

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

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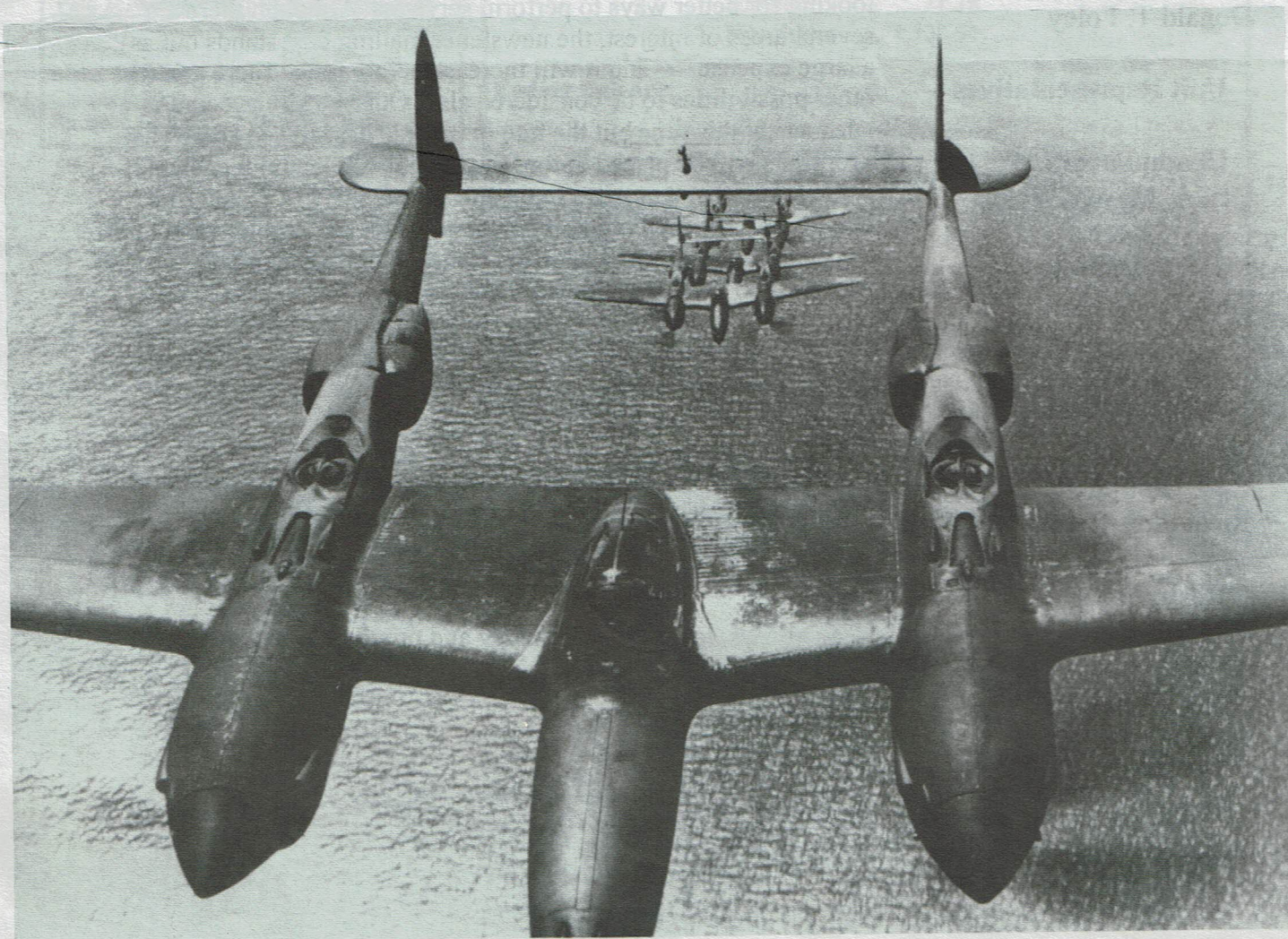
ISSUE 78



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

SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

San Antonio Texas. Reunion. 13-16 October,
Preview of Activities; Letter-of-Intent forms
Proposed future Newsletter mailing changes



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

A warm Springtime Hello to all the members of the 82nd Fighter Group,

Both Frances and I hope that your weather turns agreeable so that you can take up the "good life" once more. It is most important for you to arrive at the reunion in San Antonio with a happy attitude after an enjoyable Summer.

The team of Kane, Phillips, Parlman and Massick have been working on some ideas intended to improve our financial condition by looking for better ways to perform services. Although there are several areas of interest, the newsletter mailing cost stands out as a large expense --- and it will increase before long. There are other possibilities to be considered also. Our treasury account is adequate at this time but the rate of income has slowed somewhat. Proposals will be placed before the Executive Committee when it convenes in San Antonio. In the meantime, this is a wonderful opportunity for each member to comment on our problem and to offer suggestions. My e-mail address: kane,nh@myfairpoint.net or you may wish to contact the other members of the "team" with your comments. I do not believe that we are in a crisis situation but it may be a good time to count the cards to assure that we have a playable hand, (I should have used that line for the Las Vegas reunion).

I fervently hope for the blessing of good health and contentment in the lives of each 82nd Fighter Group member. Please make the trip to San Antonio so that we can meet again and enjoy each other's company.

As always, let us be well, happy and proud of who we are.

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.

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Paid 2010 Sustaining and Family Dues

Blurock, Wm	Malejki, Joseph
Brieschke, Walter	Mandugno, Nancy
Brown, Susan	McMonegal, Pat
Burgess, Wm	Morgan, Fern
Carpenter, Robert	Moseley, Frances
Chapman, Bonnie	Parlman, Ange
Clift, Lorraine	Parlman, John
Cox, John	Parlman, Judy
Fisher, Leo	Phillips, Dennis
Fuereder, Georg	Phillips, H P
Gray, Joel	Phillips, Marlene
Hanley, David	Phillips, Richard
Howard, E L	Powell, GL
Isaacson, Nona	Prosio, Joel
Keller, Ruth	Roalsvic, Mel
Kroeger, Catherine	Rocky, Kathy
Lowenberg, Bruce	Ryland, Del
Luke, Charles	Thompson, L C

Paid 2010 Honorary and Sustaining Dues

Babincak, Jan	Hrodegh, Marian
Blake, Steven	Nickell, Billy
Campbell, Bart	Priest, Bob
Feureder, Georg	Priest, Kathy

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Nov 1, 2009 - Jan 31, 2010

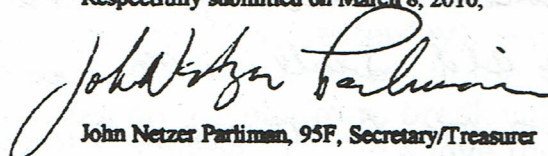
Operating Account

Beginning Balance:		\$ 8,452.95
Receipts:		
Donations	Internet	\$ 100.00
	Regular	125.00
	Total	\$ 225.00
Dues	Associate	\$ 70.00
	Honorary	0.00
	Family	435.00
	Sustaining	200.00
	Total	\$ 705.00
History DVD		77.50
Total Receipts		\$ 1,007.50
Payments:		
	Internet	\$ 300.00
	Postage	0.00
	Supplies	21.18
	Newsletter	1,305.51
Total Payments		\$ 1,626.69
Ending Balance:		\$ 7,833.76

Reunion Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,215.89
Receipts:	95.50
Payments:	100.00
Balance:	\$ 3,211.39
2009 Reunion Profit (End Balance 2009-2008)	\$ 1,337.14
Ending Balance (all accounts):	\$10,470.15

Respectfully submitted on March 8, 2010,


John Netzer Parlman, 95F, Secretary/Treasurer

Message from the Secretary/Treasurer

Financially we are healthy, but we do run on a very small budget. Most of our revenue comes from dues. Sustaining dues are stable and dues from new family members have been a positive influence. Donations are down and profit from reunions becomes seed money for the next reunion.

The newsletter and roster are two big expenses. A roster update is long overdue and costs about \$2000. The newsletter runs about \$3900 per year on an average. Changing how we deliver both of these will cut significant costs.

Hank Phillips, John Kane, Terry Massick and I have been discussing this. Tentatively, as of the June newsletter, we plan to start using lighter stock, white paper only. **Original members and spouses will continue to receive hard copy of both the newsletter and roster by regular mail.** Barring special circumstances, all others, unless they send a request to continue to receive hard copy, will receive theirs by email. This will greatly reduce both printing and postage costs.

Bottom line, we are being forced to respond to the economy and hope you will understand.

John W. G. Phillips 95F

Editor's Note:

An interim measure is that we will combine the REGISTRATION FORM, which normally comes out in May with the AUGUST NEWSLETTER. This will save several hundred dollars in printing and postage. Members can expect to receive The COMBINED PUBLICATION in late June.

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From Meredith Kingery

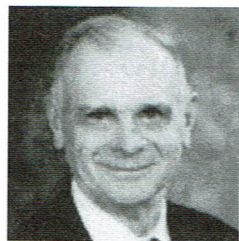
96th

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00 for my dues for the 82nd trip. I don't know how I stand on my dues. If the amount brings me up to date, fine, if I owe more please let me know and I will send another check. I don't know if we will be able to attend the reunion any more. We both have health problems and we are both 89 yrs old. I will be 90 in Jan. 2010. I was on the Queen Mary it hit the Curacao. I was on 'B' deck and when I felt the shock, I hurried top side and saw the Curacao go down.

Sincerely

3. Meredith R. Kingery



Allen J. Wisner, 95th Ftr. Sqn.
Lt. Wisner served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps during WWII; piloting a P-38 Lightning in missions over Slovakia and Italy. After the war he continued to served our nation as a dairy farmer.

Late NOTICE !

The 82ndFG mourns the loss of one of it's most loyal and hard working ladies -- **Mary Ryland**, wife of Del Ryland (95th) died of a heart attack at her home in Scottsdale, AZ. on 23 March.



STEWART, ROBERT L., of Birmingham, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at the age of 90. He was born in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania on February 23, 1919, the son of Rush and Ruth Stewart. He graduated from Camp Hill High School, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, with the Class of 1937. A WWII veteran, Bob served with the 97th Squadron of the 82nd Fighter Group, US Air Force, in North Africa and Italy, from 1942 to VE Day in 1945. Prior to WWII, he was a member of the National Guard, 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania Governor's Troop, from 1937 to 1940. Bob worked for the Statesman

Group/Employers Mutual from 1938 to 1998, when he retired as President and Chairman of the Board of American Liberty Insurance Company, Birmingham, Alabama. A 50 year member of West Shore Lodge #681, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, Bob was also a member of Riverchase United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1984. Beginning in 1995, he was an employee of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, Birmingham. He started caddying when he was ten years old and was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Stewart; two children; Judy Stewart and Leilani Nemeroff;

Certainly one of Mary Ryland's last messages to the 82ndFG:

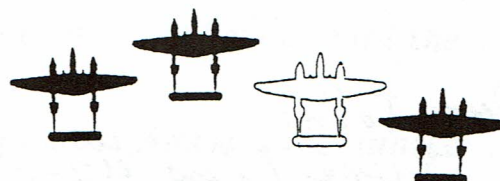
To Monty and Margaret Powers

Subject: Del's Health Experience

Just thought I'd inform you two of Del's little mishap. He has been too brave at tackling his carpentry fixits! He has just spent ten days in a Scottsdale hospital, finally being released to go home Tuesday (yesterday). Really, he is improving remarkably each day! He was replacing boards in the spa platform when he lost his balance and fell on the platform, breaking his right arm. There are two cracks or breaks in the humerus bone above the elbow. Anyway we are appreciating our neighbors' and church member prayers---and I know you two will add yours! So at age 88 he is recovering well. The delay for surgery was due to his blood treatment with coumadin, a longtime medication. Monty, we hope your knee recovery is doing well---and that Margaret's pain is healing, too. We'll still go ahead and plan on San Antonio and hope you will meet us there! Our love and blessings---D & M

Greetings to Hank and Marlene, too!

FLY BY of HONOR



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

**	**	**	**	**	**
Joseph L. Shannon				<u>no date</u>	97 th
Robert E. Schultz				27 Feb.,06	97 th
Emma Roper				09	95H
Ray H. Bunten				13 Sep.,09	95 th
John S. Litchfield				30 Nov.,09	97 th
Dorse M "Doc" Teegarden				11 Dec.,09	97 th
Robert L. Stewart				26 Jan.,10	97 th
Louis E. Pape				18 Feb.,10	96th
Allen J. Wisner				02 Mar.,10	95 th
Mary Ryland				23 Mar.,10	95H

Burbank, Ca 91501

March 10, 2010

Dear John:

I was Class 42-H out of Williams Field, Arizona and was assigned to a P-38s at Grand Central, Calif and got 29 hours while there & was sent to England and not knowing that 1st Fighter Group & the 49th Sqdn of the 14th Fighter Group was in England at the time. December 1942 I was a Replacement pilot to the 14th Group 49th Squadron. Assigned to the 8th Air Force as a Ferry Pilot & delivered P-38s to the West up above London & delivered P-38s shipped over of the 82nd Group at Londonderry Ireland. I was sent to French N. Africa where I was assigned to the 14th P-38, 49th Fighter Squadron at "Youkos" where I managed to get in 11 escort missions with A-20s B-25s & B-26 how how missions on "Romek". ON last part of ^{January} 1943 in January we had 5- flyable P-38s which we would borrow from the 48th Sqdn aircraft to fly missions. the 48th borrowed 4 of our 49th P-38s & were all shot down leaving the 49th with one flyable P-38 & that the Original 49th Pilots were sent back to the States & we Replacement Pilots were transferred to the 82nd Group. I am age 96 nearly 92 in May ~~2010~~ 2010. My wife Passed Away in October 30th 2007 and my Son Placed me in an assisted living Village in Burbank, Ca

Best Wishes
"Whitey" Soren Anton

Our V.P. Richard Ostronik with Kathy Rockey and Sylvia, recently attended the launch of "Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive." The event was held aboard the USS Midway in San Diego.

This yearlong national campaign will celebrate across America the anniversary of WW II.

"Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive" wants to raise awareness about the 65th anniversary to inspire a renewed commitment to service and national unity. They are collecting first-hand memories for a permanent collection of American history. So members write your memories of August 14' 1945 {up to 500 words}. Submit your stories to www.spiritof45.org and carry on the legacy with your participation.



—Dick Ostronik, Kathy Rockey



Dick and Sylvia Ostronik

Hello To All Friends & Colleges of the 82nd Fighter Group,

I wanted to let you know of my dear father-in-law's, (Robert E. Schultz), last few years. His wife Dorothy passed away on 1/20/03, in Florida, after which Bob moved to Pennsylvania with us, in February 2003, (his only son and I). He lived with us for two and a half years, and then he had a heart attack. However, being "tough old Bob", he survived with only 35% of his heart in tact. Unfortunately, after his heart attack we could no longer take care of him and he went into a VA home in Coatsville, PA. We went to see him often, but he developed Alzheimer's disease and toward the end he no longer recognized us. He would say, "I don't know who you are, but I know that you are very nice people. (laughing all the time as he always did)." Bob passed away 2/27/06 at 86 years young.

He and Dorothy had a great life together for over 60 years and lived it to the fullest. They loved attending the 82nd's reunion's and of course seeing all of you. He was very proud to have served in the 82nd and never once complained that he was a POW in Bulgaria. In fact, he used to laugh about the guards and how he once escaped, but after the guard dogs found him he went back into captivity until the end of the War. And who could forget all of Bob's stories? Maybe some of you know of them, and how he loved to tell them.

Bob and Dorothy loved each day of their life together and enjoyed their many cruises that they were lucky enough to take. They loved to dance and we can once again see them dancing together in Heaven. They both are sorely missed.

If anyone has any pictures of Bob and Dorothy together, or Bob in the War or by his plane (his P-38), actually any pictures at all of either of them, please send them to his son, Greg at the below address.

Thank you very much,
Sherry & Greg Schultz

Mr. John Netzer, Sec/Treas.
82nd Fighter Group
1566 East Saint Charles Place
Inverness, FL 34453

Dear Mr. Netzer:

Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 for 2010 dues.

I just finished reading the last newsletter on the Las Vegas Reunion and other information. I always enjoy reading the accounts of incidents, especially those regarding Foggia, which was part of my husband's war experience. He was also on the Queen Mary when it collided with the Curacoa. We toured the Queen years ago on a trip to the Los Angeles area.

I'm glad to see the group has continued and has such energetic leadership.

Sincerely,

Catherine Kroeger



Mel Roalsvig and Dick Ostronik watch P-38 flyover.



P-38 flying at Palm Springs Museum
30 January, 2010

From
Monty Powers 95th

Dear Friends of the 82nd Fighter Group,

Christmastime, 2009

Margaret joins me in sending every good wish and sincere prayer for you and your family for the years ahead. . . we know that ages over 85 guarantee challenges that have not been faced before. . . we are facing them, for sure. . . but we must be thankful for all the wonderful times we have had and the influences we can have even yet on family and friends. . . enjoy these opportunities every day!

I had a new hip joint in late October and have recovered with no pain and full use of the new joint!! Margaret is waiting impatiently for an appointment with MAYO CLINIC seeking diagnosis and treatment for Major pain in her face . . . certainly some place can resolve that long lasting problem!!

We continue to count new great grand children being born. . . and share their families pleasure.

Now we celebrate the anniversary of JESUS' BIRTH and we wish you all the blessings of that event.

Best Wishes,
Monty Powers

Wake Up Call
In 2009 From
An Event in 1945

After returning from Africa after completing 50 combat missions and instruction in P-38 combat tactics, I was courting my future wife, Midge. When the opportunity finally presented itself and a P-38 Piggy Back aircraft was available I managed to put her in flying coveralls and a helmet and "smuggled" her aboard and off we went. The Piggy Back P-38 was a new model L with hydraulic boost for the controls. To show off a bit I decided to do a slow roll with her but it turned out to be a snap roll instead (because of the hydraulic boost controls - and it was the first time I had flown this model).

Now, fast forward to last week when I was reading the new issue of the Lighting Strikes (the November, 2009 issue - the official publication of the P-38 National Association) and read the article THE BEAN TOWN BOY, Captain Daniel Kennedy, who was also a veteran of the African Campaign also returned home with his 50 missions of combat in the P-38. Then, in March of 1945 he was flying in a P-38L near Bedford AAF and decided to do some maneuver; according to the article, he hadn't flown the P-38L with the hydraulic boost turned on before, but decided to turn it on during the maneuver. The aircraft suddenly flipped over and dove into a nearby golf course and Captain Kennedy was killed instantly.

As I was comfortably sitting reading the article it suddenly hit me that almost the same thing could have happened to my wife and I all those years ago. Again, suddenly it hit me that my three children wouldn't have been born; then, again, it suddenly hit me that my grandchildren and great grandchildren would not be; then I looked up and I could visualize all of children and how it would be if they didn't exist! I soon came down to earth and felt very empty!

Lincoln Jones
(November 15, 2009)

Hello Monty,

*Thanks for your card and we
are glad to know that your hip
operation was successful and
you are working on full recovery.*

*Thought you might be interested
in a little emotional experience
I had for a few minutes the other day.
Good luck and get well fast.*

Link

Hello Everyone,

An information update for the San Antonio Reunion, Oct. 13th - 16th.

Lt. Col. John E. "Skeet" Lindsey, 96 FTS Commander at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio has invited the 82nd FG Association to come down for a visit while in San Antonio for the Reunion.

The following plan is what I came up with in my communications with Lt. Col. Todd Felton, the plan was also agreed to by, Lt. Col. Lindsey and John Kane.

The San Antonio Reunion is Oct. 13th - 16th.

On Sunday Oct. 17th at approximately noon, we will check out of The St. Anthony Hotel and depart for Laughlin AFB.

We will spend Sunday night at a hotel on the base and/or in town. Planes will be returning from weekend training missions; meeting base personnel; control tower tour; hanger tour; possibly an evening BBQ at the Base park.

Monday morning will be flight simulator tour, possible visit of a local P-51 and Stearman; meeting base personnel; lunch on the base; depart back to The St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio to check back in late Monday afternoon/early Monday evening.

Your San Antonio departure for home could be later Monday night, but, it would probably be better, Tuesday morning.

It, **IS NOT MANDATORY** that you have to make/attend the Laughlin AFB trip. This is, **ONLY if you want to.**

All Laughlin AFB activities and times are tentative at this time and will be finalized by the Spring NEWSLETTER.

GOLF !!

RESSURRECTING **FLOGGING** AT SAN ANTONIO

GOLF !!

We listened to disappointed floggers in Vegas and are trying to bring the time-honored tradition back to our reunions. The Flog Committee has listened. Many of you no longer like to play 18 holes. Many don't play enough to play your own ball tee to green. Some die-hards want it all. We are thinking of a revised format to try to appeal to everyone.

- anyone who is willing and brave enough is encouraged to flog.
- we'll set up 3-4 person teams and play a best-ball scramble for 9 holes.
- those crazier souls who want to, may opt to play another 9 holes in the traditional manner.
- we will try to get a deal on greens fees and rental clubs (the best deal being free)

We need to know if you are interested before we unleash our collective creative genius. Please contact an FC member by **11:30 April** if you are interested and we will get to work making this happen. This will allow us time to make arrangements and get information out in the spring reunion newsletter.

Will Hattendorf: 770-479-4043 -- Dick Ostronik: 626-289-7520-- John Netzer Parlman: 352-341-0890