



82nd Fighter Group Association Newsletter

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**2020 Reunion - Colorado Springs September
9th -13th**

Highlights of Dayton Reunion



82nd Fighter Group Plaque
Memorial Garden, USAF Academy
Dedicated 1991

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The President's Page

Dear FGA Family:

I would like to thank the Pinson family and all those who helped for another great 82nd FGA Reunion this year in Dayton, Ohio. Lots of fun and laughter for all of those who were able to attend. No sooner is one over than another one is in the planning phase. The 2020 82nd FGA Reunion will be in Colorado Springs, Colorado and hosted by the Powell's and Parliman's.

We are still looking for pictures for a photo album of all 82nd FGA members during WWII. It will be presented to the National P-38 Association at the 2021 82nd FGA Reunion. If you are planning to attend the next reunion bring your pictures or send them to John. Any pictures you want to copy or contribute to the 82nd FGA photo album will be appreciated. John Parliman is now the 82nd FGA Historian and will also keep a copy of the photo album for the 82nd FGA.

Visit our Facebook and website for more information on the 82nd FGA. The Facebook site will have albums from all the reunions with pictures for those to share. The 82nd FGA website is continually being updated with more information. I will be emailing a quarterly Newsletter with more detail information on what we our goals for the 82nd FGA legacy. <http://www.82ndfightergroup.org>

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Summary of Annual Meeting Dayton, September 13, 2019

Officers and other elected executive committee members will continue for the second year of their term. John Parliman will remain Newsletter/Facebook Editor and Historian. Jerry Martin will continue as Webmaster.

The By-Laws were amended as follows by unanimous vote: (1) the Webmaster, Newsletter Editor and Historian will be members of the executive committee and (2) the requirement of a 30 day notice prior to a proposed By-Law amendment was removed.

Discussion on our future took place. Options for the future of the group were discussed including (1) affiliating with related Associations, (2) growing the membership and (3) developing a plan to meaningfully terminate the Association, when and if it becomes necessary.

Lowell Phillips discussed his project to create two albums – one of our original members, the other of reunions – to preserve the Association's history. A copy of each would be presented to the National P-38 Association for its museum at March AFB and a copy would be retained in the 82nd FGA's archives. Members are requested to send originals or copies of any FGA combat and reunion photos to Lowell.

It was discussed that we are now at a point where reunion and annual meeting attendance is not a given. Decisions for the survival of the Association can no longer wait for annual meeting votes. The membership unanimously voted to empower the Executive Committee to make decisions for the good of the Association without general membership vote in line with the options and concerns discussed at this meeting.

Discussion occurred on the need to keep 82 FG history alive. Bruce Loewenberg offered to compile 82nd documents with help. Everard Smith volunteered to help record the history of the group through videos from 82nd reunions, private videos, 8mm films, etc.

There are 82nd commemorative plaques similar to the one at Dayton at the USAF Academy and March AFB. There was unanimous approval to hold the 2020 reunion and rededication at the USAF Academy and at March AFB in 2021. The Parlimans and the Powells offered to host the 2020 reunion. A host volunteer is needed for 2020.

Bruce Loewenberg proposed having a speaker as a draw for the reunions. John Parliman asked why people attend our reunions – camaraderie or events & venues. He asked the group if they would support changes for reunions to smaller venues and less paid activities to lower costs to all. There was general agreement to this suggestion.

Respectively submitted,
Nancy

82ndFGA FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2018–JUNE 30, 2019

Beginning Balance:		\$2,060.63
Receipts:		
Registrations 2018	\$10,705.00	
Auction 2018 and Donations	655.00	
Dues	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$12,860.00
Payments:		
Bank Fees	\$ -34.00	
Newsletters	-233.94	
Reunion Expense 2017	-10,155.22	
Total Payments		<u>-\$10,423.16</u>
Ending Balance:		\$ 4,497.47

Respectfully Submitted, *Marc Buonaquidi*, Treasurer

Highlights of the Dayton Reunion

It can't be said enough the lengths to which the Pinson clan went to host this reunion. Extraordinary attention to detail is an understatement.

The visit to Carillon Park was wonderful. It is a credit to the City of Dayton and its entrepreneurial tradition. A talk by the brew master of the Carillon Brewing Company was an added treat. The Wright Brother's museum and test flight field were inspiring. It showed the essence of American pioneering spirit. The USAF museum was awesome. The tour of the WWII section was highly informative. Being allowed inside the ropes to touch the P-38 was very special.

The re-dedication of the 82nd Fighter Group plaque was incredibly thoughtful and spot-on. There were no dry eyes and we all walked away with a strong feeling of what brings us together.

The hospitality room, as always, was a hub-bub of socializing and good ol' FGA camaraderie. Sweet-tooth's ruled. Peanut butter filled M&Ms were hard to keep in stock.

The reception and auction were hilarious. The auction grossed over \$1300. Everyone was involved in the fun and FGA support.

Our President added some new twists to the banquet. Instead of a guest speaker, Lowell invited attendees to share anecdotes about Association members and events. There was a high degree of participation, warm memories and lots of laughs. A slide presentation showed pictures of departed members and ended with a tribute to Charlie Pinson in whose honor the Pinson clan hosted the reunion.

So, much appreciation and accolades for putting on a top-notch reunion go out to Linda,

Jessica and Joanie Pinson and Everard Smith. Job well done!



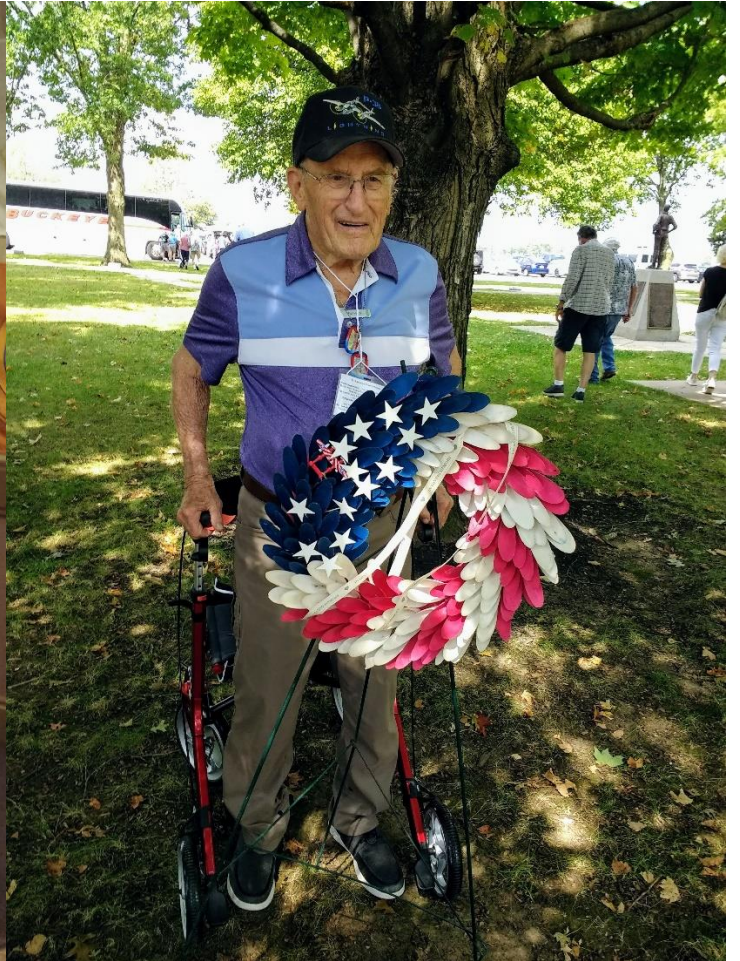
Your 2020 Reunion Information to Date

- Location: Colorado Springs, CO
Date: September 9-13
Hotel: Embassy Suites, 7290 Commerce Center Drive
Room Rate: \$139.00 (option for 3 days before and after at same rate)
Refrigerator and microwave in each room
Complimentary breakfast, happy hour, parking and shuttle (within 5 miles)
Wednesday: Registration and Hospitality Room
Thursday: AF Academy Tour, Lunch and Plaque Re-dedication
Friday: Bus Tour of Garden of the Gods, Reception and Auction
Saturday: Banquet with choice of beef, salmon and vegetarian

To book your reservation, click [here](#) or call, 719-599-9100.

Registration form, exact schedule and event costs will be in the May newsletter and on Facebook.















**Flyover at
Dedication of the 82nd Fighter Group Memorial Plaque
USAF Academy Memorial Garden
Denver Reunion 1991**