed to take Betty for a ride in the piggy-back P38.

Our reserve squadron at Selfridge Field Michigan was recalled to support the Korean conflict and I was sent to a SAC Fighter squadron at Austin, Texas where I was introduced to Jet fighters. I was selected to fill a Maintenance School quota at Chanute Field expecting to return to the same squadron, but the rules got changed and my orders were to Elmendorf, Alaska and Interceptors. This included crew duty, Maintenance Test Flight, Squadron - Group - Air Division Maintenance Officer positions. Three years later, I was assigned to Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan for the first time to fly F89s and perform duty in Maintenance up to the level of Deputy for Material. When about three years later a quota for a B47 Aircraft Commander came in, I was approved, although slightly over age, and spent the next Seven years flying crew duty. The B47 was retired and I was put out to pasture as Base Operations Officer back at Wurtsmith where I retired after about two more years.

After serving with this group of reliable and dedicated professionals for twenty years, I miss that in civilian life. I expect many of you have the same feelings.

Thanks Al and Paul.

I hope that more members will start doing this. Reading about our members' lives after the "obit" comes out is, of course better than not at all. But it's SO MUCH NICER to read letters such as the two on this page. Reach for your pens, ladies and gentlemen and I guarantee that they will receive
FIRST PRIORITY
in all subsequent newsletters so long as
I am Editor. hp

From Paul Graham 96th

Dear Hank and 82nd,

This has been on my mind for many years. I was part of the advanced echelon to Africa in 1942. After about a month after we got to Londonderry, we left Ireland and went to England. We stayed near Ipswich for a few weeks. We sailed from Liverpool on the *HMS Samaria* in convoy. After about 10 days, we landed at Oran in North Africa. We stayed at a French Army Base for about a week; then, Dec., 24th to Tafaraoui* then to Telergma*. I am not sure at which base we met the planes, but I remember the first plane I met was Col. Loe He asked if we were from the 82nd and I said yes. He then said: "we are so glad to see you men". We started to fly missions shortly after that. We numbered about 30 men from each squadron, (mechanics, radio and armorers). We had no crew chiefs. The highest rank was sergeant; lieutenant Curl was in charge.. We had a small bag of tools. We gassed the planes with 5-gal. cans. We went from plane to plane helping out.... We never got any credit for this.

Paul Harman, 96th.. .

* Algeria

Letters (Cont.)

From Marsha Taback 97H

Dear Hank,

I just arrived home and sat down to check my e-mail. It is so meaningful to me to see all the notes from the wonderful 82nd families that were touched by Pincus' death. You are all so special to us. I will certainly take time to respond to each of them individually once I've taken a breath. I also want to make you aware that you may be receiving some donations in memory of Pincus. We thought that he would love to have donations used by the 82nd that might go to refurbishing the P-38 that was found. The only address I had with me in Jersey was the one on the newsletter. I hope this is okay. Please let me know if it's a problem, and I will contact anyone who sends one to you.

Pincus would have been so proud of the military honor at the cemetery. Steven and Karen were presented with a flag and taps was played. Everyone was very emotional about the presentation in honor of his service. Steven and I will mail back our letter of intent as we hope to join you in Dallas for a reunion that I'm sure Pincus would have loved to have shared. We had already discussed that he had to work on getting stronger so we could go and celebrate the anniversary of the class of 42C. Also thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement sent by the 82nd. We used it as a centerpiece at the dessert table for visitors. We will be in touch soon. Thanks again. Love, Marsha

From Steve Blake xxa

Hi Hank and Terry:

I have read through your latest 82nd FGA newsletter and enjoyed and learned a lot, as always.

Terry's research on the fate of various 82nd FG veterans is great, and some of it was new to me. One inadvertent boo-boo jumped out at me, however. It is stated that Clarence O. Johnson was killed in a flying accident on 1/18/44. He may have had an accident on that date (?), but he certainly didn't die. Some time back I wrote a story about "C.O." (or "Tuffy") Johnson; he was quite an interesting guy.

Johnson had four victories with the 82nd, then began a second tour in the ETO (8th AF, England) the following year. He went overseas with the new 479th FG, flying P-38s again, and scored one of its first air victories, to become an ace. However, soon thereafter he had a conflict with some of his superiors in the 479th and transferred to the 8th AF's 352nd FG, a very experienced and successful unit that had recently converted from P-47s to P-51s. He scored two more victories (for a total of 7) but was himself shot down and killed in air combat on September 23, 1944.

Looks like those gremlins struck you, too! Nice job otherwise.

Cheers!

Steve

From Hank Phillips 96th

Hi Steve,

Thanks for filling us in on Clarence Johnson. Checking with Terry, he said his only defense is that he used a government source and we all know how reliable that is... We will both take Steve Blake's version every time.

Again thanks for the up-date.

Warmest regards,

Hank



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24 MAY 2007

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Mr. Terry W. Massick, Sr.
979 Jewell Dr.
Knoxville, Iowa 50138

Dear Mr. Massick

Thank you and the members of the 82nd Fighter Group Association for your letter to me detailing your interest in preserving our Air Force's history. I am fully committed to remembering the sacrifices and achievements of the Airmen who fought for our country its interests and ideals. Your efforts help ensure that Airmen remain in our Nation's memory as an important part of our military and national history. The 82nd Fighter Group history is rich with valor and courage, and I appreciate all you do to help keep our Air Force heritage alive.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent service as well as 100 years of military air service in the United States. To help commemorate these milestones, we embarked on a Heritage to Horizon campaign that has re-focused us on our military aviation history while still reaching toward our future's limitless horizon.

As part of this campaign, and in conjunction with our efforts to reinvigorate our warfighting ethos, we developed a new Airmen's Creed that we are institutionalizing throughout the Air Force. I am attaching my latest Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) Vector on Airmen Warriors for your consideration. It contains a test for our Airmen to see where they are with respect to where I am taking our Air Force, and debuts the Airman's Creed, which embodies the spirit of today's Airmen. I think your organization will enjoy these products, because the letter, creed and test all reflect values you exemplified during your service and maintain today.

Thank you again for your letter and your efforts to keep our Air Force heritage alive. Your hard work helps us honor the Airmen who preceded us and set the standard for today's Airmen.

Sincerely

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

From: Diane & Doug Weating
smoky1010@comcast.net

Dear Hank,

My Uncle, Ralph S. Miller, was the recipient of your newsletter dated March 31, 2007 via U.S. Mail. It was sent to his mailing address of 570 Village Place, Apt. 120, Longwood, FL 32779-6035.

Unfortunately, I wanted to inform you and your members of his passing away on December 16, 2006 at the Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs, FL. He died of COPD, pneumonia and respiratory failure. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, my Aunt, Hope Miller, who is an Alzheimer's patient in long term care and I have been since appointed her Guardian.

He was remembered with a simple military graveside funeral and will certainly be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Please remove him from your U.S. Mailing list for future mailings and remember him in your prayers.

Thank you.

The Family of Ralph Miller

Diane Weating

The family of
Pinus Taback
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your very kind expression

of sympathy
The Taback + Montalto Families

To 82nd Fighter Group Association,
Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent to honor the memory of Pinus. It was the centerpiece of the table where friends and family gathered for three days of observance. You were all a very special part of his life and continue to be the same for us. Thank you all.

From Monty Powers 95th

WWII warbird to finish aborted 1942 mission

By Andrea Stone
USA TODAY

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After a World War II crash landing in Greenland, 50 years under ice and nearly \$7 million in recovery and restoration costs, *Glacier Girl* is about to complete its mission.

On Friday, the vintage P-38 Lightning fighter will depart from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey to finish what it started in 1942: a trans-Atlantic flight to England. This time, the only surviving relic of "The Lost Squadron" downed by bad weather will have thousands of people tracking its progress on the Internet.

Nearly 65 years after the Army Air Corps squadron of eight warplanes aborted its mission on Greenland's ice cap, *Glacier Girl's* week-long journey will bring closure to "an Indiana Jones kind of story," says Steven Hinton, the pilot who will fly the vintage warbird. He calls the flight a tribute to all World War II veterans and a way "to make everyone understand their story."

For Brad McManus, 83, the sole surviving pilot from the squadron, "It's a thrill to know this is occurring and to think they are actually going to fly it over the same route that we flew in 1942."

McManus will accompany *Glacier Girl*, which was flown by his late friend Harry Smith, 28, a passenger in a World War II P-51 Mustang fighter for the first 100 miles. It will be his first time in a military plane since he retired from the Air National Guard as a colonel in 1952.

The real estate developer from Phoenixville, Pa., was 2nd Lt. McManus on July 15, 1942, when he was part of one of the first flights of Operation Bolero, a massive transfer of military forces and equipment to Britain. McManus, who graduated from flying school the week Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, was piloting a P-38, one of six double-boomed, twin-engine fighters escorting two B-17 bombers.

The group was over Greenland on the way to a refueling stop in Iceland when the weather unexpectedly turned bad. "We had no place to land," McManus says. "It was pretty spooky. We were sweating it out."

With five minutes of fuel left, he made an emergency landing on the ice cap. "It looked like a solid sheet of concrete," recalls McManus. "It wasn't. His landing gear sank, flipping the plane and pinning the cockpit in the snow. He crawled out with only a minor scrape.

Plane salvaged from ice cap set to make trans-Atlantic flight



2005 photo by John M. Eichen, Photo Pictures Co. Restored relic: *Glacier Girl* flies after being salvaged from ice cap.

Glacier Girl's trip

June 22: Teterboro, N.J., to Presque Isle, Maine
June 23: Presque Isle to Goose Bay, Canada
June 24: Goose Bay for maintenance, then to Frobisher Bay, Canada, and on to Sondre Stromfjord, Greenland
June 25 to 26: Sondre Stromfjord for maintenance
June 27: Sondre Stromfjord to Kulusuk, Greenland, near *Glacier Girl* landing spot, then to Reykjavik, Iceland
June 28: Reykjavik for maintenance
June 29: Reykjavik to Stornoway, Scotland, then to Duxford, England, site of the Flying Legends Air Show at the Imperial War Museum, July 7 to 8

Source: Airshowbuzz.com

Learning from McManus' misstep, the other pilots landed wheels up, sliding to a halt. All 25 pilots and crewmembers emerged unscathed.

Three days passed before the squadron's SOS signals were picked up. Cargo planes parachuted supplies to the men, who had died around heaters fashioned from empty oxygen bottles. After nine days, rescuers arrived on dog sleds to take them to a waiting Coast Guard cutter. The eight planes were abandoned.

The story didn't end there. In 1992, a privately funded team located Smith's mostly intact P-38 entombed beneath 268 feet of ice. Over four months, workers used a thermal generator to melt the ice and steam hoses to carve a cave around the wreckage before hoisting the fighter piece by piece to the surface.

McManus was there to watch the salvage effort. "A very, very emotional experience," he says.

Much like Friday's mission. It follows a 10-year, \$7 million restoration project spearheaded by the late Roy Shottner, a Middletown, Ky., fast food franchise owner and flying enthusiast. *Glacier Girl* has flown at air shows since its first post-thaw flight Oct. 26, 2002, but this is the first attempt to recreate its aborted World War II mission.

The 1942 mission was carried out without radar, with unreliable weather forecasting and a seven-frequency radio system. Hinton will be guided by GPS and have 720 radio frequencies to keep in touch. An accompanying F-51 flown by project director Ed Shipley will be equipped with satellite communications that will allow anyone to text message the pilots during the flight. Real-time tracking will be available on Airshowbuzz.com.

If all goes as scheduled this time, *Glacier Girl* will arrive June 29 in Duxford, England, where it will be displayed with other classic planes at next month's Flying Legends Air Show. The plane is one of just three P-38s still in flying condition, Hinton says.

"Of all the planes in the Air Force in World War II, the pilots loved the P-38 more than any other," says McManus, who says he is fortunate to have lived long enough to see *Glacier Girl* reach her original destination. "It was good for acrobatics, had great range, speed. It just was a great airplane to fly."

From Lorraine Nielson-Clift 95H

Dear Hank,

I am now in the process of putting out a new, expanded addition of former 82nd pilot, Gene Chatfield's book:

Angels at 20,000 Feet.

Printing date will be no later than 1 Dec., 07 at an expected cost (For 82ndFG members only) of \$4.00 plus postage.

Would you please place this notice in your next newsletter?

Sincerely,

Lorraine.

For orders, write or call:

Lorraine Clift.

5340 Nokomis Ave. S

Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Tel: (612) 729-6917

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From Terry Massick 95H

Hello Everyone,

The 82nd FG website monthly visitor totals since the Spring NEWSLETTER:

April - 7,605; May - 8,516; June - 8,254; July - 9,014 (New Record). This brings the overall worldwide 82nd FG visitor total to: 313,101.

We continue to receive communications from 82nd FG member families and friends. As well as, numerous other WW II military families, looking for help and assistance. We do our best to help and assist them.

The following families of 82nd FG members are looking for information from anyone. If you can help and assist, please contact me: Kenneth M. Ade/95th; Lawrence I. 'Larry' Shephard/96th.

The past year/year & a half, the number 82nd FG families and friends that have found the 82nd FG website and who have then sent communications is well over 125. The Spring issue of the NEWSLETTER and Summer 'Reunion Issue' were scanned and emailed to these 82nd FG families and friends. The scanning and emailing of the NEWSLETTER, helps to reduce the increasing expense of printing and postage.

The Spring NEWSLETTER had the Gen. Moseley letter insert in it, asking Gen. Moseley to send a letter to the HAF advising them of Bennett's P-38 lying just off the coast of Greece. The 2 inch thick presentation package was sent to Gen. Moseley towards the end of April. We received a letter from Gen. Moseley towards the end of May. That letter is included in this issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Col. Kostas called me the first week of July, to advise us/the 82nd FG, of this very exciting and historical news. According to Col. Kostas, "When the letter from Gen. Moseley/AF Pentagon arrived at the HAF/HQ, it didn't take long for the word to spread. Everyone was very excited about the letter and what it was about".

We're not exactly sure when the mission will start, as there will be some research and investigation done before the mission heads to the area where Bennett landed in the bay. I have sent the HAF/HQ, every piece of information that I could find pertaining to Bennett's crash landing in the bay. We will keep everyone posted.

The DFW 07 Reunion is just around the corner and we're in the countdown mode now. This year marks the 65th Anniversary of the 82nd FG. Making this year's Reunion a very special and memorable event. All family members and friends are most welcome to attend all of the Reunion activities.

Bring your NAME BADGES.

Phone numbers to copy and keep handy: Hotel/Airport Free Shuttle - (972)929-8181; Terry's Cell phone - (515)710-7377; Cindy's Cell phone - (641)891-7092.

A reminder for those coming to the Reunion, to bring your photos/photo negatives, travel/promotion rosters, reports, flight logbooks, diaries, letters, gun camera film, etc. for scanning and preserving for the 82nd FG website.

Terry

From: Del Ryland 95th

Subject:

Reunion 2008 search.

To the 82ndFG Members and Terry Massick: You have asked about exploratory sites and numbers for next year. We do feel complimented on behalf of our fair city of Scottsdale, but urge you to not overlook our fine neighboring city of Phoenix. It has many excellent hotels and is located closer to the airport. Inquiries to date, while enthusiastically received, have turned out to be unsatisfactory because of prices, limited meals, and or lack of space for our purposes...I'll sign off for now but be assured that we will continue to search, report better offers and ready to be of assistance at any time.

Del and Mary

EMAIL MEMBERS

(82nd Fighter Group Assn)

Lack of space dictates that I omit the normal full page list of email addresses.

Below are changes that I am aware of since 31 March, 07:

Russ Bowen	deleted	96th
Ike Eckermann	change-	Loriike@verizon.net
H. Raymond	deleted	95th
Gerry Rounds	deleted	97th
Janet Scharlau	deleted	96H
Herman Solem	deleted	96th
Pincus Taback	deleted	97th

Members wishing to add their names to this list, please notify Hank Phillips or Chuck Luke

Via email preferred

REGISTRATION FORM (Please return as soon as possible)

82nd Fighter Group Association 2007 Reunion October 17th - 21st, Dallas / Fort Worth, Texas

WYNDHAM DFW North Hotel (formerly the - Holiday Inn Select North/DFW)

4441 Hwy 114 at Esters Blvd. Irving, TX. 75063 (Located 2 miles from DFW Airport, free airport shuttle service)

**** For Hotel Reservations:** Call Direct: (972) 929 - 8181 Existing Reservations remain firm. Don't forget Your Wyndham BY REQUEST Rewards Program Card and /or new Membership.
Ask for: 82nd FG Association Reunion Group Rate of: \$104.00 per night (No Tax to be paid) Special Rates will apply, 2 days before and after, the Reunion. **Cut-Off Date** for the special rate is: **28 September, 2007**

NAME: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ # of Guests: _____
I /we plan to stay at the **WYNDHAM DFW North Hotel**: Yes ___ No ___ Other location: _____
Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Travel will be by: Air ___ Auto ___ RV ___ Train ___ Other ___

Activities of Interest to me/us: State the number of people for each selection below:

WED: 8 am. Registration opens. \$35.00 per person. # ____ Paying _____ Total \$ _____

(No Registration Fee required for Banquet Only guests.)

Golf - Indian Creek Golf Club # ____ (Golfers, please contact: Will Hattendorf) 770-479-404 Pay at Golf Course.

THUR: 7:30 am Lockheed Martin/F-35 Lightning II Tour. # ____ (Bus Cost: \$15.00 per person). Total \$ _____

Closed toe & heel shoes required; (Photo I.D. for US citizens/Passport I.D. For foreign citizens: Please send Passport Number, Date of Birth and Country of Birth to Terry or Roy. No cameras, cell phones or electronic devices permitted... Children must be 10 years old and over for the Tour.

9:00 am Ft. Worth Stockyards shopping/sight-seeing. # ____ (Bus Cost: \$15.00 per person). Total \$ _____

6:00 pm Evening Pizza Party at the Hotel : \$13.00 per person. # ____ Total \$ _____

FRI: 8:00 am Sheppard AFB 60th Anniversary Celebration

Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls Tour - All Day Tour - Leave 8 am & Return 6 pm - 2 to 3 hour bus trip one way.
Group Photo, Aircraft Inspection, Lunch, Flight Simulator).

Bus Cost: \$40.00 per person. # ____: Total \$ _____

9:00 am Local FTW City Tour # ____ (Bus Cost: \$15.00 per person). Total \$ _____

OR, Shopping at the Grapevine Mall any time during the Reunion Week. (FREE TRANSPORTATION for those staying at the DFW. Hotel)

SAT 8:00 am Business meeting, 0800 to ____? (As long as necessary !)

10:30 am Ft. Worth Alliance Field Air Show. # ____ (Bus Cost: \$15.00 per person). Total \$ _____

6:00 pm Cocktail Hour, 7:00 pm Saturday Night Banquet: Cost: \$32.00 per person. # ____:

Chicken ___ Beef ___ Fish ___ Total \$ _____

Banquet Entertainment will be provided by the: "NOBLES of NOTE" Orchestra..

SUN: Hospitality Room will be open till approximately, 1:00 pm.

I will volunteer to help with: Registration - Hospitality ___ Bartending ___ Auto ___ Errands ___ As Needed ___

Save THIS copy. Mail INSERT copy (with check) to: Roy Norris, 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH. 45224

Sent: Check No. _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

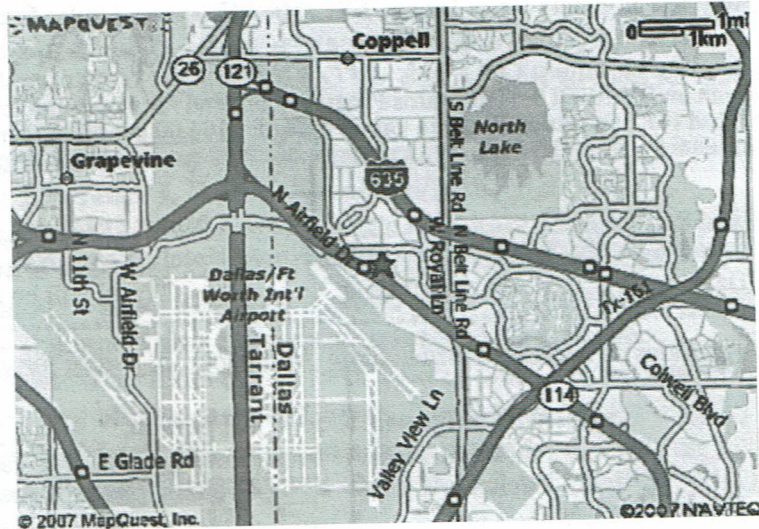
HOSTS Mr. & Mrs. Terry Massick, 979 Jewell Drive, Knoxville, IA 50138

For questions, call: Terry or Cindy Massick: (641) 842-7451 or TM (515) 710-7377 or CM (641) 891-7092

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Wyndham Hotel's location is depicted by the STAR on the map to the right.



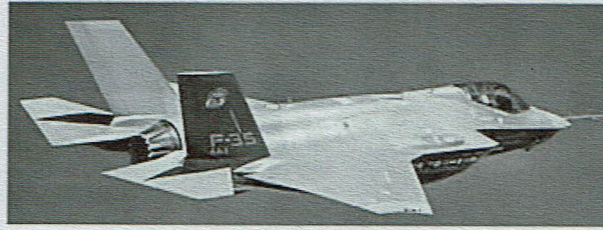
The management and staff of the new, Wyndham Hotel (formerly the, Holiday Inn Select, North-DFW) are very much looking forward to having and meeting the members of the 82nd FG and their families for this year's reunion.

This hotel and its team have hosted numerous military reunions the past few years. The hotel will be completing a \$12 million renovation program the first of September. And, the 82nd FG will be the first military reunion, after the project is completed.

The Wyndham Hotel is located 2 miles north of the DFW Airport with FREE shuttle service to the hotel. Upon arriving at DFW, call, (972) 929-8181, for shuttle service to the hotel.

The hotel also runs the FREE shuttle service within a, 4 mile radius of the hotel. Which also includes the, Grapevine Mills Mall.





The F-35/Lightning II, is named to honor the P-38 Lightning. It is the result of the Defense Department's Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program, which sought to build a multi-role fighter optimized for the air-to-ground role with secondary air-to-air capability.

GOLFERS!

If you have not already signed up for golf, contact Will Hattendorf (770) 479-4043 well before 15 Sept. The Indian Creek Club MUST have the final number of players by then.



Will Hattendorf has chosen the Indian Creek Golf Club from a selection of the many fine courses in the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area. He urges all 82ndFG golfers to call him ASAP for details and please recruit as many players as possible.

Tel: (770) 479-4043



The "Nobles of Note" are 15 musicians that came together in 1984 to play the classic "Big Band" Music of the 1940s, 50s, and 60s, and are dedicated to preserve the Big Band sound.

They have a classic appreciation for this distinctive style of music, and the traditional dress of the musicians, and the physical arrangement of the bandstand. The Nobles charge for their appearances, but the musicians are not paid. The players gladly donate their talent and time to benefit needy organizations and charities. To date they have donated over \$250,000.