

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Next Reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio 1-4 October, 2008

Election Results: John J. Kane, President

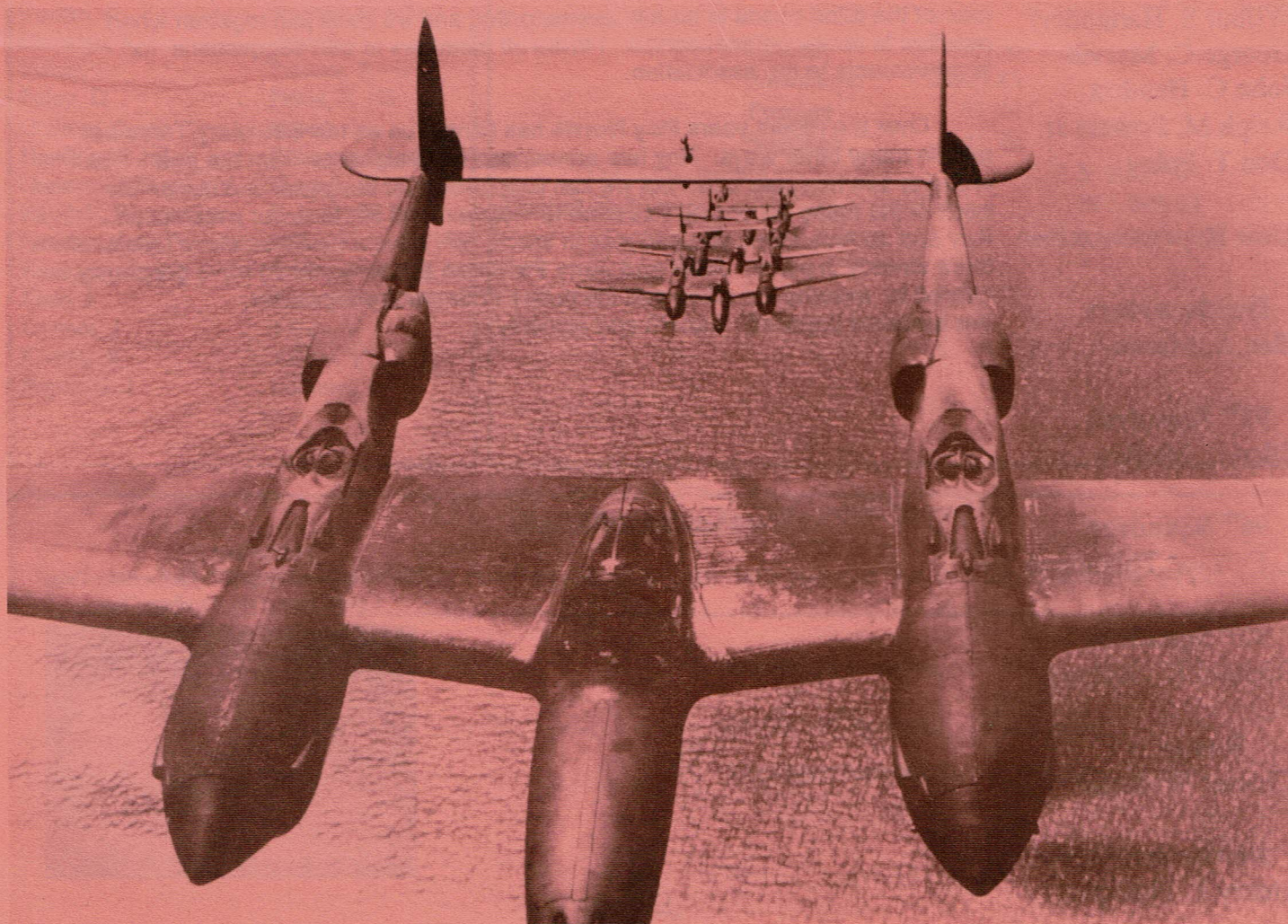
Richard D. Ostronik, Vice President

John N. Parlman Secretary/Treasurer (appointed)

Ft Worth/Sheppard AFB Reunion Comments/Photos



Fort Worth Hosts: Terry and Cindy



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

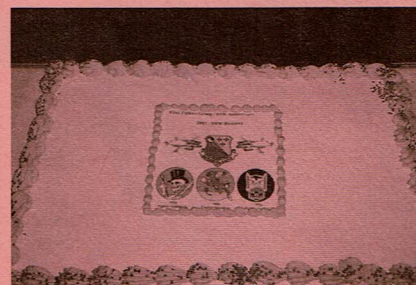
The 82nd Fighter Group completed another successful mission; this time the target was Irving Texas and we believe that everyone returned home safely. In addition to the good times with old friends, we were given an insight into the future. We toured the Lockheed- Martin plant that is building the new F-35 "Lightning II"; the same company that provided us with our P-38 Lightnings. The newest model looks formidable. We also traveled to Sheppard Air Force Base and got a reassuring look at the people of the 82nd Training Wing who are following in our footsteps. We were warmly greeted by people who were proud of the connection that they had with our wartime reputation. It was a good feeling on our part.

I was granted a most important honor by being elected to the post of President of the 82nd Fighter Group Association. I will make every attempt to carry on the work of previous holders of the office. Above all, the story of the men of the 82nd needs to be told and recorded and we must join together when possible to renew old friendships. I invite all members to add suggestions for improvements to the association.

Over the recent years Roy Norris has served us as our Secretary/Treasurer and, in many other ways. Roy has announced his resignation from the post. We regret to see him step down but we can look back over the years and remember each of the many actions he has taken to maintain and improve our association. Roy and Jo Ann, thank you and stay in touch. We have a new Secretary/Treasurer team already in place. John and Judy Parlman (Honorary 95th) have graciously offered to assume the office and the duties of Secretary/Treasurer. We welcome them with warmth and sincerity.

{1942 to 2007 ! }

82nd Fighter Group 65th Anniversary Cake!
Compliments of the Wyndham Chefs.



SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues are delinquent after March 31st of current year.

The newsletter is free to all Sustaining and Honorary members.

Current sustaining membership is \$20 per year. Associate membership is \$10 (voluntary and includes the newsletter).

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.

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Paid Sustaining Dues 2007 (+D=Donation, +I=Internet)

Adams, R	Leutzow, A
Andrews, D	Malejki, J +D
Anton, S	Mason, B
Barnhart, H	McAdams, G
Blumer, J	Medley, O
Blurock, W	Metcalf, J
Bosshard, J	Moser, F
Burgess, W	Norris, R
Butler, H	Olson, M
Cavanaugh, G	Orr, E
Chase, H	Ostronik, R
Craft, B	Otto, G +I
Curran, D	Phillips, H +D
DeForge, A	Powell, G
Fisher, L	Powers, R +D
Foley, D	Pricst, R +D
Graham, F +D	Rivest, G
Harding, R +D	Roalsvic, M +D
Harman, A	Russell, E
Hayduk, W	Ryland, D
Hendrix, J +I	Solko, J
Kane, J	Stoutenborough, D
Keen, J	Thompson, L +I
Kermes, J	Tilley, V
Kirtley, R	Yahne, V
Zegarelli, J	Zellman, L

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

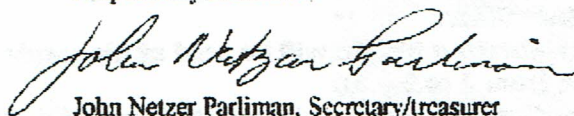
July 1 - October 31, 2007

Beginning Balance:		
PNC Bank		\$12,596.15
Receipts:		
Donations	Internet	\$ 517.00
	Regular	1,760.00
	Total	\$ 2,277.00
Dues	Associate	\$ 40.00
	Honorary	0.00
	Sustaining	440.00
	Total	\$ 480.00
Total Receipts		\$ 2,757.00
Payments:		
	Internet	\$ 225.00
	Newsletter	2,095.85
	Postage	41.00
	Supplies	45.76
Total Payments		\$ 2,407.61
Ending Balance:		\$12,945.54

Unpaid Sustaining Dues 2007

A-3 B-9 C-16 D-5 E-3 F-3 G-5 H-17 I-1 J-2 K-6 L-10 M-9 N-1 O-5 P-6 R-4 S-14 T-6 V-1 W-13 Z-2

Respectfully submitted,


John Netzer Parlman, Secretary/Treasurer

Obituary on: Jack Robert Duncan

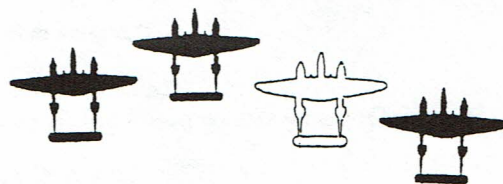
CMSgt. Jack Robert Duncan, U.S. Air Force, Retired, age 90 of Schertz, passed away on November 6, 2007. He was born to John & Vera Duncan on March 15, 1917 in East Liverpool, Ohio, later moving to Youngstown, Ohio. Jack was the oldest of five children. After graduating from high school, he worked two years for the steel mill. Jack joined the Army Air Corps on September 7, 1940 later becoming a part of the U.S. Air Force. He was a P38 mechanic during World War II, serving in Italy, Ireland, Algeria, Tunisia, Russia and Sicily. After the war, he was a mechanics instructor for the P38 while at Chanute AFB, IL., residing in Mahomet, IL. from 1946-1966. As a veteran of three wars, Jack did duty in 21 European countries and participated in 11 campaigns. He finished his career at Randolph AFB Military Personnel Center. Jack retired after 33 years in the military achieving the rank of CMSgt.

Military awards and medals include: Meritorious Service, Air Force Commendation, Good Conduct (Army and Air Force), American Defense Service, American Campaign, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, World War II Victory, Korean Service, Vietnam Service, United Nations Service, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit, Air Force Longevity Service, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship and Russian Commemorative Medal celebrating the 50th anniversary of the victory over Germany in WWII.

He enjoyed politics, serving as Republican Committee Chairman, served on the board of Schertz Senior Citizen Housing, a member of the Hanger Door, past member and commander of Mahomet Legion Post 1015, and Masons.

Jack is survived by son, Jack L. Duncan, Dallas; daughters, Pam Parker & husband, Steve, Mahomet, IL & Ellen White & husband, David, San Antonio; sister, Ellen Duncan, Pensacola, FL; grandchildren, Kathy Henderson & husband, Daryl, Rob Parker & wife, Kris, Jonathan White & Aaron White and great-grandchildren, Kami & Lawson Parker.

FLY BY of HONOR



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

<i>William C. Ligon</i>	<i>02 Sept.,02</i>	<i>96th</i>
<i>William D. Weaver</i>	<i>07 Apr.,05</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>Al DeForge Jr.</i>	<i>14 Sept.,07</i>	<i>97th</i>
<i>Robert Randall</i>	<i>15 Oct.,07</i>	<i>97th</i>
<i>Vern Taylor</i>	<i>02 Nov.,07</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>John Blumer</i>	<i>03 Nov.,07</i>	<i>95th</i>
<i>Fred Wolfe</i>	<i>06 Nov.,07</i>	<i>96th</i>
<i>Jack Duncan</i>	<i>06 Nov.,07</i>	<i>97th</i>

Robert Randall/97th FS, of Bremerton Nov. 18, 1921 to Oct. 15, 2007.

On Monday, October 15, Bob passed away and went to be with his Lord. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 30 years, Lorna Lee; his second wife of 19 years, Nikki Anderson-Randall; and a son, Robert White Jr.

Bob was born in Oak Park, Illinois, to Harry and Pauline Randall.

During WW II, he served in Italy with the Army Air Force as a P-38 pilot in the 82nd Fighter Group.

Upon returning to civilian life after his tour of duty, Bob attended the University of Washington where he met his first wife, Lorna. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science, Bob returned to Oak Park, where he obtained a post-graduate degree from Northern Illinois School of Optometry in the spring of 1950.

Bob was an optometrist in Bremerton for 40 years. During that time, he served on the Bremerton school board, and later served as State Representative for ten years, and later, was appointed to the State School Board.

He is survived by his brother, Richard; his sister, Ruth Amstutz; his son, Bruce and daughter-in-law, Rochelle; his daughter, Jane Courage; grandchildren, Kelli Curnutt, Kari O'Neill, Rebecca Starr, Ken Randall, Leah and Mira Courage; and great-grandchildren, Kevan Curnutt, Rosillian Starr and Robert Starr.

A memorial celebrating his life will be held at his residence, 3040 Marine Drive, Saturday, November 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Kitsap County, or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Dear Members of the 82nd Fighter Group, Honored Family and Guests,

Greetings from the United States Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan I wish you a very blessed and enjoyable 65th Anniversary. I hope and pray that all is well with you and your families and this reunion. I apologize for my absence this year and know and trust you will understand.

You have set the foundations for this awesome Group and its outstanding Squadrons. I know that we, who have been following your footsteps through these years, have been able to continue to uphold the great standards you initially set forth and add to its rich history

I proudly salute and thank you for all you and your families continue to do for our great country.

Wolf Asmus



82nd Fighter Group reunites, tours Sheppard

by Staff Sgt. Tonnelle Thompson
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

10/23/2007 - SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Members of the 82nd Fighter Group gathered in Texas for their 65-year reunion this week, and were welcomed at Sheppard Air Force Base Oct. 19.

"It was more than I ever expected, the whole base fell out to greet us," retired Lt. Col. John Kane, a tour member, said, echoing the sentiments of many there. "They were all very respectful of us, I was impressed. I don't know how you keep your Airmen so motivated, but the reception we received was very fine, very professional."

The war veterans spent the afternoon touring the 80th Flying Training Wing headquarters, trying their hands at the T-38 simulators, and viewing the planes along the flight line.

Some tour members were wives and children of the vets, accompanying the retirees on their trip down memory lane. One man, Dave Hanley, made the trip in his father's place.

"I found out about these reunions on Google," he said. Shortly thereafter he set about attending gathering after gathering of the group, hearing and telling tales of his father, former 2nd Lt. Elbert "Cotton" Creech.

He also told the story of how the Sheppard's 96th Flying Training Squadron got its patch emblem, a cartoon of a fighting rabbit.

"At Edwards AFB, back when it was called Muroc, the guys used to drive out at night in their jeeps and shoot jackrabbits, and that image stuck with them," he said.

For all the chatter amongst the tourists, the room fell respectfully silent when Bill Mason stood by the Heritage Center display showcasing the 1944 air strike over Ploesti, Romania, and spoke of his father's role in that historic air raid. But instead of downward-cast eyes at the memory of a brave pilot, admiring gazes were aimed at a wizened gentleman curled up in his wheelchair. Col. Ben Mason, former commander of the 82nd FG and the oldest living P-38 pilot at 94, listened to his son's words and remembered the day he and his P-38 "Billy Boy" spearheaded that battle.

"It was just a few days after D-Day," he said, recalling the dive-bombing mission in Romanian skies that cost Hitler his main diesel and gasoline supplies.

"Just another day at the office," he said.

Capt. Andre Lecours, 360th Training Squadron, and Maj. Eriik Nikula, 80th FTW, organized the tour.

"These inexperienced pilots were sent out against the German Luftwaffe, seasoned pilots with hundreds of combat hours. They had to learn quick and they did," Major Nikula said. "It's wonderful to have these guys here, they're real heroes. It's a real honor to have them with us; we live free because of their sacrifices."

The 82nd FG was renamed the 82nd Training Wing in 1993. Squadrons within the fighter group were the 95th, 96th and 97th Fighter Squadrons. The 96th and 97th FTS are currently assigned as Air Force Reserve Command flying training squadrons in the 340th Flying Training Group.



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Members of the 82nd Fighter Group reunion listen a Bill Mason (center) tells the story of his father, Col. I Mason (seated) and his 1944 air strike over Ploesti. 82nd FG visited Sheppard Oct. 18. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Tonnelle Thompson)



Chow at Sheppard AFB -- 19 October, 2007



Air Show, Alliance Field -- 20 October, 2007

Dick Ostronik, Jeff Linn, Regina & Don Foley



Air Show, Alliance Field -- 20 October, 2007
Terry Massick and Dick Ostronik

Legend for Table Relatives

- *****
- <1> son
 - <2> grand son
 - <3> daughter
 - <4> grand daughter
 - <5> son-in-law
 - <6> daughter-in-law
 - <7> brother-in-law
 - <8> sister-in-law
 - <9> brother
 - <10> Sister>
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Table 12

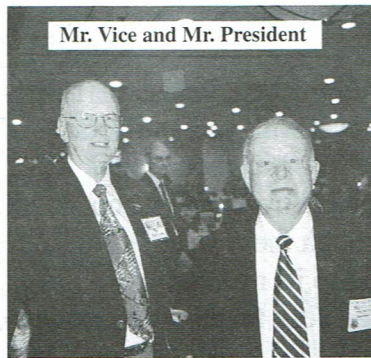
Sally & John Cox	96th
Fred Moser	95th
Blythe Pratt	97H
Fred Graham	96th
Sandra Baker<3>	96H



A Rose for Marlene

Table Eleven

Charley Pinson	96th
Mary Beth Berney<3>	96H
Gary Ploesser step-son	96H
Dave Hanley	95H
Paul Creech	95th
Richard Curran	95th



Sheppard AFB -- Flight Simulator

John Kane at the controls

l-r: Fritz Doerbeck, Joe Davis, Wesley Phillips
Hank Phillips, Jeff Linn, and Instructor.



Sheppard AFB Reception Line.

l-r: Fritz D., Fred Moser, Blythe Pratt, Hank P,
John Kane, Glendor McAdams, Grace Davidson,
Del Ryland



FTW. / Dallas Reunion Celebrants

Table One

Regina and Don Foley [1 st lady & Pres.]	97th
George Rivest	97th
Grace Davidson	guest
Howard Warne	97th
Roger Hesse	97th
Jo Ann and Roy Norris	96th
Chip Norris<1>	96H
Rick Hood	97H

Table Two

Cindy and Terry Massick [Hosts]	95th
Brenda Asmus	97H
Zach Asmus<1>	97H
Andy Klein, Major [active]	97 TF Sqn.
Jeff Grayson, Major [active]	" "
Martha and Keith Armstrong	95th
Sylvia & Dick Ostronik [w/ Pres., Elect]	96th

Table Three

Bettye & Gene Russell	96th
Sharan<6> & Derral Russell<1>	96H
David Russell<1>	96H
Cheri<6> & Dale Russell<1>	96H
Zachary Russell <2>	96H
Riley Russell <2>	96H

Table Four

Kathy & Bob Priest	95th
Margaret & Monty Powers	95th
Ruth Powers<3>	95H
Brian Baucher<2> to Margaret	95H
Bill Blurock	95th
Tom Wilson [step son]	95H
Judy & John Parlman	95th

Table Five

Betty & Olen Medley	95th
Nancy Manduano twin<3>	95H
Nanette Forrester twin<3>	95H
Lola Giertz	95H
Dean Daniels<1>	95H
Will Hattendorf	95th
Dee Fine<3>	95H
Ben Mason	Hq
Bill Mason<1>	HqH

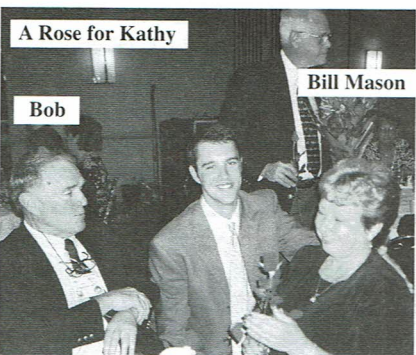


Table Six

Zeta & Dick Gadbury	97th
Judy & Chuck Luke	97th
Nancy Boon [niece]	guest
Meg & Mac McAdams	97th
Kaki & Gordon Fuqua	97th
Pren Hollingsworth	97th

Table Seven

Diana & Paul Fahey	xxa
Lilo & Georg Fuereder	xxa
Fran & John Kane [1 st Lady & President elect]	96th
Marlene & Hank Phillips	96th
Gudrun<8> & Fritz Doerbeck<9>	to Marlene

Table Eight

Gisela<10> & Joe Davis<7>	to Marlene 96th
Joni<6> & Lowell Phillips<1>	to Hank 96th
Wesley Phillips<3>	96th
Sydney Phillips<4>	96th
Vern<10> & Chris Carnucci<7>	to Joni guests

Table Nine

Meredith Embrey	95H
Alix Olson <6>	95H
Jim Monahan	96th
Fern Morgan	97H
Edie & Leo Fisher	96th
Mary & Del Ryland	95th
Christine<6> & David Ryland <1>	95H

Table Ten

Phyllis & Jake Hendrix	95th
Rick Hendrix<1>	95H
Sue Hendrix<6>	95H
Susie Hall<3>	95H
Major Hall<5>	95H
Laurie Bojorguez<3>	95H
Dan Hendrix<2>	95H
Kay Watanabe	Guest

PLEASE NOTICE!

Since 1997, our oldest and ranking member, **Colonel Ben A. Mason** has at his own expense, provided **BEAUTIFUL RED ROSES** for every lady in attendance at our banquets.

The roses are carried by son, Bill Mason, and hands one to an Active Duty AF Member, who presents a rose to each lady at every table.

This year was an exception: Col. Wolf Asmus is presently on active duty in Afghanistan.

What to do? Problem solved! Son, **Zach** responded to the call-of-duty in the finest Asmus tradition as confirmed by numerous comments from the ladies. Bravo Zach and thanks!

hp

From Verne and Eleanor Yahne 95th

12 Nov., 2007

Hi hank,

I flew a bomber escort mission on the 19th July, 1943, but all I have is the log book entry which does not give any details other than that it was a bomber escort and was of five hour duration.

I never saw a P-38 from any unit go down and strafe.

That is a very interesting letter.

I hope that all is well with you these days. We are doing okay.

Verne

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Verne's letter refers to the alleged strafing of Rome by P-38s on 19 July, 1943.

The 82nd Fighter Group has asked for information from pilots who flew missions on this date.

I believe most members know that Verne lost his natural voice earlier and since Sept., 07 has been speaking with a voice box. I'm happy to report that I can hear him well over the phone.

Eleanor informs me that he expects to speak even better as time goes on hp.

hi Dick/Sylvia and Terry/Cindy AND HANK,

1. Good reports so far. . Margaret in hospital overnight Monday and home Tuesday after all sorts of tests and all seems quite normal today. . so we look for less concerns about what was at issue. . thanks for your concern and prayers.
2. The Email telling of the DFW REUNION activity and efforts by Cindy & Terry came today and many thanks IT WAS EXCELLENT and we look forward to your good work as we go along. . . many thanks from m/m!!!
3. The EMAIL from Dick showing the photos of the AIR SHOW was just awesome..... thanks for sending it along. We look for more vice-full-times from our new Pres.-in-charge of VICE. . . and thanks in advance.
4. We look forward to great programs and activities through the new slate of officers who will be willing to follow the 82nd BI LAWS or rewrite them!!!

BEST WISHES, monty



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC 20330



16 OCT 2007

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

Dear Mr. Massick

I am humbled by the invitation to celebrate the 82d Fighter Group's 65th anniversary, but unfortunately I cannot be with you on this auspicious occasion. I would love to represent, in person, the Airmen of the United States Air Force who follow in your brave footsteps, protecting our great nation, her allies, and the principles of justice and freedom.

Birthdays and the accompanying celebrations provide the opportunity to share camaraderie, reminisce, and to look forward to bright futures. Like the 82d Fighter Group, 2007 has been a big year for your United States Air Force as we embarked on our "Air Force's Heritage to Horizons... Commemorating 60 years of Air Power" campaign. Our activities over the course of year focus on honoring our past and looking forward to a bright future the next 60 years.

As the world's greatest Air Force, we continue to build upon the foundation of professional Airmen -- giants like the members of the 82d Fighter Group. You answered the call with great distinction. Whether operating against the enemy's air transports, flying dive-bombing and strafing missions, escorting medium bombers in their attacks on enemy shipping, or providing direct support to the ground forces during the invasion of Italy, you were triumphant. Three Distinguished Unit Citations will serve as eternal reminders of your victorious legacy of excellence and represent a revered chapter in our great history.

You should also be proud of the heritage you have bequeathed us... today's Airmen. These Airmen have now been in combat continuously for the past 17 years. In fact, 35,000 Airmen are deployed, waging the global war on terrorism. Over 210,000 Airmen fulfill important missions for our nation's Combatant Commanders every day. We will extend your legacy of Air Power domination, or as you so eloquently put it over 60 years ago, we will continue to employ "Adorimini - Up and at 'Em!" Thank you for everything you have done for our beloved country, and for the foundation and example you set for future generations of Airmen.

Sincerely

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Hello Everyone,

Nov. 29th will mark the beginning of the 5th year for the 82nd FG website. Since the last NEWSLETTER, worldwide visitors to the website were as follows: Aug. - 8,990; Sept. - 7,342; Oct. - 7,068; Nov. thru the 15th - 3,149.

This brings the visitor grand total to: 339,650.

Family members that have contacted us through the 82nd FG website, are looking for and seeking information about the following members:

Frank F. Kachurka/95th; Robert E. Beatty/97th; John G. White/97th.

If anyone can help and/or assist, please contact me by phone or email.

We recently received communications from the, POW/Missing Personnel Office of the Dept of Defense, pertaining to Harry Downey, Jr./97th, MIA on 12/10/43. I talked with the officer for about an hour on the phone. He advised me, they are getting the 2008, Search & Recovery Mission, organized and will be looking for Harry Downey.

He also advised me that the, POW/MIA Section, has visited the 82nd FG website, many times and that it's the best website to go to for information and details. He also advised me, that any 82nd FG - MIA, in the former Eastern Block countries, will be given additional consideration for, Search & Recovery, now that direct communications have been established.

The DFW Reunion, also celebrated the 65th Anniversary of the formation of the 82nd FG. It was an historic and exciting event for everyone.

On Thursday, the Group toured Lockheed Martin to see the new F-35 Lightning II in production and were also given a briefing on the Lightning II's capabilities. Many thanks to Karen Hagar, Ronnie Carter, Col. Billy Diehl, Maj. Andy Klein/97th FTS, and all the LM people who helped and assisted in the 82nd FG tour, making it another very special and historic day in 82nd FG history.

On Friday, several Group members went to Sheppard AFB, celebrating its 60th anniversary, for a day long visit with the 97th FTS. Everyone had a great time. Some of the Group spent some time in the flight sims, and did, very well. Thanks to Maj. Eriik Nikula, Project Officer, and all the 97th FTS members for a great and memorable day.

On Saturday, the majority of the Group attended the Alliance Air Show as, Special Guests, at the Hillwood Properties Chalet. The Group was treated to a great lunch and beverages. The interior of the Chalet displayed WW II photos on the tables and walls, with Big Band music playing throughout the day. Many, many thanks to Ross Perot, Jr.; Col. Matt Byrd/97th FTS; Jamie King; and all the Hillwood Properties employees who helped and assisted in making the Alliance Air Show a very enjoyable and memorable day for the Group.

Thanks to David Contreras, Bob Coulter, and the entire Crew of Army Air Corp Museum for bringing in all of their WW II items for display before, during, and after the Banquet. It was great fun for everyone. It brought back alot of memories, as well as, made alot of new memories .

Thanks to George Cowand and the Nobles of Note for all the great Big Band music during the Banquet. The dance floor was very busy.

Thanks to the staff and employees at the Wyndham Hotel.

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Car 2 Flight Report....

The Drive from Hell....or, a Funny Thing Happened on the way home from the 82nd Reunion

The Hank Phillips "Team Mobile", consisting of H&M in Car 1, and the Fuereders/Faheys in Car2, set out from Dallas in great weather. However, the Mobile, AL region was another matter. Heavy rains greeted the Team (later reports would indicate a foot of rain fell over that region). The F&F Car decided to head into Mobile for a look at the USS Alabama, while H&M, an hour or two behind, almost literally 'floated' and 'planed' their way along I10; "on instruments the whole way" reported Hank.

Team F&F pulled into Battleship Park amid high winds and drenching rain squalls. The guys decided to go aboard the Alabama despite the rain while the women avowed they would remain in the car and prepare a late lunch. Georg and Paul then enjoyed a 90 minute leisurely tour, although for some reason, Georg seemed especially fascinated with the battleship's anti-aircraft guns *[Being shot at for almost 5 years by similar type guns, that's not too hard to understand! hp]*

Soaked but happy, the guys returned to the car and women, and reported their adventures. The women, in turn, believed their time was better spent chatting, listening to CDs, chatting, keeping our newly made sandwiches cold in the battery-operated, electric fridge, and, generally, chatting. Eventually, with lunch now consumed, and one of the ladies at the wheel, it was time launch again into the rain storm. Lights on! Wipers on! Ignition! ...Ignition! ...Ignition!...No ignition, ... dead battery.

Emergency calls went out to Car 1, the Phillips, calling for jumper cables and moral support. However, Car 1, intensely focused on weathering along I10, had shut off the cell phone. After several minutes of intense rancor in Car 2, guys against girls, a sudden thought calmed us. Hank and Marlene were working the weather problem a lot harder than we were. So, maybe, the dead battery wasn't such a bad thing after all. One hour later, the AAA truck showed up and jump started the Car 2 team into renewed life. Off we went, 'wiping' our way across the marshlands of Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. There the weather settled down and we were all safely and happily reunited at the Phillips' in Ft Walton Beach.

It has been reported that entire squadrons of aircraft have gone amuk while flying in bad weather. Hopefully those surviving aircrews enjoyed telling their stories as much as we did here.

Lilo and Georg Fuereder
Diana and Paul Fahey
Car 2, The Phillips' Team Mobile

(Terry -- cont from page 8)

Col. Wolf Asmus, was deployed to Pakistan at the end of August. Brenda and son, Zach, attended the Reunion to carry on the, Asmus Family, participation and support. When asked, Zach graciously accepted the mission of the official, Reunion Rose Presenter. Zach did an excellent and outstanding job: kneeling, presenting the roses, and of course, kissing all the girls.

During the Banquet opening presentation, I had an unexpected and tough moment. Without hesitation, Zach, immediately came to my assistance. A true, 82nd FG Family Member, 3rd generation. Thanks Zach.

For those that took photos during the DFW Reunion, if you would please, send me copies and/or a cd of your photos. I would greatly appreciate it.

The 2008 Reunion will be, Oct. 1st - 4th, in Cincinnati at the, Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport Hotel. The primary tour will be the Wright-Patterson AF Museum, with additional activities in the Cincinnati area. The Spring NEWSLETTER will have all the information, details, and registration form.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Talk with you later.

As Always,

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Asmus	new address	97A
Anderson	address change	xxa
Bowen	deleted	96 th
J. Chase	address change	96H
Cox	new address	96 th
Fahey	New.	xxa
Joslin	address change	96H
Norris	address change	96th
Parlihan	new	95H
Randal	deleted	97th
Scheckwitz	deleted	95th

Members wishing to add their names to this list,
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