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*The Former Officers and Airmen of the 82nd Fighter Group,
along with their ladies; invite you to the*

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

13 TO 16 OCTOBER, 2010

Saint Anthony Historic Hotel

Tel: (210) 227-4392

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82nd FGA NEWSLETTER -ISSUE 79

The 2010 82nd FG Reunion will be Oct. 13th - 16th in San Antonio, TX. The St. Anthony Hotel has been chosen as our Reunion hotel headquarters. The St. Anthony Hotel is the most historic hotel in Texas. The hotel recently underwent an 8 million dollar renovation, which was completed at the end of 2008. The 82nd FG Reunion 'Special Hotel' rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax. This rate will be good 3 days before and after the Reunion dates.

Here is the hotel direct reservation phone number (210) 227- 4392. The direct hotel 82nd FG reservation website link is: http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/satst_82ndftrgrp/main.wnt

For those driving to the San Antonio Reunion, please go to the Rand McNally website for driving directions from your location to The St. Anthony Hotel: <http://www.randmcnally.com> . The St. Anthony Hotel is located between: I-35 & I-37 at 300 East Travis Street.

The St. Anthony Hotel has graciously waived the daily 'Parking Fee'. In The St. Anthony Hotel advertising and promotion media and venues, it is stated that the Hotel is 'on' The River Walk. In reality, it is approx. 1 & 1/2 blocks / 570 feet, from the Hotel. Shopping adventures are countless / numerous. There is a downtown trolley system, similar to the one in San Diego.

Please return the Reunion Registration form, IMMEDIATELY.

Reunion activities include: Golf is on Wednesday. If you have any golf questions, please call John Netzer Parlman or Will Hattendorf. Wednesday evening is open. Thursday will be the tour to Randolph AFB, with lunch at the Randolph Officer's Club. Thursday night will be the Pizza Party. Friday will be the trip to Fredericksburg, TX. to visit the Pacific Theater WW II Museum. There are approx. 5 aircraft located at the Museum which include a: B-25; TBM Avenger; F4 Wildcat; Japanese Val; Japanese Rex Float Plane. Lunch will be at the Airport Diner / Hanger Hotel, located approx. 4 miles from the WW II Museum. Friday evening is open. Saturday morning will be the annual Business Meeting. After lunch, there will be a 'FREE' tour (walking) to The Alamo, located approximately 3 blocks / 1267.2 ft / .24 miles from the Hotel. Saturday night activities start with the Cocktail Hour followed by the Banquet.

This year, something 'Special' has been added for Sunday and Monday after the official Reunion dates. Late last January, Lt. Col. John 'Skeet' Lindsey, C.O. of the 96th FTS, officially invited everyone attending the 82nd FG Reunion to come down to Laughlin AFB at Del Rio, TX, for a visit. For those wanting to go, we will leave at Noon, Sunday Oct. 17th. On Monday, immediately after lunch at the Officer's Club, we will return to The St. Anthony hotel in San Antonio, around mid afternoon Oct. 18th. The trip time is approximately 2 hours there and back.

Conversations with Lt. Col. Lindsey, Lt. Col. Todd Felton (a future 3 yr veteran of our 82nd FG Reunions), Maj. Brian Moles, and I, ironed out a tentative schedule of activities for the special visit. There are a number of 96th FTS members that I haven't talked with, but, I have been told that they are working on details pertaining to the 82nd FG visit and activities.

We will leave The St. Anthony hotel around 11:30 - Noon on Sunday Oct. 17th. It's about a 2 hour drive down and back. Sunday Laughlin AFB activities will include: Recovering planes from the weekend training missions; control tower tour; evening BBQ at the base family campground. We will stay on base overnight at the Laughlin Manor Hotel, a beautiful hotel. Room rates will be \$39 for 1 Queen Bed and \$52 for 2 Queen Beds. Include your Laughlin motel room amount on the Registration Form and your check. I will take care of making your Laughlin room reservation. The 96th FTS members are working on getting a P-17 Stearman, PT-19, and a P-51 to fly in for some walk a rounds and close up inspections, either Sunday afternoon/early evening or Monday morning. Monday morning Oct 18th there will be a breakfast; flight simulators; a question and answer session for a large number of 96th FTS members; lunch at the Laughlin Officer's Club with 96th FTS members; we will depart for The St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, immediately after lunch or no later than 1:30 pm.

The St. Anthony - A Wyndham Historic Hotel (1909)

Across from historic Travis Park and close walking distance to the River Walk and the Alamo, the St. Anthony Hotel is restoring the tradition of San Antonio luxury as it welcomes guests with 1909 grandeur including beautifully restored furnishings, a new lobby bar, and bronzes and works of art from around the world. Known throughout its existence as a haven for the socially elite, the St. Anthony has hosted such icons as Princess Grace and John Wayne—Ernest Hemingway even called the St. Anthony home at one time. Here, guests can stroll among priceless French Empire antiques, peruse ornate chandeliers that drop delicately from vaulted ceilings, and recline on antique Russian furnishings. Combining the elegance of the past with the comforts of today seems a natural progression for the legendary St. Anthony Hotel.



Above article & photo by Mary Buonaguidi (95H)

St. Anthony Hotel Staircase



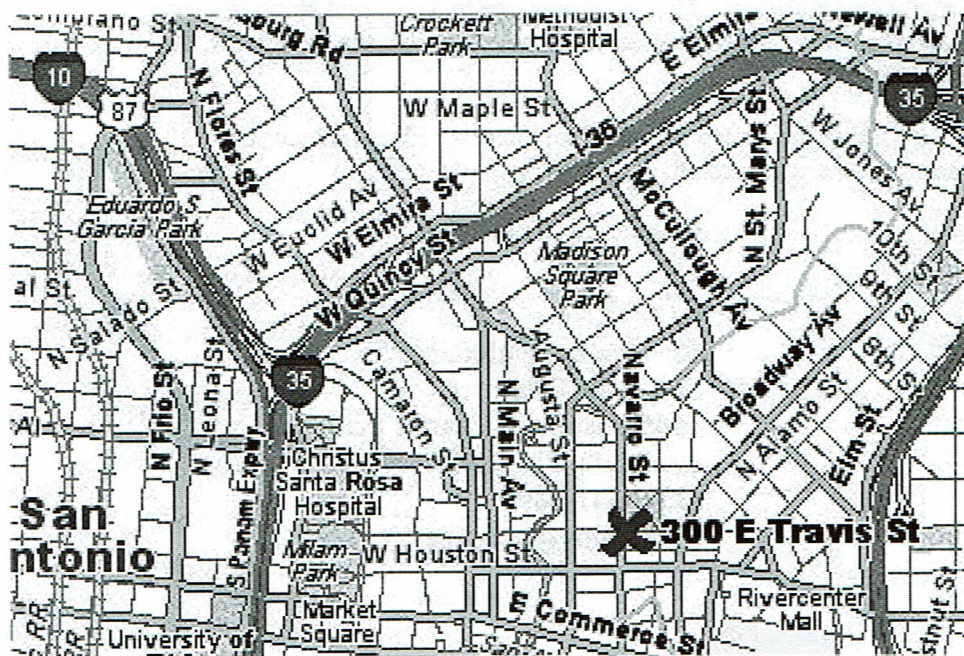
All photos and map by Terry Massick (95H)—except as noted.



St. Anthony Hotel Terrace



Riverwalk Mall



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The 82nd FGA Association regrets having to combine the normal AUGUST ISSUE of the newsletter with the REGISTRATION FORM. Hopefully, this will be a temporary expedient and each member will note the Dues and Newsletter Fee section of the enclosed Treasurer's Report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Judy and I are spending much of our time updating the roster so this will be a brief financial report. The full current report will be presented at the annual meeting in San Antonio.

<u>Financial</u> (as of 5/31/10):	Operating Account	\$6,660.99
	Reunion Account	<u>\$3,211.39</u>
	Total	\$9,872.48

Newsletter by Email: This newsletter will be the first sent out to some members via email. Our goal is to make this the sending method for as many members as possible in the future. As mentioned in the last newsletter, this will not affect original members or spouses unless they opt email. We are behind the times sending out hard copy newsletters. This measure will save the Association considerable postage and printing costs.

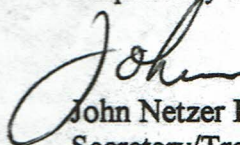
If you did not receive this newsletter by email, please email me your email address so we have a current listing and an efficient and quick way to get 82ndFGA information to you.

Dues and Newsletter Fee: As you can see, the total accounts are below \$10,000. Most of our revenue comes from dues and fees. Dues for Sustaining and Family members are \$20 per year. The fee for the newsletter for Associate and Honorary members is \$15 per year. If you receive this newsletter and have not paid dues, please consider renewing by sending a check made out to the 82ndFGA to the address below. If you are not sure, please contact me.

Roster: We are into the 'M's at this point but the list needs to be reviewed by Terry, Hank and Rick. Thanks to Rick Hood it is in a very easily edited format. Thanks in advance to Terry and Hank, for current member contact data. The new roster will be ready in San Antonio. As with the newsletter, the preferred send method will be by email.

Golf in San Antonio: At this point only 5 members have indicated an interest. Please let me, Dick Ostronik or Will Hattendorf know asap if you are interested.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Netzer Parlman, 95F
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From Mary Solko (95H)

Mr. Hank Phillips
82nd Fighter Gr. Assoc.

Dear Mr. Phillips-

It is my sad duty
to advise you that your
member, Joseph C. Solko

Passed away 4-1-10.

I am legally blind so
please excuse my
writing - I am
Joe's wife

Mary C. Solko

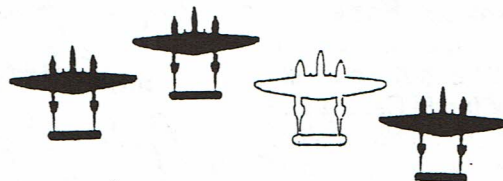
From Barbara E. Warne (97H)

The family of
Howard L. Warne
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation the kind expression
of your sympathy

Dear Mr. Parlman + the 82nd Fighter Group

Thank you for your
personalized expression
of sympathy for the
loss of my father, Howard
L. Warne.

FLY BY of HONOR



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

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Walter E. Zurney				11. Nov., 09		97 th
Dick Curran				02 Jan., 10		95 th
Louis E. Pape				18 Feb., 10		96 th
Howard L. Warne				15 Mar., 10		97 th
Joseph C. Solko				01 Apr., 10		95 th

SOLKO

JOSEPH C. SOLKO Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)

On April 1, 2010 of Lanham. Husband of Mary C. Solko, father of Sharon Spurrier and John Solko, grandfather of Scott and Jamie Spurrier, Steven and Megan Solko, great-grandfather of Mariah Diaz. A daughter, Charlene Solko, preceded him in death. Family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 6 at GASCH'S FUNERAL HOME, P.A., 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, MD from 6 to 8 p.m. where services will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joseph's name to the Christian Assisted Living for Mentally Retarded Adults (CALMRA), 502 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2307.

From Diane Curran (95H)

May 25, 2001

Dear Hank and members of the 82nd Fighter Group Association:

It is with great sadness that I tell you Richard "Dick" Curran of the 95th passed away right after Christmas. It was quite sudden and such a shock to our family. We had all been together for Christmas and he seemed fine. He had seen two doctors that week. He suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage (stroke). He lived for a week--paralyzed on his right side--but declined every day and did not recover.

We were looking forward to the reunion in San Antonio but that is not to be. I hope you will share our sadness with the all the members and perhaps include him in the missing man formation. He would have been honored as that meant so much to him. Thank you in advance. Fondly,

Diane Curran

Hank: I was delighted to receive
the newsletter from you. I
remember you well and hope
that you will continue to
keep me on the mailing list.

My new address is:

Diane Curran
2311 Chandler Ct.
Arlington, TX 75092

From Virginia Pape (96H)

31 Mar. 2010

Louis E. Pape

Louis E. Pape was born on Feb. 7, 1921 in Kirkwood, Ill., the son of Jessie Cardiff and Earl B. Pape, and passed from this life on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at the age of 89. He was educated in Warren County schools and graduated from Kirkwood High School.

He studied electrical engineering at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and flew P38s during the North African Campaign. He was shot down on his 48th mission and spent the remainder of the war in Prisoner of War Camp.

Following the war, he returned to the family farm in Warren County, Ill., and farmed for 48 years, retiring in 1997 to New Braunfels, a place they had become very attached to while being Winter Texans.

He married Virginia Shaw of Monmouth, Ill., on Dec. 24, 1942 in Philadelphia, Pa. To this union was born a daughter, Cheryl (David) Denslow of Parker, Colo. There are two grandsons, Andrew (Alet) Denslow of Porsgrunn, Norway, and Todd (Rachel) Denslow of Bloomington, Ill., as well as three great-grandchildren, Abby, Marcus and Megan Denslow. A brother, William Pape of West Lafayette, Ind.,

Hi Hank,

Here is a copy of Louis Pape's obit that I received from Pape's wife, Virginia on 22 Mar. 2010.

Pape (we always called him that -- Pa-pay) was my tent

mate from my 11th Airborne Division. I was shot down off the coast of Salerno, Italy in the biggest air battle the 82nd Airborne Division had ever been in. An estimated 100 ME 109s hit us from behind just north of the Isle of Capri at about 10,000' on the way home after escorting a bombing mission of B-25s. Our group lost 10 aircraft in that fight (7 from the 96th, the tail covering squadron). We had 72 A/C on that mission, not all turned back into the fight.

Our first warning of the attacking 109s were "flak" bursts near us. My first thought was that the Germans were firing flak at us from Capri, which had been declared an "open target" (undefended and not to be attacked). When I looked back and saw the sky was black with A/C. They were firing air-to-air rockets at us, all of which missed us. I, leading the second half of the 96th, called a "turnaround" and the screen was on. "Kate bar the door."

Pape was the volleyball player whose "dingy" (OVER)

Dear Beverly and Clayton,

18 Mar. 2010

Louis died a month ago today. He had been in failing health for the past year but was able to be out and about every day until the end. I am so thankful that we were settled into this Independent Living Apartment in Mc Kenna Village Retirement Center.

2294 E. Common St., Apt. 110
New Braunfels, TX 78130
830 221 4876

Virginia

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WEBSITE: http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/satst_82ndftrgrp/main.wnt

NAME: _____ Spouse's Name: _____ # of Guests: _____ (Names on Separate Paper).

I/We plan to stay at The St. Anthony: Yes__ No__. Arrival Date: _____ Depart Date: _____. Wheelchair - YES__ #____. Activities of Interest to me/us below: State the **number of people & total cost for each activity**.

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MAKE CHECK OUT TO: 82nd F.G.A.



Captain Richard Curran

Captain Richard "Dick" Curran, 78, passed away Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, after a massive stroke. Arrangements are under the direction of Dannel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church with the Reverend Martin Yost officiating. Family visitation will be held at the funeral home Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. A reception will be held following the church services.

Dick was born at home on Dec. 6, 1931 in Pratt, Kansas. In his early years, he boarded at a private military academy prior to completing a degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, earning a Phi Beta Kappa key. He served his country proudly as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the 95th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. During his service in the Air Force, he was assigned to Perrin Field and also Andrews Air Force Base, flying the F-86, F-105, and the A-6.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, Dick became a pilot for American Airlines and attained the rank of Captain. Thereafter, he was known throughout the community as "Captain," and his proudest achievement was to pilot every type of plane in the American fleet.

punching knife penetrated Amos Thurner's stomach during coming down from both jumping at the net. Pape was sandy haired, with slightly reddish face who could get mad fairly quickly -- like with a 2" fuze. But, he was a great guy and a wonder for tentmate. Everyone liked him and thought the world of him.

I don't remember whether or not that was my 50th mission, but, I was almost immediately sent back to Rest Camp at Ispahane (?) near of ~~of~~ Mekne. I never knew that we had lost Pape. I had had to land at Sicily for refueling & didn't get back to Grombalia until the next day. ^{1st Lt. Schnjede} ~~Alan Horn~~ was my element leader on that flight; and my No. 4 man left his drop tanks (2) on through the entire fight. Our new Group's Exec was my wing man (Lt. Col. Ernie Young); he stuck with me for a while. Airplanes all over the sky. I saw 6 A/C hit the water in about 1 1/2 minutes.

Well I'd better close out this narrative.

So long for now,

Thillie

**82nd Fighter Group Association members who attended the 95th Fighter Squadron's FINAL REUNION at Tyndall AFB.
24-27 June, 2010**

Bob & Cathy Priest

Judy & John Parlman



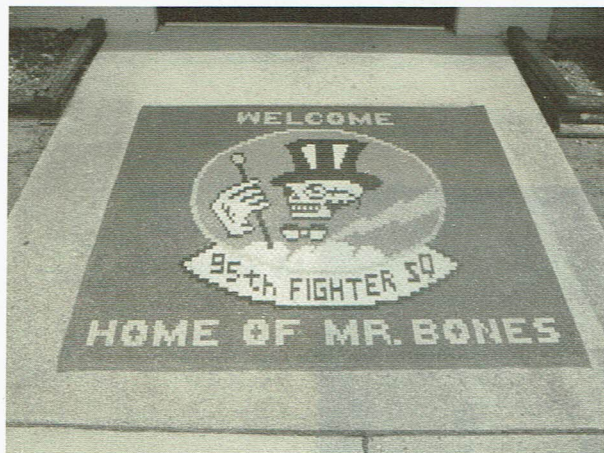
Don & Regina Foley

Regretably, Fred and Al Graham could not stay for the banquet.



**The Supreme Commander, 95th FS. grants an audience
to: John Parlman, Don Foley & Fred Graham.**

The 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall AFB is being de-activated. The process is projected to be complete this fall. Personnel are getting other assignments and many of the F-15s are going to National Guard squadrons or being moth-balled. The three day event, billed as the Final Reunion, was held June 24-26. Attending from the 82nd FGA were Don & Regina Foley, Allen & Fred Graham, Bob & Kathy Priest and John & Judy Parlman. Much memorabilia accumulated over the years were auctioned. The WWII and other unit history items were archived. It was a bitter-sweet time though Brigadier General Anthony Rock in his remarks at the banquet stated that because of the 95th's distinguished history, he expected it would be one of the first reactivated in the future. Don Foley, luckily in a simulator but with reflexes very much intact, took out a refueling tanker. Hank and Marlena Phillips had a conflict but came to breakfast Saturday morning and visited for the afternoon. The photo above is from the banquet showing the Foleys, Priests and Parlmans.



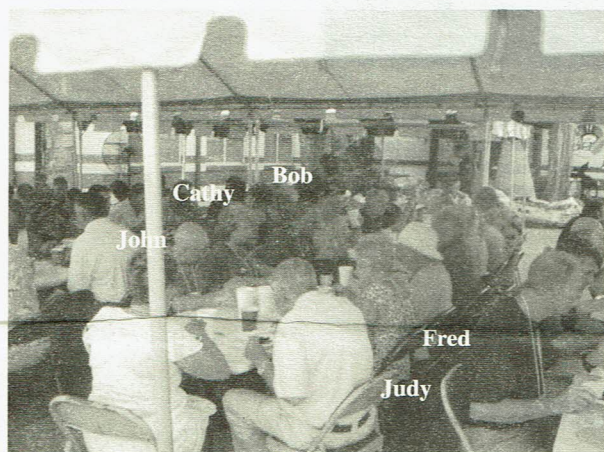
95th FS. Club Floor

Anyone caught stepping on Mr. Bones buys drinks for all that are present.



Regina Foley

Mr. Bones



Regina

Don

Al



95th Barroom

Everyone's dashing out, is it a raid??



Private cups for members



95th Active
Duty Member

John Fred

The Alamo



I'm in San Antonio on a business trip. After work I walked a few blocks and saw the Alamo for the first time. Built in 1724 as a Spanish mission, the Alamo ("cottonwoods" in Spanish) became a symbol of courage in the face of overwhelming odds as a small band of Texas and Tejano volunteers defended their position against Mexican General Santa Anna and his troops during the Texas Revolution of 1835-6. Unfortunately, taking photographs inside the Alamo is prohibited. Too bad, it's a very profound experience.

95th Fighter Squadron



68th Anniversary Reunion

26 June 2010