



82nd Fighter Group Association Newsletter

Issue 101

June 2020

First, the unfortunate news:
The September 2020 Reunion is
postponed for the safety of our
members.

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Now the great news:
(Assuming COVID19 cooperates)
The reunion is re-scheduled in
Colorado Springs
for
June 9-13, 2021

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Dear 82nd Family:

Through a lot of discussions on the COVID-19 virus and the uncertainty of the following months and, in order to protect the membership, the 2020 Annual Reunion of the 82nd Fighter Group has been postponed. We discussed that since the Parlman's and Powell's already have all the ground work and information for Colorado Springs, we keep the same location and look at a possible 2021 spring reunion. By January 2021 I hope we should have a handle on this virus and will be able to make a decision.

We will continue to look at the future of the 82nd FGA. As discussed before, after 40 years plus of reunions, loss of original members, health and other life events, the March AFB reunion, now pushed forward to 2022, may be our last. Our plan, similar to Dayton and Colorado Springs, is a re-dedication of the 82nd Fighter Group plaque and presentation to the P38 National Association of our 82nd Fighter Group photo album for their museum. The Executive Committee will work on a plan and this will be discussed at our 2021 reunion annual meeting.

We are still in the process of gathering as many pictures as we can of all pilots and any 82nd Fighter Group members during WWII. Our intent is to have an album ready for the 2022 reunion at the P-38 Association Museum at March Arb, Riverside, CA. www.p38assn.org The other photo album will be pictures of our past and future 82nd FGA reunions. Any pictures families want to copy or contribute to the 82 FGA photo album will be appreciated.

If you decide to attend the reunion, bring any items that you would like to share with the 82nd FGA. John Parlman is our historian and all photos and memorabilia will be given to him for safe keeping. We will also have a copy of the photo album for our archives and possibly use some photos for our website in the future. Jerry Martin is continuously updating our website as new photos and information is presented. www.82ndfightergroup.org If you haven't signed up for the newsletter or requested to join the 82nd FGA Facebook, please do. John Parlman has revamped our Facebook [82ndfightergroupassociation](https://www.facebook.com/82ndfightergroupassociation).

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Treasurer's Report

Category	Amount	Balance
82nd FGA FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
May 21, 2019 - May 14, 2020		
Beginning Balance:		\$3,312.32
Receipts:		
Donations	\$100.00	
Dues_2019	\$414.90	
Dues_2020	\$100.00	
Reunion 2019	\$401.38	
	Total Receipts	\$1,016.28
Payments:		
Newsletter	(\$55.98)	
Reunion 2020	(\$440.00)	
Website Hosting	(\$120.00)	
	Total Payments	(\$615.98)
Ending Balance:		\$3,712.62

Respectfully Submitted, Marc Buonaguidi, Treasurer

Dues Reminder

Like many of us, some letters go into a 'to do' pile for later. If you have not yet paid your dues for this year (membership year starts April 1), please do so. As you can see, our budget is modest and your dues subsidize the newsletters and the reunion.

Folded Wing

Lt Col (ret) John J Kane



John J. Kane, Lt. Col, USAF (Ret.), of Exeter, NH passed away at the Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth, on Feb. 1, 2020. He leaves his wife, Frances L. (McCarthy) and son John J. Kane, Jr. of Stratham as well as 3 nieces, Kyle Kane of SC, Kim Snider and Kerry Miller both of OH.

Always fascinated with planes, he spent many hours at a local airport. He entered the Army Aviation Cadet Program in 1943, was commissioned and earned his pilot's wings in 1944. After fighter pilot training he was assigned to Foggia, Italy where he flew 51 combat missions over Europe as a bomber escort and attacking ground targets.

He performed assignments as commander to tactical and non-tactical squadrons and served as an aircraft accident investigation and in staff safety officer positions. He was a graduate of AF Command & Staff College, Aircraft Investigation Course at USC, Instrument Instruction School and other training schools.

Decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, several air medals, the Bronze Star and commendation medals. Before retiring in 1973, John had served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and had assignments in Newfoundland, Greenland, the Philippines as well as continental U.S.

After moving to NH in 1975, he served as an elected Representative to the NH General Court for 10 years. He was a member of the Retired Officers Assoc., Air Force Assoc. and Writers of the Round Table.

John was a member of the 82nd Fighter Group, 96th Fighter Squadron in WWII and former president and strong supporter of the 82nd Fighter Group Association.

Your 2021 Reunion Information*

Location: Colorado Springs, CO
Date: June 9-13, 2021
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

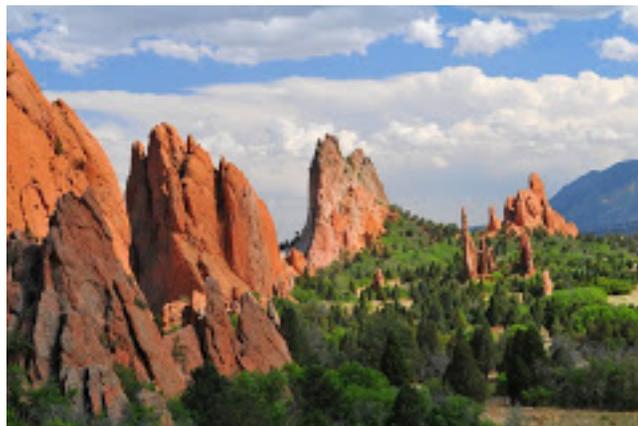
Registration form, exact schedule and event costs will be in the December newsletter and on Facebook.

**** These dates are tentative based on the health and safety of our members and the projected status of the COVID19 pandemic.***



Above - Petersen Air and Space Museum

Below - Garden of the Gods



Musings from the Association Historian

For two years now, President Lowell has been encouraging all of us to look deep into our personal archives for photos, documents and articles about our WWII members so we can preserve the rich history not only of the military exploits, but also of the Association that grew out of it. His intent is to develop two albums of our history – one for the WWII and military information and the second for the Association's history. One copy of each will be donated to the National P38 Association.

I have started creating individual albums on our Facebook group for our family members. Once created, you will be able to add data to your album. As an example, I added photos and documents from my dad including his war records. I started one for my dad as a trial. **Thomas Welsh** was second with two collages he sent on his dad and **Steve & Peggy Powell** sent a dvd of photos of Jerry. So it's a start.

If you are nervous about Facebook, this is a secure Facebook page. It is private. Members have to apply, show that they are a family or heritage member of the 82nd and be accepted. The member list is private. Only members of our group have access to that list. So please consider joining.

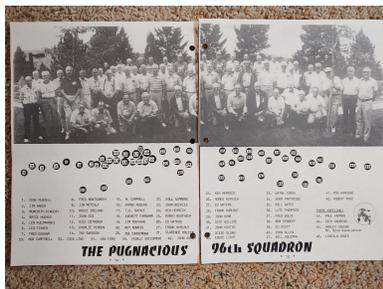
Jerry Martin has put all but two of the 100 newsletters on our website. The missing are **#44 & 90**. If you have them, please send them to me. These are amazing resources for the history of the FGA and a great trip down memory lane.

Sylvia Ostronik has photo documented all our reunions and lent me two huge albums to scan. I haven't forgotten Syl. I will return them.



In terms of old newsletters, **Issue #22, November 1991**, highlights the Denver Reunion and the 82nd Memorial dedication. It is a great read to gear up for our memorial re-dedication at the next reunion. But it also highlights the treasures about the 82nd that are hiding in your attics. For instance it has group photos of each unit that attended the reunion with the name of each attendee in the photo. The group photos are titled 'The Bone Rattling 95th', 'The Pugnacious 96th' and 'The Snarling Cats of the 97th.' I remember thinking how great it would be to have the original photos.

Up steps **Allen Graham**, son of our late member **Fred (96th)**, with the goods, or, at least, most of them – the original group photos of the 96th & 97th and a five foot long panorama of the entire group at the dedication ceremony.



95th Photo
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Above - Original Dedication Ceremony Photo

Below: The 5ft panorama of the 82nd



Wouldn't it be great if one of our current members has the picture of the bone rattling 95th in their attic. Please look, help complete this set and maybe, hopefully, more.....

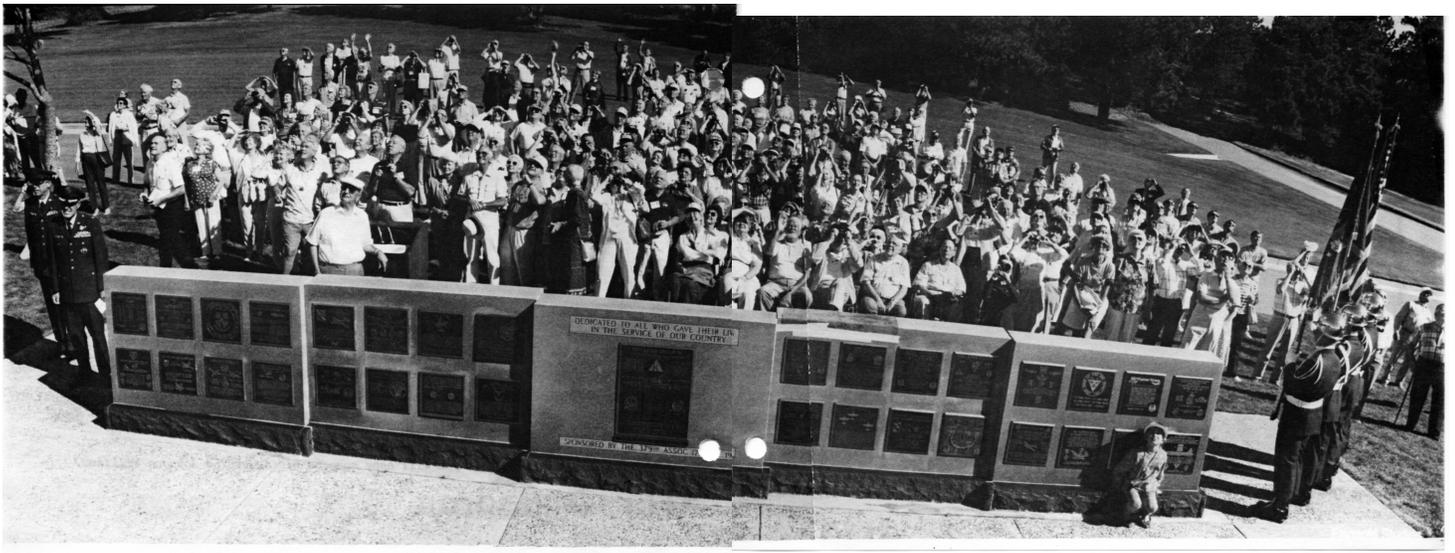
Oh, yeah...and other tidbits from that 1991 Denver reunion from our archives: 154 WWII attendees (excluding guests, spouses and family members and 24 Active Duty personnel). And the newsletter was 35 pages long. Can you imagine???

Well this editor is all mused out. Hope you enjoyed this article.

Check your attics,
 Join our Facebook group (82nd Fighter Group Association) and
 Peruse the old newsletters on our website (82ndFighterGroup.org).

Adorimini, *John*

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