

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 30, 2009

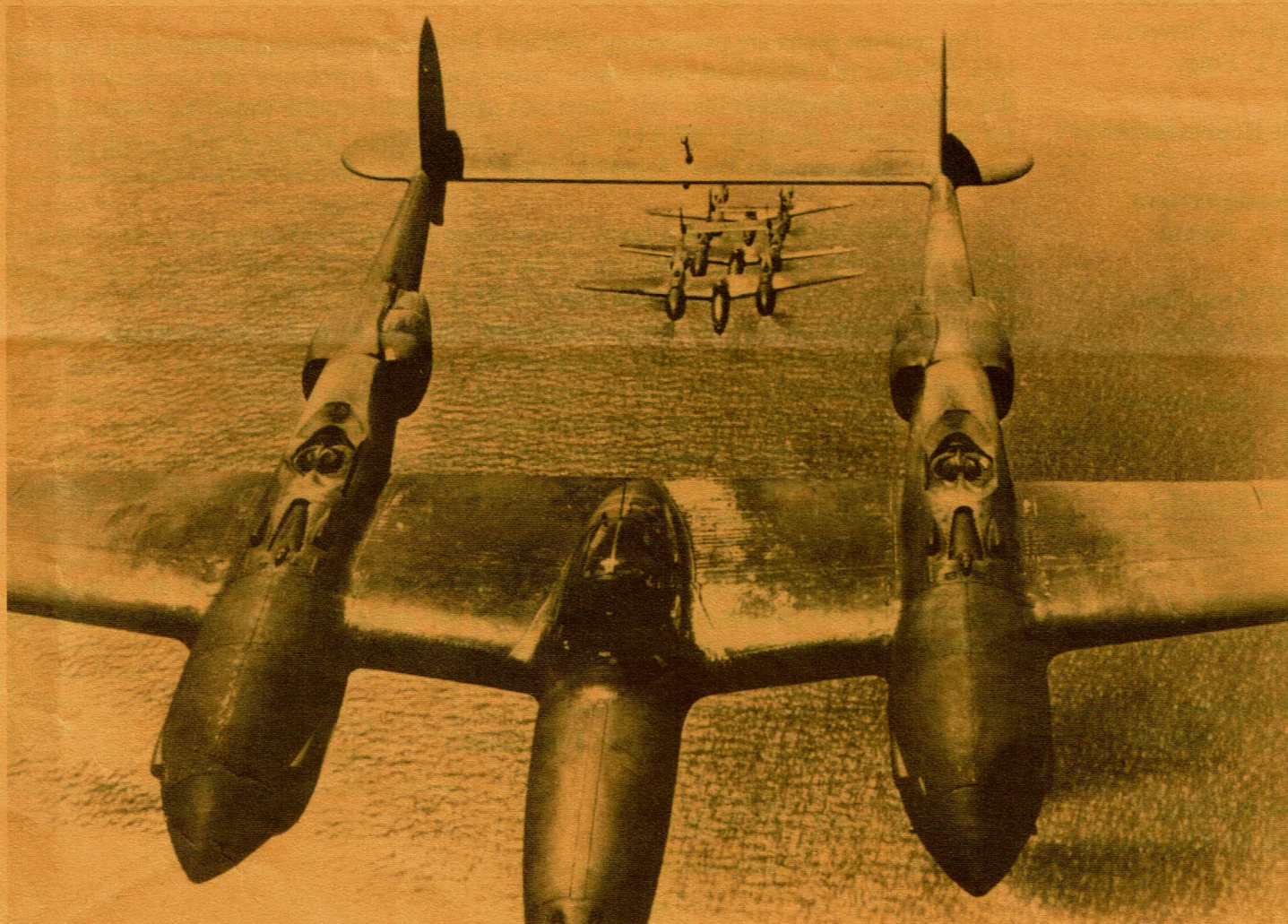
ISSUE 75

SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Las Vegas, Nev. Reunion. 9-13 Sept, 2009
Preview of Activities; Letter-of-Intent forms
Up-date on Queen Mary/Curacao TV Film
82nd FG History DVD Project News
Membership Forms



*82nd FG President and 1st Lady
John and Frances Kane*



82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



Executive Board Officers

President

John J. Kane

Vice President

Richard D. Ostronik

Secretary/ Treasurer

John Netzer Parliman

President Emeritus

Harley C. Vaughn

Past Presidents

Wilbur S. Hattendorf

George C. Marvin

John C. Hendrix

Ralph M. Powers Jr.

Don T. Foley

Unit Representatives

Headquarters

Ben A. Mason

95th Squadron

Olen L. Medley

96th Squadron

L.C. "Lute" Thompson

97th Squadron

Richard E. Gadbury

Roster

Rick Hood

Newsletter

Henry P. Phillips

Webmaster

Terry W. Massick Sr.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello to esteemed members of the 82nd Fighter Group,

Spring is almost here but I am feeling like an old bear that has recently emerged from hibernation (without having lost any weight) and is viewing winter's wreckage as a challenge to repair. I would like to comment on the New Hampshire winter of cold, icing and a nine day power outage but I would be considered to be a whiner by our members in the midwest and northern areas. Even our folks who live in the southland have "ice in the birdbath" stories to tell. I intend to "think spring" and look forward to summer and fall when we shall all meet at our reunion in a warm Las Vegas.

The reunion plans are proceeding well and, given our expanded membership, we may look forward to a large and enthusiastic attendance. It is probably not too early to bring up the subject of volunteers that will "meet and greet" and do other important tasks that make for an enjoyable meeting. If you would like to be admired and revered by your fellow members, please notify Terry Massick, Hank Phillips, or me, to make it happen.

I have been thinking about a great idea (at least I think it to be a great idea) and I would like to hear other opinions. The men of the 82nd Fighter Group who fought the African campaign are the ones who formed new people and new airplanes into one of the most effective combat units of the Army Air Forces. Those of us who came afterward were welcomed into an up and running organization. How great would it be if we could assemble the men who dealt with the hardships of poor living quarters, bad weather (blowing sand) and field conditions to maintain a P-38 fit to be sent on combat missions. This is a story that should be told and our goal is to interest one or more television stations to take on the project. It would be nice to hear from anyone who has some comment about this.

Spring is the time to feel and act young. Feeling young has never hurt anyone ---but watch out for that "acting young"; sometimes it can make even your hair hurt. As always, we should be happy, be well and be proud of who we are.

John Kane

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues are delinquent after March 31st of current year.

Sustaining and family membership dues are \$20 per year. The newsletter for Honorary and Associate members is \$15 per year.

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.

Send Checks to: John Netzer Parlman, Sec/Treas., 82nd Ftr Gp Assn., 1566 East Saint Charles Place, Inverness, FL 34453
tel: 352-341-0890 **email:** 2floridajps@tampabay.rr.com

Paid 2008 Dues since last newsletter

Baker, Sandra	Monyhan, James
Chorich, Melvin	Phillips, Marlene
Cuthbert, Lois	Pinson, Charles
Embrey, Meredith	Ploesser, Gary
Fine, Delia	Smith, Everard III
Howard, E L	Sognier, John W
Kirtley, Robt E	Vincent, William-
Mauch, Thayne	Wallace, Jack
Metcalf, James	

Unpaid Sustaining Dues 2008

A-4	B-9	C-16	D-7	E-2	F-1
G-5	H-17	J-2	K-7	L-10	M-10
N-1	O-7	P-6	R-6	S-14	T-7
V-1	W-14	Y-1	Z-4		

Paid 2009 Sustaining and Family Dues

Adams, Robt	Lowenberg, Bruce
Anton, Soren	Manduan, Nancy
Barnhardt, Harley	Mason, Wm
Brower, David	Massick, Cindy
Brown, Susan	Massick, Terry
Blurock, Wm	McMonegal, Pat
Burgess, Wm	Morgan, Fern
Clift, Lorraine	Moseley, Frances
Demers, Luwella	Otto, Guy
Eckermann, C E	Papermaster, Ted
Farnham, Everett	Parlman, Ange
Fisher, Leo	Parlman, John
Foley, Don	Parlman, Judy
Fuereder, Georg	Phillips, H P
Gray, Joel	Phillips, Marlene
Grover, Arnold	Powers, Ralph M
Howard, E L	Pratt, Blythe
Ireland, Bruce	Roalsvic, Mel
Jones, Lincoln	Ryland, Del
Keller, Ruth	Thompson, L C
Lewis, Larry	Urton, Francis

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Nov 1, 2008 - Feb 28, 2009

Operating Account

Beginning Balance: \$11,459.61

Receipts:

Donations	Internet	\$ 180.00
	Regular	105.00
	Total	\$ 285.00
Dues	Associate	\$ 60.00
	Honorary	40.00
	Sustaining	490.00
	Total	\$ 590.00

History DVD

140.00

Total Receipts

\$ 1015.00

Payments:

Internet	\$ 400.00
Newsletter	1,337.33

Total Payments

\$ 1,737.33

Ending Balance:

\$10,737.28

Reunion Fund*

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,774.75

Receipts: 250.00

Payments: 1,200.00

Balance: \$ 1,874.25


*Includes final activity for 2008 reunion

Balance of all accounts:

\$12,611.53

I am still updating our membership rosters and converting former honorary members to the new descendent category. This is also a time of year when I receive both 2008 and 2009 dues. If the year is not designated on the check, I will credit 2008 if it is unpaid. Please notify me immediately if the data shown here does not match your records.

Respectfully submitted on 21 March 2009,


John Netzer Parlman, 95F, Secretary/Treasurer

GENTLEMEN OF THE 82nd FIGHTER GROUP, 15th AIR FORCE

HANK

REGARDING JOHN LATOURETTE 2-3-1919 TO 10-1-2007

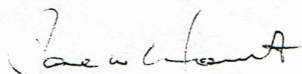
IT COMES WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I MUST TELL YOU MY FATHER HAS PASSED AWAY. HE PASSED ON OCT 1 2007, CLOSE TO ONE YEAR AGO. I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT CONTACTING YOU SOONER. I HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THE LATE NOTICE.

HE WAS ALWAYS VERY PROUD TO DISCUSS HIS TIME IN THE AIR FORCE AND IT WAS OBVIOUS HE SERVED WITH THE BEST OF THE BEST. HE WAS A QUIET MAN AND ALWAYS MADE ME PROUD TO BE HIS SON. HE IS TRULY MISSED. HIS WIFE, GERTRUDE, DAUGHTERS CAROL AND WENDY, AND I, PAUL, ARE HIS REMAINING FAMILY.

A GENERATION IS PASSING ON AND I TRULY BELIEVE THERE ARE ONLY A FEW LIKE THAT GENERATION FILLING IN BEHIND THEM. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING WHO YOU ARE AND WERE..

SINCERELY

PAUL LATOURETTE



Los Angeles Times
1-24-09

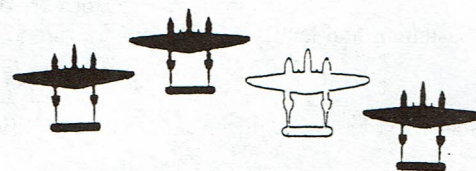
SIDWELL, Phyllis Jean

In loving memory of Phyllis Jean Sidwell, 79 who died on January 12, 2009 at Oakview Convalescent Hospital, Tujunga, California after a brain stem stroke.

Phyllis was a native of California. She was born in Venice Beach and attended Alhambra High School. For the past 45 years, she was a resident of the Hollywood Hills and was very active in the P-38 Association, Air Force Association and Valley Flyers with her husband, Gene Sidwell.

She is survived by her son, Richard Greenlee; daughter, Shari Gonzalez; two step daughters, Marsha Fromfield, Diane Takayama; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

FLY BY of HONOR



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

John Latourette	01 Oct.,07	97 th
Edward A. Orr	25 Nov.,08	95 th
William D. Hall	03 Dec.,08	97 th
William H. 'Bill' Burgess	30 Dec.,08	96 th
Phyllis Sidwell	12 Jan.,09	95H
Irving M. 'Swede' Swenson	13 Feb.,09	96 th
Margo Hughes	20 Mar.,09	96H

Dear Hank,

As I was asked to do by my late father, I am writing to inform you that William Harold Burgess passed away last week on December 30th. He was eighty-six years old when he died. His sudden and unexpected passing was a shock to everyone in his family and to everyone that knew him.

Dad was a member of the 82nd Fighter Group for a good part of his life. He flew P-38's while stationed in Europe during World War II. After leaving the Air Force Captain Burgess flew for American Airlines from 1953 until his retirement in 1982. He loved flying and was always grateful that he was given the opportunity and talent to be able to do so. All the time that he was flying for American, and even after his retirement, he always told me that "he didn't think anyone in the world had a better job than he did." He truly loved what he did.

A Memorial Mass will be held for dad on Friday, January 23rd at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta, FL at 11:00 a.m. He will be buried at the Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, NY with, as he put it, some of my old WWII buddies. If you would be kind enough to pass along his passing in your various publications so that the remaining "Grey Eagles" and P-38 and 82nd Fighter Group guys will know of it. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,



William H. Burgess Jr.
9302 Warren's Way
Wanaque, NJ 07465

From

Lorraine Neilson-Clift (95H)

g.neilson@comcast.net

Hank,

The new edition of Angels at 20,000 Feet by Gene Chatfield is available by contacting Lorraine Clift, 5340 Nokomis Ave., Mpls., MN 55417 for \$10. I am also seeking photos for another book I am publishing. Picture of a P-38 in a dive or peeling off and a picture of mountains in Southern Italy. I need written permission and I would print your acknowledgement under the photo. Finally, does anyone know the location of base at Foggia #11/Vincenzo —degrees longitude and degrees latitude?

Thanks much,
Lorraine

From

Ted Papermaster (96th)

Ted Papermaster
3815 Joppa Avenue South
St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55412
Tuesday Dec. 2, 2008

Hi, John Parliman,

I was very much saddened to read of the passing of Joe Gerber in the recent newsletter. I may be wrong, but I believe that leaves me and Ben Mason as the oldest living survivors of the old Foggia 82nd. (I'm 94). It is possible that I am the last of the medics also.

Are there any medical guys around yet? During the past decade or so I would call Joe Gerber on every September 2nd, the anniversary of the famous Cancellero raid, of which I was a passenger with the B-25's. We would renew memories like the time he and I flew with a British C-47 with a load of blood up the Adriatic coast where the British 8th army was on an offensive. They stopped, landed about 4 in the afternoon to have tea!! The British had a custom of stopping the war in the middle of the afternoon to have tea!! You know, it is the only civilized thing to do. Right???

Joe became group surgeon in December 1944 and was sent home in June 1945, and I became group surgeon—but never got the gold leaves because they froze the promotions.

Peter Gerber's letter in the newsletter was very touching to me. I just had to respond.

For the same postage, enclosed is a check for 2009 dues.

Ted Papermaster

*My phone number on the roster should be
changed to: 952-922-8332*

Hello Everyone,

It has been a very long winter for everyone. And for many, it STILL IS Winter. For Cindy & me it seemed to have been a much longer winter than normal, starting way back before Thanksgiving. All of the doctor & hospital visits. Not only ourselves, but, also for numerous members of our family.

By the end of March, worldwide visitors to the 82nd FG website will total more than: 435,000 visitors.

This past Jan./Feb. marked the 8th anniversary of my first ever phone call to Jake Hendrix, followed by my first communications to: Bob Kirtley, Will Hattendorf, Verne Yahne, and Linc Jones. This was then followed by the thoughts and quotes of numerous 82nd FG execs and members: "Who is this guy" "Where did this guy come from" "What's does this guy want" "What is this guy up to" "We better keep an eye on this guy". Last, but not least, after several months, "Well, we better figure out what we're going to do with this guy now, because he ain't gonna go away". And, the rest.....IS HISTORY. What a fantastic and exciting 8 years it has been. Cindy & I are so glad, honored, and proud to be a part of the 82nd FG family.

Olen Medley reports that the Queen Mary / HMS Curacao Collision Documentary Special recently filmed in the US on the Queen Mary and in Ireland, will be televised on the National Geographic cable channel on June 6th. There will be an email sent and information posted on the 82nd FG website 'Home Page' as soon as the time frame details are known.

Recent communications from Kenneth W. Sallinger, Command Chief Master Sergeant at the 82d Training Wing advises that plans are being made for some of the members including Brig. Gen. OG Mannon to attend the Las Vegas Reunion. Lt. Col. Todd Felton/96th FTS also communicates the intended participation of members of the 96th FTS at the Las Vegas Reunion. No communications from the 95th FS and the 97th FTS at this time about attending the Las Vegas Reunion.

Work on the 82nd FG History DVD Project, has been at a slower pace, than I had expected and/or wanted. The GOOD news is that by the time you receive this NEWSLETTER. I will have started production on the, FIRST - 82nd FG History DVD.

DVD #1 will contain the following information: Three - 96th Fighter Squadron Newsletter Magazines; All of the 82nd FG NEWSLETTERS through Nov. 08; All of the 82nd FG Mission Reports for 1943, 1944, & 1945 (that was on the microfilm - which is 99.9 % of them); and, All of the 82nd FG Missing Air Crew Reports.

I can tell you that the amount of 82nd FG microfilmed paperwork/information, the past NEWSLETTERS, and ADORIMINI that I am working on and getting ready to download to DVD's, there will be a total of: 3 DVD's.

DVD #2 will have the following information on it: Daily Reports; Roster, Promotion, & Travel Information; General Information; a few photos of 82nd FG members. DVD #3 will be a digital version of ADORIMINI. I hope to have both #2 & #3 available this summer.

For those of you that made a partial pre-payment, would you now, please send your check or money order for the unpaid balance to, John Netzer Parlman. If you're not sure what your financial status and or unpaid balance is, just call John or myself and we can tell you, if you are totally paid or the amount that you still owe.

For those of you that would like to buy the 82nd FG History DVD Set, please send a check or money order for the total amount of: \$77.50 (\$75.00 + \$2.50 for S/H) to the 82nd FG Sec./Trea. John Netzer Parlman, 1566 East Saint Charles Place, Inverness, FL. 34453. A reminder to everyone, the entire dollar amount from the sales of the 82nd FG History DVD Set, goes directly to the 82nd FG Association bank account.

I am donating my time to the 82nd FG History DVD Project for a number of reasons: To get the Project started and operational. To produce at least 1 'new' DVD per year in the coming years. (This will continue until I have found all the microfilm that can be found, get it transcribed/transferred, and downloaded to DVDs). To help the, present and future, financial status of the 82nd FG Association.

For those of you that may not know this 82nd FG fact. There are no more, hard copies, of ADORIMINI available. Today, the price of a 'used' copy of ADORIMINI, if and when you find a 'used' one for sale is approximately: \$150.00. Needless to say, the \$77.50 price of the 82nd FG History DVD Set is a REAL bargain.

This is the updated and revised, Reunion date and hotel information, for the 2009 Las Vegas Reunion. The date was moved ahead one week, than what was stated in the November 08 NEWSLETTER.

The 2009 Las Vegas Reunion * Sept. 9th - 13th * will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas Strip South, 7830 South Las Vegas Boulevard. For Reservations call direct: (702) 453 - 7830. Ask for the 82nd FG Reunion Rate. Reunion Rates Good 3 Days Before and 3 Days After. Or, here is the direct computer link for 82nd FG reservations.

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/LASGIGI-82FG-20090909/index.jhtml>.

This year's Reunion is going to be a month earlier, compared to the past 2 years.

This will also be the, FIRST, 82nd FG Reunion for all the 'NEW and OFFICIAL' Family Members.

Yes, 82nd FG Family Members, it is now our 'turn and duty' to 'officially and proudly' serve 'within and for' the 82nd Fighter Group. Make plans to attend the Las Vegas Reunion. This is our first year of being a part of the official 82nd Fighter Group History.

Always remember:

"The 82nd Fighter Group was the #1 and top rated fighter group of the MTO." "They have always led the way, for others to follow." That 82nd Fighter Group heritage and tradition continues today. And, we are now a part of that proud heritage and tradition.

Please fill out the enclosed 'Membership Form'. One form per each member of your family and return it to John Netzer Parlman with a check or money order for the yearly 82nd FG Assn. membership dues. For additional Membership Forms, just copy the enclosed original form first.

The amended verbiage of the By-Laws, keeps the 82nd FG Association going for generations to come.

Here is a brief summary of the, amended and new verbiage, of these specific By-Laws:

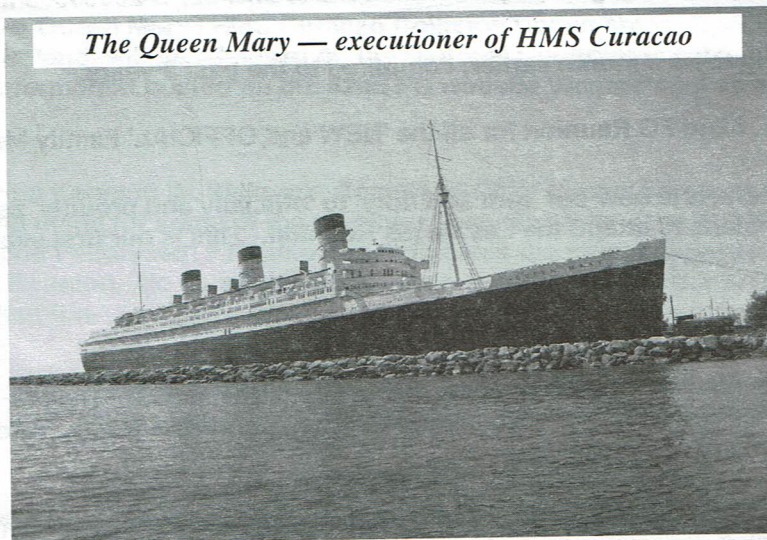
1. " Wives & Widows (Family Members)" are now regular and full members, with voting rights, upon paying the yearly \$20.00 membership fee to the Sec/Trea.
2. Any and all, " Descending Generation (Family Members) " are now regular and full members, with voting rights, upon paying the yearly \$20.00 membership fee to the Sec/Trea.
3. " Honorary Members ", this classification of members, is now reserved for:
any and all - past, present, and future members through the Lineage of the 95th, 96th, 97th Fighter Squadrons, and the 82nd Fighter Group, which is now the 82nd Training Wing. A \$15.00 yearly donation is requested to help with printing costs, payable to the Sec/Trea. No voting rights.
4. " Associate Members " this classification of members, continues to be reserved for:
anyone who is interested in, helps to promote, and supports the 82nd Fighter Group Association on a regular basis. A \$15.00 yearly donation is requested to help with printing costs, payable to the Sec/Trea. No voting rights.

What do these very important and historic changes to the 82nd FG Association By-Laws mean ?

When the original members of 82nd FG formed the Association, they had no idea how long the Association would last. They assumed the day would come when there would be no more Reunions, interest in the 82nd FG Association would go by the wayside, and the Association would be dissolved. This is a fact for many military associations today. Several military associations have already disbanded and dissolved.

The original 82nd FG members did not think of or even dream that, The Kids and The Relatives (Family Members) of the original members; the men and women of the Air Force that have been, are currently in, and who will be serving in the future in the lineage units of the 95th, 96th, 97th Fighter Squadrons and the 82nd FG, which is the 82nd Training Wing today (Honorary Members); and people from around the US and the world that continue to care about, promote, and support the 82nd FG Association (Associate Members):

Cindy & Terry/95th



The Queen Mary — executioner of HMS Curacao

ATTENTION! (from Olen Medley (95th))

A new TV documentary on about the October 1, 1942 collision of the Queen Mary and HMS Curacao is scheduled to be shown on 6 June, 2009. Olen Medley and Jake Hendrix were present at the filming of this production at Long Beach in 2008; Olen and his daughter Nancy then continued on to Ireland for the Curacao portion of the filming. 82nd Members will recall that almost the entire 82nd Fighter Group was on board HMS Queen Mary and many observed the collision and sinking of the HMS Curacao. The film will be on the National Geographic Channel, but the title is unknown at this time.

For a complete review of Jake and Olen's participation in the production of this film, refer to the August 29, 2008 Issue 73 of the Newsletter.

hp

From

Lute Thompson (96th)

Hank: I have a new email address: lute2241@cox.net. New compaq computer- Windows Vista. Hope all's well with you and Marlene. I also have a new snail mail address: 6196 N 28th Pl., Phoenix, Arizona 85016. Moved out of the retirement home the first of the year and bought a "patio home". Much better living. No folks in wheel chairs or worse. Send me a note to check me out on this new Compaq computer. Lute

*In the OK City
daily, The Oklahoman,
3-23-09*

HUGHES

Margrett Deere Marlin Sanders Hughes of Oklahoma City, passed away on Friday,



March 20, 2009. Margo was born on November 8, 1917 to B.A. and Nora Marlin in Checotah, Oklahoma. She

had three sisters, Toni, Louise, and Doris. She married Earl Winfield Sanders in Checotah, and later they moved to McAlester, and eventually settled in Sulphur. Together they had two children, Rodger and Jean Ann. Years later, she married Bryce Hughes in Oklahoma City, where she remained until her death. Margo loved life and brought joy to all of those she met. She enjoyed music, dancing and parties. She had an infectious laugh and was curious about all things. Late in life, she obtained a degree in English from the University of Oklahoma and went on to teach school in Ardmore. Margo is survived by her two children, Rodger and Jean Ann; grandson Carson; and sisters, Toni and Doris. The family will receive guests at Hahn Cook/Street & Draper Funeral Home Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held there at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Interment will be at 3 p.m. at the Checotah Cemetery in Checotah, Oklahoma.

OFFER TRIBUTES AT MEM.COM
HAHN-COOK STREET & DRAPER

Dignity 6600 Broadway Ext. OKC
848-3744



Remembering the Life of Irving Mamen Swenson

Irving Mamen Swenson, known as "Swede", was born September 25, 1920 in Minneapolis, MN to Arthur and Evelyn (Mamen) Swenson. He later moved to Holland, MI where he was raised and educated. Irving was united in marriage to Margaret Wall, July 11, 1942. He served with the U. S. Army Air Corps during WW II and with the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge, he was an air traffic controller in Detroit, MI and later was employed as a private corporate pilot for a number of companies including Whirlpool, Schultz & Lindsay Construction and ConAgra. Irving had the distinction of being the

first pilot to land a Lear Jet at Hector International Airport in Fargo. Following his retirement, he built a home on Rose Lake near Vergas, MN. Margaret died in 1993. Irving was united in marriage to Darlene Andresen, March 26, 1994 in Detroit Lakes. They lived near Rose Lake, in Naples, FL and in Perham, MN, prior to moving to Detroit Lakes.

Irving was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Jess-Omundson Post 1676, Veterans Of Foreign Wars in Detroit Lakes. He loved to fly and also enjoyed golf, and living on the lake.

Irving M. Swenson, 88, Detroit Lakes, MN died Friday, February 13, 2009 at Diamond Willow Assisted Living under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene of Detroit Lakes, 4 daughters: Janet (John) Franks of Houston, TX, Barbara (Gary) Ware of Detroit Lakes, Sandra (David) Karle of Crosby, MN and Judy (George) Belka of Dilworth, MN; 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, a sister-in-law: Helen Swenson of Detroit, MI, a brother-in-law: Cecil Bloedorn of West Point, Neb., several nieces and nephews. In addition to his first wife, Irving was preceded in death by a brother, Willard and a sister, Adele Woods.

*There is never a day so Dreary
But God can make it bright
There is never a night so black and void
But God can send His Light
So take to Him those hopeless things
That are tearing at your Life
The heat that puts its trust in God
Finds help to meet the strife*

WARNER
PRESS



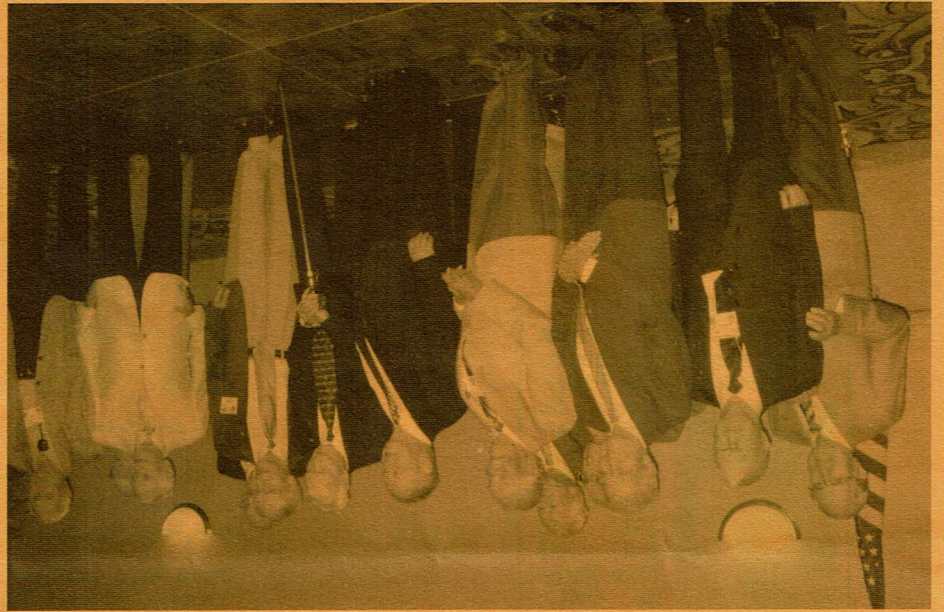
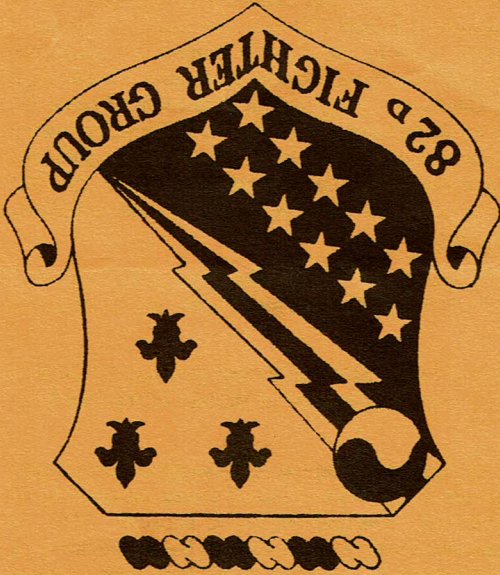
3-23-09

Hank,

Enclosed is the obit of
Margo Hughes. She will be buried
near her home town of Checotah, OK.
in eastern OKla. We will go to her
funeral tomorrow but the town is
too far to go to cemetery.

Regards,
Olen

82nd Fighter Group Association
Hank Phillips
3 Idlewild Court NW
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547



GENTLEMEN OF THE 82ND FIGHTER GROUP, 15TH AIR FORCE
Muroc Dry Lake, N.Ireland, North Africa, Sicily, Italy -- WWII
Cincinnati Reunion, October 3, A.D. 2008