

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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NEWSLETTER

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

## SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

**LAS VEGAS REUNION. 9-13 SEPT., 2009**

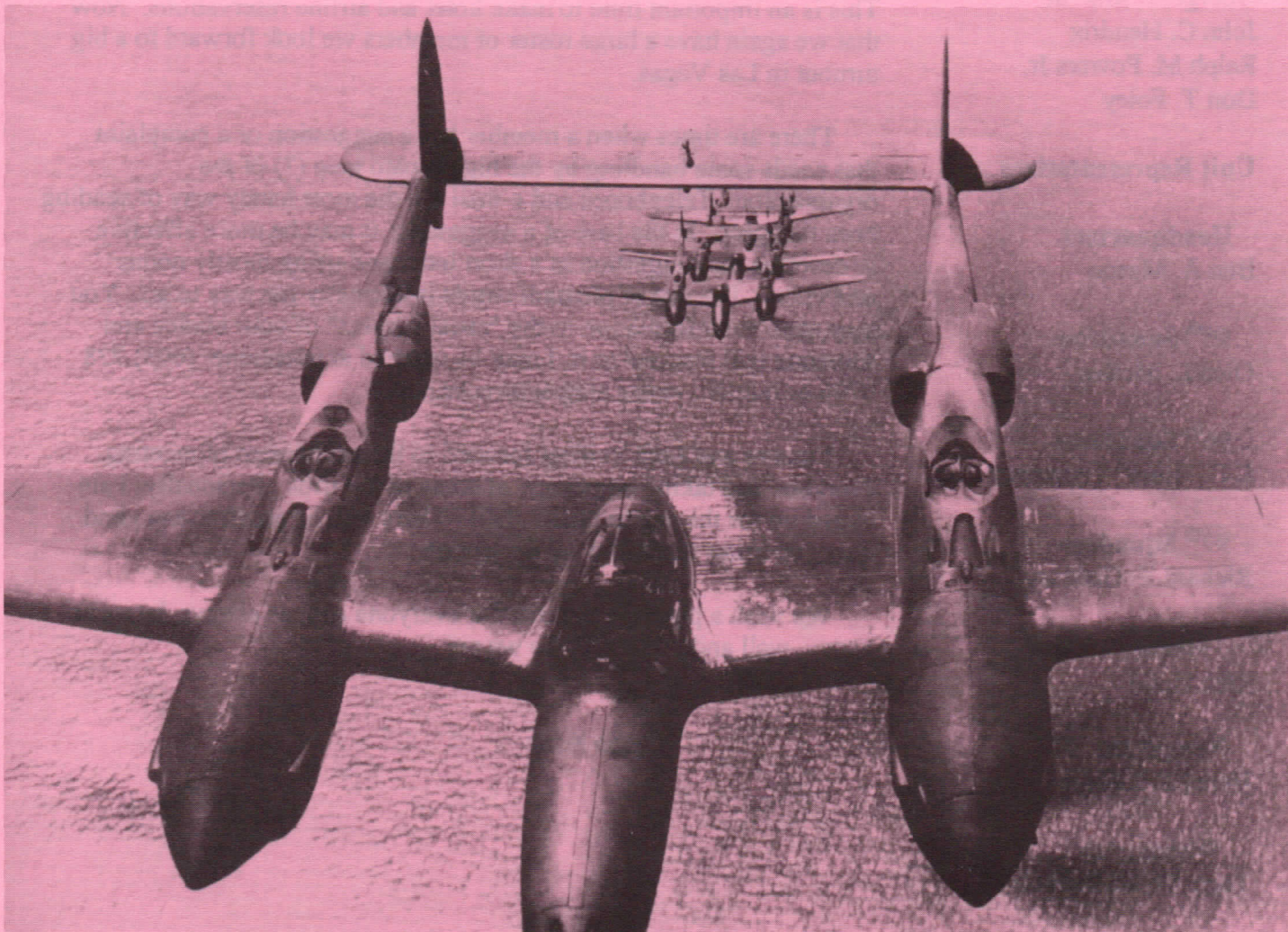
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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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A happy hello to our respected and worthy members of the 82nd Fighter Group!

Hank Phillips says that it is time to turn in my written homework for his newsletter; I thought that this was vacation time but, perhaps he has enrolled me in summer school.

It appears that the 82nd FG reunion pot is bubbling merrily. At the suggestion of some members, a re-negotiation of hotel room rates was conducted and the daily room rate has been slightly reduced. This is an important time to make hotel and airline reservations. Now that we again have a large roster of members we look forward to a big turnout in Las Vegas.

There are times when a member has a suggestion or a complaint that needs some handling by the highly paid help (?) of the organization. Telephones and e-mail are the most handy way of sending ones thoughts. In the case of a suggestion, it may be more effective to describe the suggestion in a short letter and using mostly nouns and verbs. The use of pleasant words is normally the way to go. You may send the information to the "usual suspect" of your choice and someone will respond to it. I may be reached at telephone: (603) 778 0796 or e-mail: <kane.nh@myfairpoint.net>

Frances and I are looking forward to the excitement of meeting everyone and taking advantage of some of the trips. Personally, I am hyped up for the trip to Nellis AFB. There will be much to see - and hear - so bring specs and ear protection.

We wish a pleasant summer for everyone and, as always, let us be happy, well and 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

### Unpaid Sustaining Dues 2009

A-4 B-10 C-19 D-7 E-2 F-3 G-3 H-17  
J-1 K-8 L-11 M-13 N-1 O-7 P-6 R-5  
S-13 T-7 V-1 W-14 Y-1 Z-4

### Paid 2009 Sustaining and Family Dues

Adams, Robt	Mason, Ben
Anton, Soren	Mason, Wm
Barnhardt, Harley	Massick, Cindy
Blurock, Wm	Massick, Terry
Bosshard, JH	McMonegal, Pat
Brieschke, Walter	Medley, Olen
Brower, David	Morgan, Fern
Brown, Susan	Moseley, Frances
Burgess, Wm	Norris, David
Chapman, Bonnie	Norris, Donald
Clift, Lorraine	Norris, Greg
Demers, Luwella	Norris, James
Eckermann, C E	Norris, Steven
Enlow, Roger	Norris, Roy
Farnham, Everett	Ostronik, Dick
Fisher, Leo	Otto, Guy
Foley, Don	Papermaster, Ted
Forrester, Nancette	Parlman, Ange
Fuereder, Georg	Parlman, John
Graham, Fred	Parlman, Judy
Gray, Joel	Phillips, H P
Grover, Arnold	Phillips, Marlene
Harman, A Paul	Phillips, Richard
Henderson, Dexter	Powell, GL
Howard, E L	Powell, Steven
Imes, Dale	Powers, Ralph M
Ireland, Bruce	Pratt, Blythe
Isaacson, Nona	Roalsvic, Mel
Jones, Lincoln	Rocky, Kathy
Kane, Frances	Rudy, Deborah
Kane, John	Russell, Eugene
Keller, Ruth	Ryland, Del
Kroeger, Catherine	Schneider, AG
Kirtley, Robert	Sognier, JW
Lewis, Larry	Thompson, L C
Lowenberg, Bruce	Urton, Francis
Malejki, Joseph	Yahne, David
Manduardo, Nancy	

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**May 1 - June 30, 2009**

#### Operating Account

**Beginning Balance:** \$10,303.53

#### **Receipts:**

<b>Donations</b>	Internet	\$ 0.00
	Regular	30.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 30.00

<b>Dues</b>	Associate	\$ 0.00
	Honorary	30.00
	Family	130.00
	Sustaining	40.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 200.00

**History DVD** 155.00

**Total Receipts** \$ 385.00

#### **Payments:**

Internet	\$ 200.00
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**Total Payments** \$ 200.00

**Ending Balance:** \$10,488.53

#### Reunion Fund

**Beginning Balance:** \$ 1,874.25

**Receipts:** 5,114.00

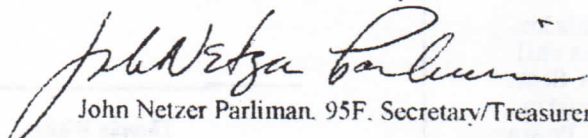
**Payments:** 0.00

**Balance:** \$ 6,938.75

**Ending Balance (all accounts):** \$17,427.28

Please notify me immediately if the membership information shown here does not match your records. There is still some confusion over the new membership categories. There are four categories: (1) Sustaining - originals of 82nd, (2) Family - spouses/widows/descendents, (3) Honorary - from USAF units originating from the 82nd, and (4) Associates - friends/supporters.

Respectfully submitted on July 24, 2009.

  
John Netzer Parlman, 95F, Secretary/Treasurer



## Coleman, Terry

Terry Coleman, 87, Green Bay, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died early Saturday Morning, Sept. 6, 2008. Terry was born May 28, 1921, in the town of Eaton to the late Jeremiah and Anna (Conrad) Coleman. After graduating from



Green Bay West High School

Terry joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. As a P-38 Fighter Pilot Terry flew 50 missions over Italy and



Africa, receiving the Distinguished



Flying Cross and Air Medal, retiring as a Major from the U.S. Air Force. Terry married the love of his life, Virginia (Ginny) Vander Geeten on July 18, 1944, and together they celebrated 64 years of marriage. After retiring from Fort Howard in 1983 Terry and Ginny enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Hawaii, Europe and especially Ireland. They enjoyed spending winter vacations in Gulf Shores, Alabama, Florida or California. Terry loved dancing with his beloved partner, Ginny, and all the special family gatherings with his children and grandchildren. He also loved golfing with his family and friends. He dearly loved all his children and grandchildren as they loved him. He was always there to help in any way he could. He will be sadly missed by all.

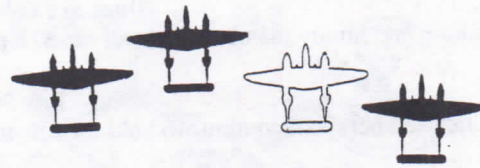
He is survived by his loving wife, Ginny; his children, Karen, Marcia, Scott (Mary Lou), Christine (Tom) Ullmer, Paula Paulsen (Rich), Eileen (Jim) Ostrowski, Diane

Nuthals (Chris), Jeff (Kristen);



**Lillian Harding** - Melbourne - Lillian Hedgepeth Parker Harding, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2009 in Melbourne, FL. She was born January 13, 1924 in Nash County. Lillian was a native of Rocky Mount until she married her second husband, Roswell Harding February 15, 1991. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Guy Parker of 42 years. Lillian was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother. She received a Registered Nursing degree at Rocky Mount Sanitarium. She worked as a Registered Nurse for over forty years when she retired. She is survived by her three sons, Patrick Parker and wife Vivian of Williamston, Jim Parker and wife Nancy of Clayton, and John Parker of Dortches; grandchildren, Brian Parker, Patrick Parker and Paula Parker; sisters, Iva Smith, Betsy Cooper and Faye Suggs.

## FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed Heroes and Courageous Ladies of the 82<sup>nd</sup>.

**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Gerald L. Rounds				04 Oct.,07		97 <sup>th</sup>
Terry Coleman				06 Sep.,08		96 <sup>th</sup>
Elfie Edwards						95H
Dorothy Rudy	{ James R. }			01 Jan,09		95H
Lillian Harding	[ Ros ]			19 May 09		96 <sup>th</sup>

From "Whitey" Anton

95th

April 7, 09

Hello Hank

Please note  
Change of address:

"Whitey" Soren E. Anton

755 E Angelino Ave

Unit #209

Burbank, Ca 91501

JANUARY 1942  
Youks W. Africa  
14<sup>th</sup> P-38 Group  
49<sup>th</sup> Tsgm

Closed up a Transport  
to 82<sup>nd</sup> 95<sup>th</sup> Tsgm  
flew one mission  
I was wounded -  
shot down one ME110  
while flying escort for  
B-26 home mission Feb.  
3, 1943, Class 42H

Whitey  
91 yrs old.

Thanks Whitey.

A short note but highly appreciated and wishing that other members would take up a pen [or keyboard] and follow your lead.

hp



**Hello Everyone,**

**By the time you receive this NEWSLETTER, the Las Vegas Reunion will be approximately one month away.**

**Recently, the Hilton Garden Inn lowered our room rate to \$110 + tax per night.**

**If you have not sent in your Reunion registration form, please do so immediately. It is very important that we know the number of participants for the Reunion activities, as soon as, possible.**

**The cut off date for our room rate is: Aug. 20th.**

**This year, the Wednesday golf outing has been cancelled, due to the lack of interest.**

**The folks at Nellis AFB are really looking forward to having the 82nd FG on base Thursday.**

**After our lunch at the Nellis Officer's Club, school officials at the Clifford O. 'Pete' Findlay Middle School, home of The FLYERS, have invited the 82nd FG to stop by and tour their school and to meet the students and faculty. Pete Findlay was a P- 38 pilot in the PTO and a Las Vegas businessman. This is the only school in the US that has P- 38 connections.**

**The National Geographic television documentary about the sea disaster collision of the Queen Mary with the HMS Curacao, that cut the British cruiser in half, and the immediate sinking of the HMS Curacao on October 19, 1942, will be televised in the US on the National Geographic Channel some time in the last quarter of 2009.**

**As soon as we have an exact date of the broadcast, it will be posted at the 82nd FG website Home page and an e-mail will be sent to the 82nd FG e-mailers.**

**Work continues on the 82nd FG History DVD project. The 1st DVD of 3 will be available at the Las Vegas Reunion / September and it will also mailed to the folks that have already ordered it, but who will not be able to attend the Reunion.**

**The 2nd & 3rd DVD will be distributed / mailed later this fall.**

**A reminder for those folks that made a partial prepayment, the remaining balance must be paid before shipping of the 1st DVD.**

**By the time you receive this NEWSLETTER; worldwide visitors to the 82nd FG website will be over 455,000.**

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Below is a copy of a photo from an original photo negative that I recently located and was able to purchase, keeping it in 82nd FG possession.

'Snake Eyes' was flown by Dick Willsie, Dick Ostronik and a few other 96th pilots.

Although it is very hard to figure out who is standing on the plane, the 2 ground crew members should be recognized. One of them should be the crew chief, Dixie Walker. Not sure who the other crew member is and which one is Dixie Walker. Can anyone give us some assistance on this photo?



Below is an e-mail we recently received at the 82ndFG mailbox from Col. Rick Johnson.

If anyone can assist on this, please contact me. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas.

Talk with you later,

As always,

Cindy & Terry/95<sup>th</sup>.

Captain Smedley was a cousin to my mother. I had heard some family discussion about Art, Jr. as a kid growing up. My mother remembered when the notification came to let the family know that he had been taken prisoner. No family members had ever mentioned that he had any air-to-air combat victories. I located him on the USAF Historical Research Agency website, but it only credits him with one. The 82nd FG book that I have, mentions two victories and one probable on 30 January 1943, which as I understand, was the day he was lost.

I had only met him when I was a teenager shortly after he had apparently retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel in approximately 1966-1967. My mother has passed on, and I have not been able to contact any of Art Jr's survivors.

I would love to hear from any Group survivors who have any memory of him.

I appreciate the effort expended to establish and maintain the Group website. It provides a tremendous research source.

Thank you all for your service to America.

Regards,  
Rick Johnson  
Colonel (U.S. Army), Retired

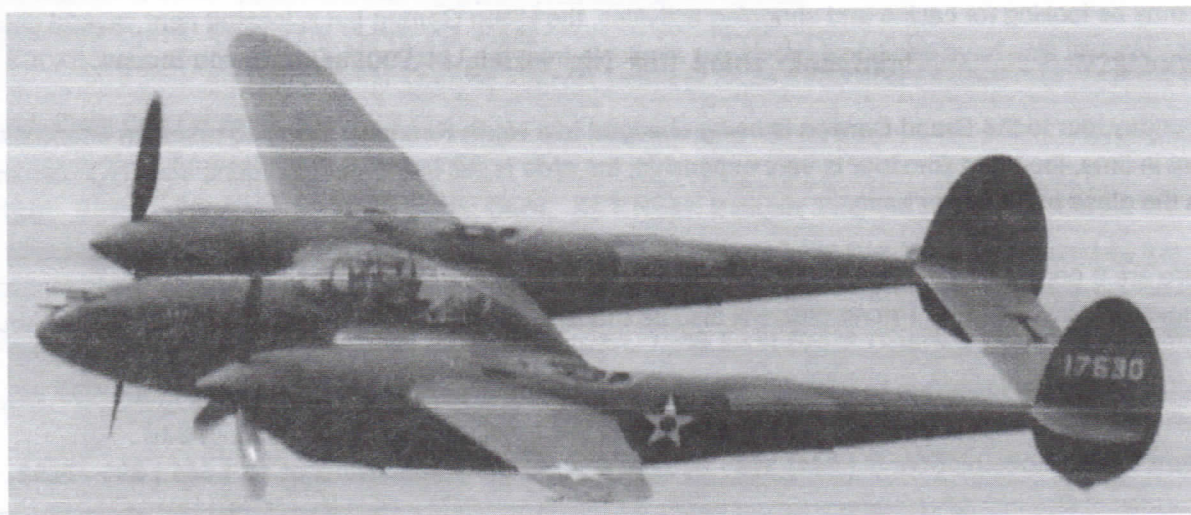


# Glacier Girl Still Holds Oldest Title

Sorry to burst the P-38 bubble in Wales, but even though it is an astounding find, it is not the oldest P-38 Lightning built by Lockheed in the World War II years.

That distinction is still held by Glacier Girl, according to Bob Cardin, a historic airplane expert, who was in on the discovery and recovery of the famed aircraft. Cardin is also director of War Bird operations for Rod Lewis in San Antonio, the wealthy oilman who purchased Glacier Girl after former owner J. Roy Shoffner's death.

Shoffner of Harrogate is the entrepreneur who restored Glacier Girl in the Middlesboro, Ky., Municipal Airport. Shoffner died two years ago.



On Wednesday, the Associated Press reported that "based on its serial number and other records, the fighter is arguably the oldest P-38 in existence, and the oldest surviving 8th Air Force combat aircraft of any type." The AP quoted Ric Gillespie as the source.

Gillespie heads a U.S.-based nonprofit group dedicated to preserving historic aircraft, AP reported.

In San Antonio on Wednesday, Cardin said that the tail number on the Wales P-38 is 417677 and Glacier Girl's is 417630.

"So, Glacier Girl came off the line 47 planes before this one. Glacier Girl is still the oldest, just based on their production numbers."

Cardin also said that the fighter downed in Wales is a sister ship to Glacier Girl.

"They were all part of Operation Bolero. There were 151 P-38 E models that were converted to F models. This plane and Glacier Girl were part of that group," Cardin says.

"All those planes were on one production run to go on Operation Bolero," he says.

Last June, Cardin and a Glacier Girl crew attempted to finish the 1942 Operation Bolero, which involved the fighter, and apparently the P-38 in Wales. They were being sent from the U.S. to the air war in Europe. At the time, the fighter was new technology in air combat. Only a cracked sleeve in a cylinder in the right engine forced the cancellation of Glacier Girl's attempt to finish her mission. She was returned to San Antonio and is flying again in air shows around the nation, says Cardin.



**82nd Fighter Group 2009 Reunion \* September 9th - 13th \* Las Vegas, NV.**

**Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas Strip South, 7830 S. Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89123**

(FREE airport shuttle to hotel). For Hotel Reservations: Call Direct - (702) 453-7830. Or, a direct computer link to the Hilton website is at the 82nd FG website 'Home Page'. Reunion Rate is: **\$110.00 per night + tax**. Rates apply 3 days before and after Reunion.

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**\* Reunion Information Notes \***

Thursday after lunch at the Nellis AFB Officers Club, we will be stopping at the Clifford O. 'Pete' Findlay Middle School - Home of the **P-38 FLYERS**. Clifford O. 'Pete' Findlay was a P-38 pilot in the PTO and a well known Las Vegas businessman.

For those that may be looking for casino and shopping activities, the Hilton Garden Inn is located near several casinos and shopping areas. We will also have additional brochures available from the Las Vegas Convention Bureau.

The optional Sunday tour to the Grand Canyon is being changed to a North Rim tour. Detailed research information shows that at this point in time, the West Rim tour is very expensive; the area is still under development; and 'NO' cameras are allowed out on the glass bottom over hang.

At present, there are 6 people that are interested in the optional Sunday, Grand Canyon tour. Updated information will be listed in the August NEWSLETTER. Phone calls will also be made to the people interested in a Grand Canyon tour.

**\* Phone numbers to write down and keep handy - for and during - the Reunion \***

Free airport shuttle to the hotel by calling this hotel phone: ( 702 ) 453 - 7830 .

Terry's Cell Phone number is ( 641 ) 218 - 9792 . Cindy's Cell Phone Number is: ( 641 ) 891 - 7092 .

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**Reunion Activity Schedule - Review and Costs:**

**WED:** Registration opens at 8 am. Reg. Fee is: **\$35.00 per person.**

**THUR:** Thunderbird Museum Tour, Threat Training, & Lunch at the Nellis AFB Officer's Club Cost: **\$16.50 per person.**  
Transportation Cost: **\$13.00 per person.** (Photo I.D. for US citizens / Passport I.D. for Foreign citizens).  
Evening: Pizza Party at hotel: **\$13.00 per person.**

**FRI:** Hoover Dam Tour: Leave 9:00 am. Cost **\$20.00 per person.** Return to hotel approximately 2 pm.  
Transportation Cost: **\$13.00 per person.** Food / Lunch available onsite approximately: **\$11.00 each.**  
Evening trip to the Las Vegas - Eiffel Tower Cost: **\$10.00 per person.**

**SAT:** Annual 82nd FG Business Meeting: 8 A.M. till finished. Afternoon is open.

Saturday Night Banquet: Cost: **\$30.00 per person.** #Chicken \_\_\_ #Beef \_\_\_ #Fish \_\_\_

**SUN:** Hospitality Room will be open till approx: **12 Noon.** **OPTIONAL:** Grand Canyon North Rim Tour, Approx. 8 hrs.  
Yes \_\_\_ # \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_. I will volunteer to help with: Registration \_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ Bartending \_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_ Errands \_\_\_  
As Needed \_\_\_

Save top copy..... Mail bottom copy to: **John Netzer-Parlman, 1566 East Saint Charles Place, Inverness, FL. 34453.**

For questions, call: **Terry & Cindy Massick (641) 842-7451. CELL: (641) 218-9792.**



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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Names on Separate Sheet of Pa

Wheelchair Needed: YES \_\_\_ # \_\_\_. I/we plan to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Other location: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel will be by: Air \_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_ Train \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

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

**WED:** Registration Opens. **GOLF: CANCELED!**

**THUR:** Thunderbird Museum Tour, Threat Training Tour, & Lunch at Nellis AFB Officer's Club: Yes \_\_\_ # \_\_\_. **Photo I. D. req.**

**THUR Night:** Pizza Party at hotel. Yes \_\_\_ # \_\_\_.

**FRI:** Hoover Dam Tour Approximately 4 hrs. : YES \_\_\_ # \_\_\_.

**SAT Morning:** Business Meeting. **SAT Afternoon:** Open. **SAT Night:** Banquet Yes \_\_\_ # \_\_\_.

**SUN:** Hospitality Room will be open until Noon. **OPTIONAL:** Grand Canyon West Rim Tour, Approx. 8 hrs. Yes \_\_\_ # \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

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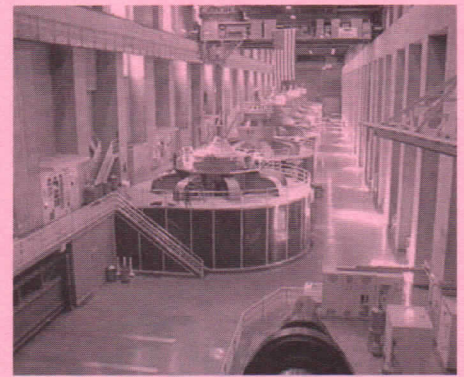
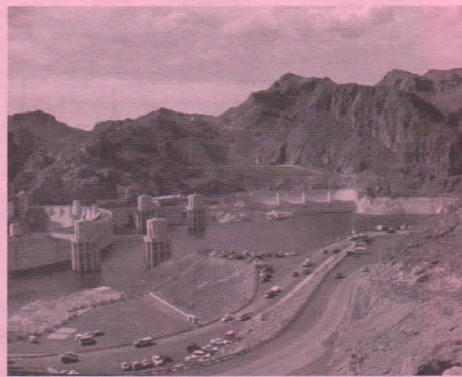
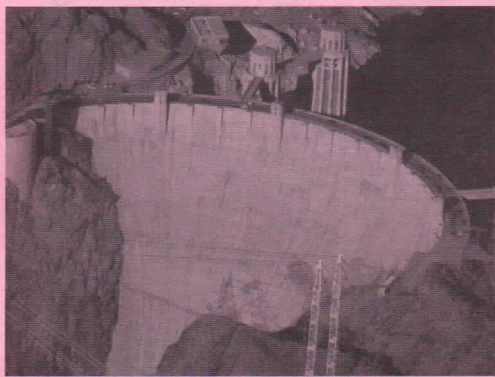
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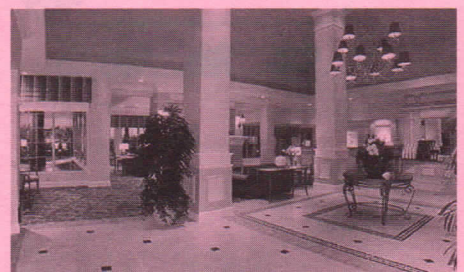
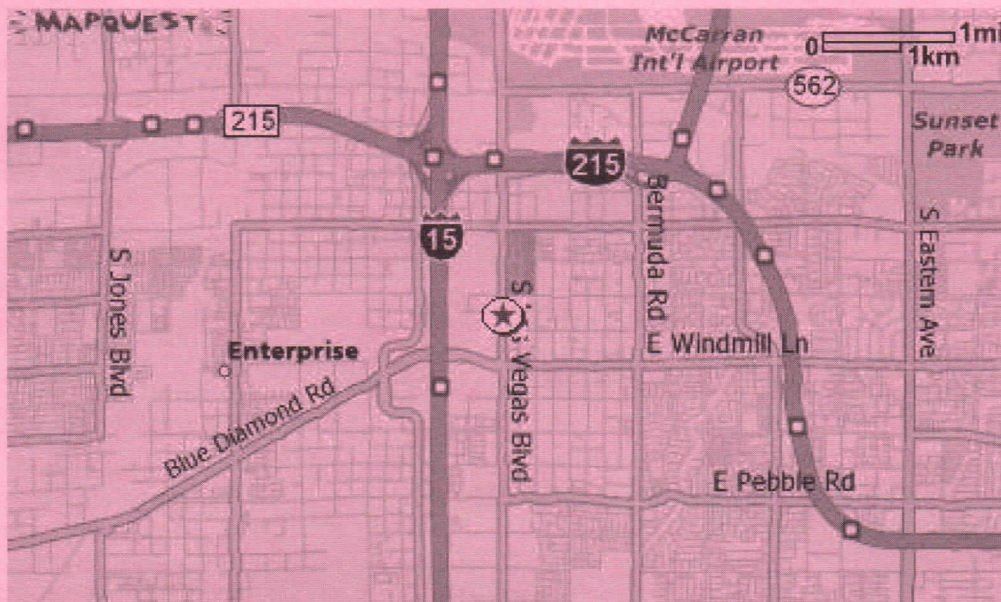
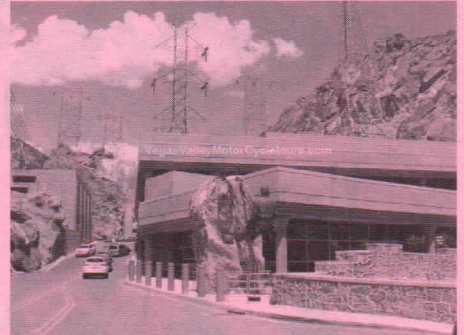




**Hilton Garden Inn, Las Vegas**



**Lobby**



### **Directions to Hilton Garden Inn**

**7830 South Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas, Nevada 89123 Tel: (702)453-7830**

**From Airport:** South to 215, take 215 West to Las Vegas Blvd. Turn left (South) travel approximately 1.5 miles. The hotel is located on the left hand side of Las Vegas Blvd. between Warm Springs and Blue Diamond.

**From I-15 North:** Exit Blue Diamond (Exit 33) turn right (East) at top of off-ramp. Drive forward to Las Vegas Blvd. and make a left. The hotel is located on the right hand side between Blue Diamond and Warm Springs.

**From Las Vegas Strip:** Travel South on Las Vegas Blvd. We are approximately 2.5 miles south of Mandalay Bay Resort. Hotel is on the left hand side between Warm Springs and Blue Diamond.

**From Downtown:** I-15 South to Blue Diamond (Exit 33.) Turn left onto Blue Diamond. At Las Vegas Blvd. make a left. The hotel is located on the right hand side between Blue Diamond and Warm Springs.

**From McCarran International Airport:** Directions: South out of the airport to 215 west to Las Vegas Blvd., turn left or south approx. 1.5 mi. to Blue Diamond, hotel is on east side of Las Vegas Blvd.





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

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**Hank Phillips**  
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**Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547**