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Hello 82nd family,

I'm sure we're all grieving over the sudden loss of Dee Fine. To say she was much loved is a tremendous understatement. Dee was the epitome of grace and her love for her father, Will Hattendorf, and the entire 82nd Fighter Group Association was obvious to anyone who spent even just a few minutes in her presence. She is now in the presence of God and is without pain, but we miss her and will celebrate her life, and the life of her father Will, in San Diego.

Marc and Mary Buonaguidi are working hard to prepare for our San Diego reunion! It's a beautiful city and Team Buonaguidi have arranged some fantastic activities for us, such as a tour of the U.S.S. Midway, a trolley tour of old downtown and free time for all to explore a beautiful city.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to perform a financial audit while in San Diego. If you have that particular gift and feel called to help the Association in that regard, please let us know.

Speaking of Association business, Hank Philips, Bob Priest and Olen Medley have agreed to be our nominating committee, so they'll be checking with a few of you to see who might be interested in filling the offices of the Association. You all have served so often, both your country and the Association, but we may need you to serve again!

Lorraine and I are truly blessed to be a part of the 82nd Fighter Group Association and are humbled to serve those who set the example of service to our nation.

ADORIMINI, *Todd*

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Secretary & Treasurer's Report

Nancy and Marc wish to remind you that dues and donations are the only source of income to the Association. A reminder with self-addressed-stamped envelope went out to our mailing list late May. Please renew promptly or if you are not a member, please consider joining. Your dues go a long way to subsidizing the newsletter and the reunion.

Nominating Committee for 2016 Elections

All offices are open for the next election. The nominating committee is Hank Phillips, Olen Medley and Bob Priest. Contact any of these members by July 1 if you are interested in running for any of the offices or to nominate someone else. Use the Association's email or phone number on page 2.

Keeping in Touch

(Notes from Members)

The Parlimans had mini reunions with **Hank,**

Marlene and Audrey Phillips while in Destin, FL and **Leo Fisher** in Tucson. All are doing well.

Steve Blake, an Associate FGA member, co-author of 'Adorimini' and officer of **the P-38 National Association** has asked that 82nd FGA members consider joining and supporting the P-38 National since it is a sister organization. The website is <http://p38assn.org/>.

Matt O'Toole is unable to attend this reunion but misses his 82nd friends and sends his regards.

Folded Wings

It is with deepest regret that we announce the unexpected passing of **Delia 'Dee' Fine**, 95th family member on April 29, 2016. Dee was daughter of Will Hattendorf and sister of Bill Hattendorf.

San Diego Reunion Silent Auction

This auction, now in its third year, takes place at

the reception the night before the annual reunion banquet. It relies on items contributed by members. Members have made up gift baskets with items from their state. Others have brought memorabilia from past reunions like posters and glassware. Others have donated bottles of wine. Anything you would like to contribute and bring with you will be welcome.

San Diego Reunion Memorabilia Room

It is a tradition at our reunions to have a memorabilia room adjacent to the hospitality room. This is a secure room. Members are invited and encouraged to bring their WWII or past reunion memorabilia. As an example, this editor is bringing a shawl his dad bought for his mother in Casablanca in 1943. Other members have brought uniforms, documents, photos, manuals, canteens, etc. Please consider bringing some items to make this part of the 2016 reunion a success.

Past Reunion Photos

Bring your photos of past reunions to San Diego. Our Association has a rich history of friendship and memorable get togethers that goes back to 1978. You may have photos that no one has seen or don't remember that are part of this history. Mary Buonaguidi will post them on a board for members to view and she will make copies for anyone who wants them; you will retain the original. If you are not able to attend the reunion, you can still mail your photos to Mary at the Association's address at the bottom of page 2. The originals will be returned to you.

Remember
Deadline for 2016 reunion hotel reservations
is
Wednesday, August 10, 2016



Unit Flags for Sale

We still have some flags in inventory from the Salt Lake City reunion. Cost is **\$42** which includes shipping and handling. There is no profit on these, it is a service to our members. The images above show the flags, they are 2x3' nylon. There are four HQ, two 96th & two 97th left. To order, send your check made out to **82nd FGA** to: 3405 Circulo Adorno , Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Salt Lake City Reunion Recap from the Hosts

The 2015 reunion was held in Salt Lake City Utah from September 9th through September 13. The highlight of the reunion was a trip to Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah on Thursday the 10th. The trip started with time spent at the Hill Aerospace Museum where the crew was able to wander around military equipment and planes from all time periods. It was wonderful listening to all of the stories while the men looked at the P-38 on display.

From there we all had a nice lunch at The Landing where we were joined by Colonel David Lyons, Commander 388th Fighter Wing and Colonel Robert Battema, Vice Commander 488th Fighter Wing. It was terrific to see the different generations of pilots talk and share stories. After lunch we had a wonderful presentation from Lt. Col. George "Banzai" Watkins, 34 FS/CC. Lt Col. Watkins had just flown in one of the first F-35s that will be stationed at Hill AFB. He told us of the exciting technology of the F-35 and showed off his new, very, very expensive, helmet that lets him see around the plane as if it wasn't there, how cool is that!! As we left the base, the base historian Aaron Clark gave an interesting presentation of the base history and its plans for the future.

Friday evening we all enjoyed a pasta dinner and had what is becoming the annual silent auction. There were many wonderful items put up for auction; a cheese basket from Wisconsin, a made in Utah basket as well as several items donated by the National P-38 Association. The auction was a success to the tune of \$497. We are already searching for unique items for next year's auction!

Saturday was the banquet and dance. Color guard was provided by Aaron Barrera and consisted of 3 Active Guard members and one of their fathers, a WWII Navy vet himself. SFC Homer wore his original Navy blues; how many of us can say we can still fit into something 70 years old!! We had a surprise guest provided by our Hill AFB liaison, Valery Burke. Col Brian Radliff is the Commander of the 419th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB and is a Bone Head himself. It sure was a hit when he pulled on his Mr. Bones 95th tee shirt over his uniform! We danced the night away to music from the band Fire At Will. The last man standing on the dance floor was Charlie Pinson, supported by several good looking women ... how do you do that Charlie?

Being in the heart of Downtown Salt Lake City offered a lot of activities - a City Tour & zoo, The LDS Tabernacle Choir having its first public practice of the fall, Temple Square, the Mormon Genealogy Center and, of course, shopping at City Creek Mall. Some people drove out to see the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island where they got up close and (almost) personal with the buffalo that live out there.

When people weren't out and about, the hospitality suite was jumping! Several people brought DVD's of interesting WWII footage, including footage filmed at Foggia. I think my favorite memory is sitting in the Hospitality Suite watching hours of video and listening to the Vets talk.

We did have a couple of notable's missing, Leo and Edie Fisher, George Rivest and Gracie, John Kane and the Hattendorf clan. We were all together when we heard of Will's passing on Friday. It was good to share our memories of Will and pass on our condolences to the family.

Thank you all so much for attending the 2015 82nd Fighter Group Association Reunion in Salt Lake City. Peggy and I are so proud to be members of this Association. Hope you all had fun ... **and remember next year's Reunion in San Diego.** (Whoa! It's already here. See you there?)

Steve and Peggy



**82nd Fighter Group Association
August 31 - September 4, 2016
San Diego, California**

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 31:

12 noon - 11:00pm - Registration and Hospitality Room - Hotel Suite

Thursday, September 1:

9:00am - 11:00pm: Registration and Hospitality Room - Hotel Suite

10:00am - 3:00pm: Old Town Trolley Tour to include: Coronado Island, Balboa Park (with a stop at the Air and Space Museum), Old Town San Diego (with lunch at Old Town Mexican Café), and Downtown San Diego/Gaslamp District.

Friday, September 2:

9:00am - 11:00pm: Hospitality Room - Hotel Suite

10:00am - 1:00pm: Motorcoach from hotel to USS Midway, lunch on your own

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Silent Auction and Reception - Hotel

Saturday, September 3:

9:00am - 11:00pm: Hospitality Room - Hotel Suite

9:00am - 10:30am: Membership Annual Meeting - Hotel Meeting Room

*Free day in San Diego!

6:00pm - 7:00pm: no-host Cocktail Reception - Hotel

7:00pm: Dinner/Program/Dance - Hotel

Sunday, September 4:

9am - 12 noon: Hospitality Farewells - Hotel Suite

Departures



82nd Fighter Group Association Reunion, August 31 - September 4, 2016 San Diego, California

REGISTRATION

First and Last Name _____

Guest(s) Names _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Staying at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter? Y/N _____ Do you require a wheelchair? Y/N _____

Host Hotel: The Westin Gaslamp Quarter, 910 Broadway Circle, San Diego, CA. For reservations, call 619-239-2200 and ask for the 82nd Fighter Group rate of \$149.00 plus tax (single or double). Deadline for making hotel reservations is Wed, August 10, 2016. Make your reservations before the deadline to ensure availability and group discount. Based upon the hotel's availability, the discount will be available (3) days before and after the group dates. Please note: parking is valet only and will be paid by the 82nd Fighter Group.

(See attached Schedule for full agenda and details)

Event	Date & Time	\$ Per Person	# People	Total
Trolley Tour: Coronado Island, Balboa Park (stop at Air & Space Museum), Old Town San Diego (lunch at Old Town Mexican Café), & San Diego/Gaslamp District	Thursday, Sept 1 10:00am - 3:00pm	\$20.00 (includes lunch)	#	\$
Motor Coach to USS Midway, lunch on own	Friday, Sept 2 10:00am - 1:00pm	\$13.00	#	\$
Silent Auction and Reception	Friday, Sept 2 6:00pm - 9:00pm	\$30.00	#	\$
Cocktail Reception, Program, Dinner/Dance	Saturday, Sept 3 6:00pm - 11:00pm	\$45.00	#	\$
Registration Fee, (1) fee covers your party		N/A	N/A	\$ 60.00
			Total:	

Saturday Dinner Entrée and Number of each:

Chicken	#	Vegetarian	#
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- Retain a copy of this completed form for your records.
 - Please make check payable to: **82nd Fighter Group Association**
 - Complete all forms and mail payment by **August 24, 2016**
 - Mail to: **Mary Buonaguidi, 82nd FGA Meeting Planner, 3405 Circulo Adorno, Carlsbad, CA 92009**
- For questions or assistance, please feel free to contact Mary Buonaguidi, 82nd FGA Meeting Planner
e-mail: Mary.Buonaguidi@ConferenceDirect.com or phone: 760-942-7104

SAVE THE DATE

*82nd Fighter Group Association
San Diego, California
August 30 - September 4, 2016*



Host Hotel

The Westin Gaslamp Quarter

910 Broadway Circle San Diego, California 92101

The Westin is located in the historic and vibrant San Diego Gaslamp Quarter which features shopping, restaurants, entertainment, and culture. To make reservations, call: 619-239-2200, and ask for the 82nd Fighter Group discounted rate of \$149.00. Deadline to make reservations is Wednesday, August 10. The group rates are available (3) days before and after based upon availability. The schedule of events, attractions and registration are below.



Old Town Trolley Tours



USS Midway



Balboa Park



San Diego Air and Space Museum and much, much more.....!