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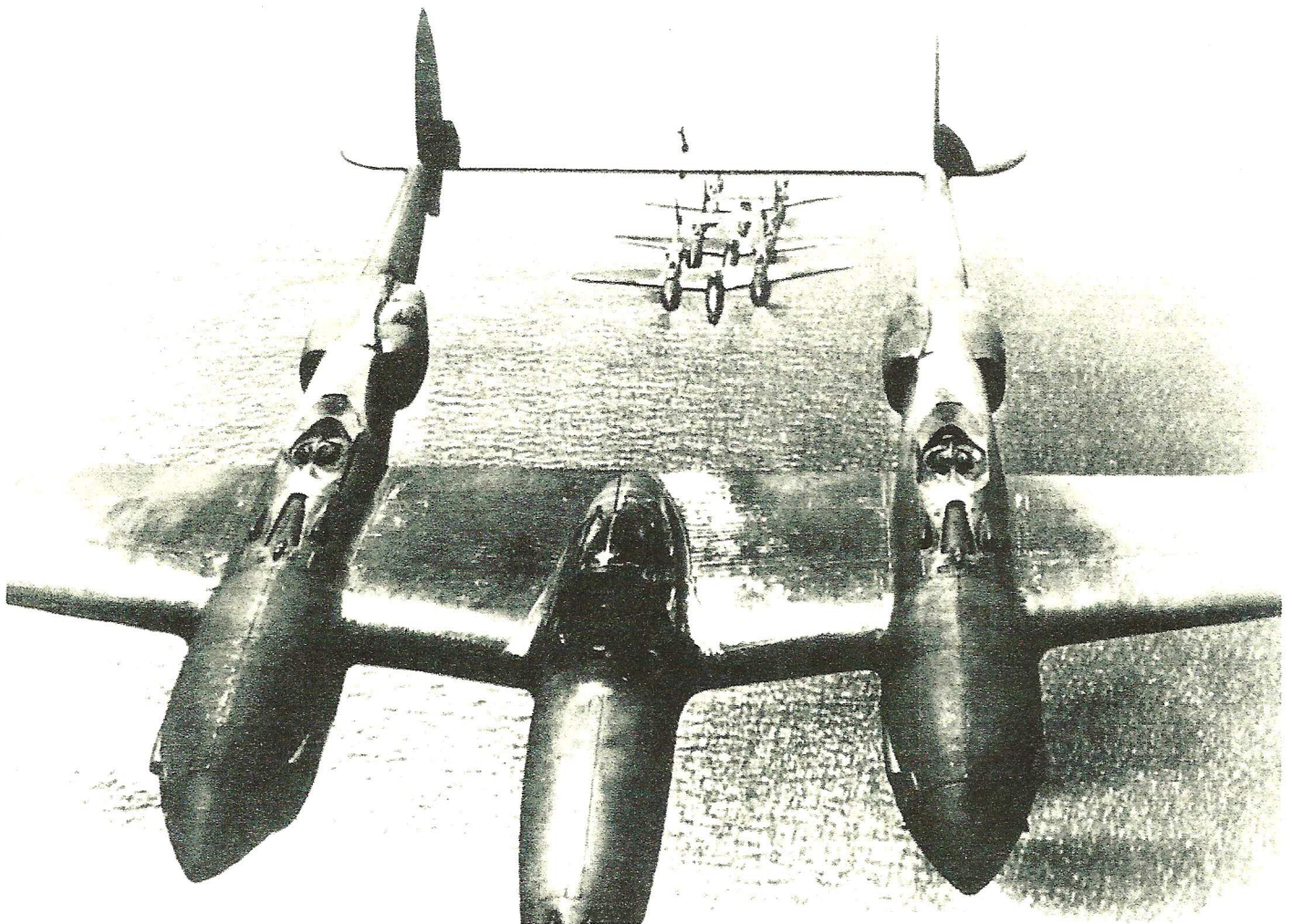
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82nd Fighter Group Memorial
New 82nd Fighter Association Website

82nd FG President, Leo Fisher
and First Lady, Edie





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The President's Page

I'm Leo Fisher (Leo the Lion) but I don't roar like the MGM lion. I just *purr*. I wish to thank all who voted me in as President (not of the United States – although my mother probably wished that), but of the 82nd Fighter Group Association.

Edie is my wife; now "1st Lady". Edie has an uncommon sense of common sense so I know she will be helpful to me.

I will work hard to fulfill my duties to keep the 82nd up to the aspirations and goals we have inaugurated and upheld since its conception. As stated in article 2 of our by-laws, the objective has been to bring the membership together to form bonds of and to continue its organization in perpetuity (that means forever) or until dissolved by a majority vote of the membership. Recently, article 2 -d has stated that in case the Association is dissolved the unencumbered assets of the Association shall be donated to the support and maintenance of the 82nd Fighter Group Association's memorial selected by vote of the 82nd Fighter Group WWII members.

Regarding the Memorial Fund, I have contacted Edwards Air Force Base in California. At first I was told to contact Frederick A. Johnson, the curator of the museum there. Secondly, I talked to Dr. Stephanie M. Smith who informed me that George Welsh was now the director of the museum. Mr. Welsh informed me no one was allowed to build a memorial on base. However, he said they were planning to build a memorial building outside Edwards along California Highway 58 in a couple of years, and they would be glad to have our memorial there at that time. CA Highway 58 is the main corridor connecting to I-15 leading to Las Vegas which is heavily traveled.

I also contacted Jane Leach, the Memorial Park manager at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio. She told me they would be glad to have us there as we already had a plaque there from our reunion in 1988. I am inclined to be in favor of Edwards as that is where the 82nd Fighter Group originated and it will take a couple of years to raise the money. Please make an effort to donate to the memorial.

Leo Fisher
President 82nd FGA
Chair 82nd FG Memorial

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Details from the October 22nd annual meeting:

1) **BY-LAW CHANGES** (bold print) were approved by unanimous vote:

Article 1-c: **Any unauthorized use of the name of The Association or sale of products sold under the name of The Association is strictly prohibited.**

Article 2-d: It is the intent of The Association to continue its organization in perpetuity, or until dissolved by a majority vote of the membership. At such time as The Association is dissolved, the unencumbered assets of The Association shall be **donated to the support and maintenance of the Association's memorial selected by vote of the 82nd Fighter Group WWII members.**

2) **MEMORIAL REPORT**: Discussion was held on the location of the memorial. Leo Fisher explained the importance of the Edwards AFB site to the original 82nd members as well as the increased accessibility of the new museum. Olen Medley conveyed a proposal by Will Hattendorf (95th FS) to also consider the National WWII Museum in New Orleans as a possible site. The attendees at the annual meeting supported these two possibilities, passed a by-law to focus Association funds on the memorial and put the decision of the siting into the hands of its WWII members.

3) **REUNIONS**: Plans for 2012 in Seattle are well underway - September 5-9th at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, with excursions, a harbor cruise, Boeing tour and more being arranged by hosts Lois and Mel Roalsvig. New Orleans was selected for 2013 with the National WWII Museum as the main focus. The Medley's will host Tulsa in 2014.

4) **DONATIONS**: Thanks for reunion donations to: Kathy Rockey whose raffled 14 carat gold airplane necklace added \$291 to the Memorial Fund; Mary and Mark Buonaguidi, Palm Springs Reunion tote bags; Dennis and Carol Phillips and Judy and John Parliman, 2010 reunion DVDs.

5) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: The nominating committee's slate of officers was unanimously approved with President: Leo Fisher, Vice President: Lute Thompson, Treasurer: John Parliman and Secretary: Judy Parliman elected to 2-year terms.

Judy Parliman



Lois and Mel Roalsvig



Frank Hurlbut Hank Phillips Connie Hurlbut

Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Beginning Balance (all accounts):		\$ 9,772.38
Receipts:		
Donations	Internet	\$ 110.00
	Regular	640.00
	Memorial	1,200.00
	Total	\$ 1,950.00
Dues	Associate	\$ 30.00
	Honorary	90.00
	Family	1,195.00
	Sustaining	1,045.00
	Total	\$ 2,360.00
Reunion Profit 2010		224.81
Total Receipts		\$ 4,534.81
Payments:		
Internet		\$ 1,200.00
Supplies		369.84
Postage		128.15
Newsletter		4,020.09
Legal		200.00
Bank Charges		243.00
Total Payments		\$ 6,161.08
Ending Balance (all accounts):		\$ 8,146.11

The box to the left contains the financial statement presented at the annual meeting in Palm Springs.

The Account balances as of 10/31/11 are:

Operating	\$ 4,317.59
Reunion	\$ 2,949.81
Memorial	\$ 1,824.00

Total (All Accounts) \$ 9,091.40

Though our funds are limited, the Association is financially healthy.

There are two components to our finances. First, our revenues come primarily from dues and donations.

The dues year starts March 1. Please check the dues code in either the upper right corner of your mailing label or the subject line of your email. 'C' indicates current and 'D' indicates due in each case followed by the amount paid or owed (\$20 or \$15). If you owe, please consider sending a double payment to cover you through the current year as well as next.

We are a tax-exempt organization. Donations are tax deductible. We acknowledge donations in writing for your tax records.

In addition to the roster, we are also starting to offer other Association products such as the San Antonio Reunion DVD, note cards, baseball caps, tote bags and a belt buckle all of which you will see further in this issue. This is in time for the holiday season. We hope you will consider them as gifts for your loved ones. The prices are reasonable, the profit margins are modest and it helps support your Association.

The second component is cost containment. We were able to cut printing costs by 40% for the last newsletter and 50% for the last reunion reminder postcard. In addition we are actively using email rather than conventional mail for new member correspondence. This will save nearly \$2000 in expenses a year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



Update on the Memorial Committee and Fund Raising

The memorial construction effort has been on the back burner due to reunion activity. Not to say that we have been idle. A committee has been formed with Leo Fisher as Chair and staffed by Richard Ostronik, Joel Gray, grandson of Monty Powers, Todd Stoutenborough, son of Don, and John Parliman. Leo originally proposed Edwards AFB and met with the museum curator there this summer. At the annual meeting, Olen Medley conveyed Will Hattendorf's proposal to also consider the National WWII Museum in New Orleans as a possible site. The attendees at the annual meeting supported these two possibilities and passed a by-law to focus Association funds on the memorial and put the decision of the siting in the hands of its WWII members.

Both Joel and Todd recently suggested the committee develop a request for proposal to identify the key requirements for the memorial before going any further. Joel is contacting Leo to begin this discussion.

Meanwhile, we need to raise working capital for the project. As mentioned in the Secretary's report, Kathy Rockey donated a gold P-38 necklace to the banquet raffle which yielded \$291 to the Memorial Fund. Proceeds from the sale of The 82nd Shoppe items will also go toward the Memorial. In addition, these items will be given as tokens of appreciation for different donation levels as outlined below. If you donate and refuse the token, you will be increasing the value of your donation to the memorial project. As the project progresses, we will have products with the memorial design to add as well.

For donations of	\$25.....Tote
	\$50.....Note Cards plus Tote
	\$75.....Cap plus Note Cards
	\$100.....DVD plus Cap
	\$200.....Belt Buckle plus Cap
	\$500.....All of the above

A form is included in the newsletter to use as a memorial donation record for you or for acquaintances who may wish to contribute to this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary or the Treasurer at admin@82ndFighterGroup.org.

So we are sitting on the runway and one prop is just starting to turn over. We have a long way to go on an exciting mission.



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NEWSLETTER

H.P. 'Hank' Phillips

Date: _____

Re: Donation Acknowledgement

Dear _____:

The 82nd Fighter Group Association Memorial Fund is dedicated to the creation of a permanent memorial to the original World War II members of the 82nd Fighter Group who trained at Muroc Dry Lake Airfield, CA and deployed from there to England in the fall of 1942.

The 82nd Fighter Group Association is a 501(c)(19) organization and, as such, your donation of \$_____ is tax deductible. **Please make checks payable to the 82nd FGA Memorial Fund.**

On behalf of the WWII members of this much decorated Air Force unit and their families, please accept our appreciation for your donation.

Sincerely,

John Netzer Parliman 95F
Treasurer

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The 82nd Shoppe



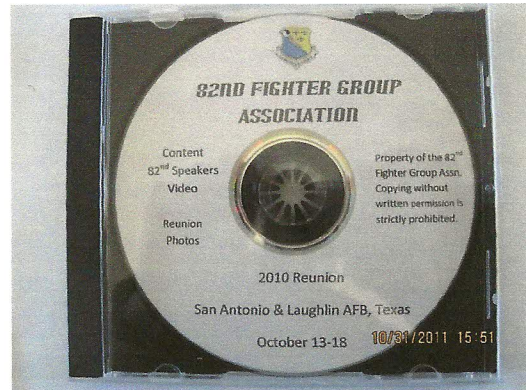
Cap \$15



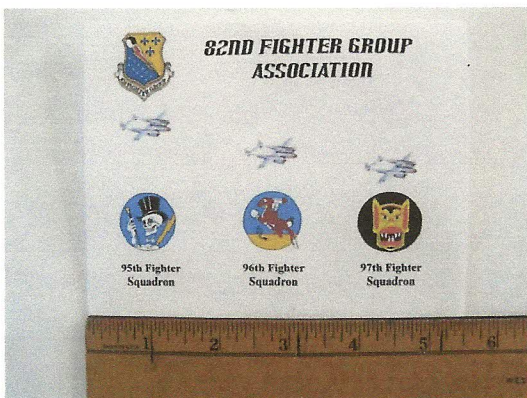
Tote \$10



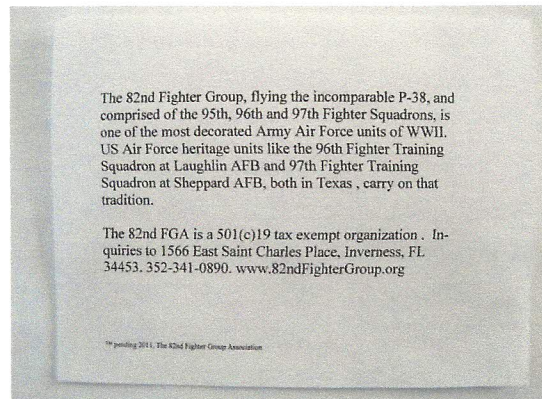
Buckle \$25



2010 DVD \$15



**Note Cards \$12
Pkg 10 with Envs**



Note Card back view

82nd Shoppe Order Form

<u>Item/ Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cap			
Cotton/poly, adjustment belt. One size fits most.	\$15	_____	_____
Tote			
Poly, 16x15" with 11" straps. Thin. Perfect for small items and papers.	\$10	_____	_____
Belt Buckle			
Metal with antique bronze finish. Fits up to 1.5" belts (not incl).	\$25	_____	_____
2010 Reunion DVD			
Annotated sections for San Antonio reunion events and Laughlin AFB tour with 82nd WWII round table discussion.	\$15	_____	_____
Note Cards			
Ten (10) 5.5x4" note cards with envelops.	\$15	_____	_____

**All prices include shipping and handling. Allow 4-6 weeks
For delivery.**

Name _____ **Amount enclosed** _____

Address1 _____

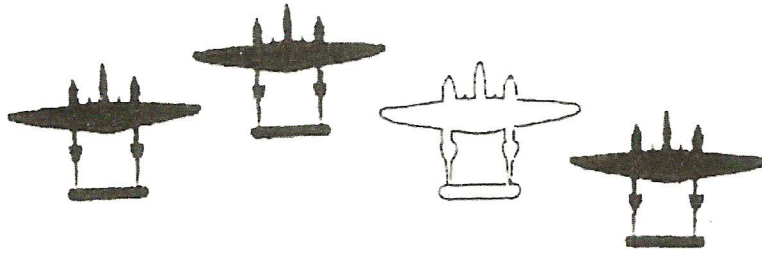
Address2 _____

City _____, **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Make check to **82nd FGA** and mail to Secretary, 82nd Fighter Group Assn,
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Linda Deptola, LCAM
For the Secretary of the Board

FLY BY of HONOR



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

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<i>Gerald Monson</i>	<i>03 Jul., 11</i>	<i>96th</i>
<i>Glendor D. McAdams</i>	<i>24 Aug., 11</i>	<i>97th</i>

Hello Hank,

Although this letter is sent to you, it is also intended for each member of the 82nd. It was a great disappointment to miss the reunion at Palm Springs. By all reports, it was one of the best (if not THE best) reunion ever. I want to say THANK YOU for granting me the honor of serving as the President of the 82nd Fighter group Association. Congratulations are in order to the outstanding slate of new leaders who have stepped forward to assure that the association will continue to thrive.

Each of us should thank the volunteers who have kept our organization up and running. Among them are Hank Phillips, John and Judy Parlman, Mary and Marc Buonaquidi, Don and Regina Foley, Bill Blurock and his reunion team and others that my aged memory can't produce.

Frances and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. We hope to see you in Seattle.

Most sincerely,

John Kane

New Association Website

We have a new website under development and a new email address. Click on www.82ndfightergroup.org to subscribe. You will then be automatically notified as content is added and the site evolves. The new email will be admin@82ndfightergroup.org.

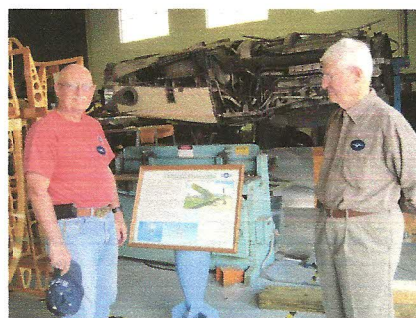
This is a work in progress aimed at getting a broader involvement of the 82nd with the internet community. We hope you enjoy this exciting change.

This is an interactive social site that will have a store with Association items for sale, lots of reunion pictures and information, memorial updates, links to Air Force heritage groups and Air Force veterans' organizations, member forums, news flashes, etc. It will also be the vehicle by which the newsletters are transmitted.

For those of you who wonder how this relates to Terry Massick's 82nd site, Terry's site is research oriented and a very rich source of 82nd WWII history. The new site is social and interactive aimed at providing more current member information and getting more involvement with the internet generation. The Association site will link to Terry's site.



In San Antonio we started a 'last group standing' photo. Keeping that new tradition, at Monday breakfast on October 3rd in Palm Springs, the last hearty souls were the Powell clan with Nan Conner, Nona Isaacson and the Parlimans.



Yes, that's a P-38 in very serious need of restoration in a hanger at Fantasy of Flight east of Tampa, FL that Hank Phillips and John Parliman visited over Thanksgiving. The finished product is years away but the owner, Kermit Weeks, prides himself in his collection of faithfully restored and flyable vintage planes—the largest personal collection in the world.

Follow updates through our new website www.82ndFighterGroup.org or through www.fantasyofflight.com.

Palm Springs Reunion

Sept 27- Oct 2, 2011

There was lots of excitement as we gathered at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs Hotel, with both renewed and new friendships. Our host, Bill Blurock, did a fabulous job of choosing the perfect hotel and top notch excursions. Sylvia and Dick Ostronik, with the assistance of Mary and Mark Buonaguidi, hosted the hospitality suite and did a bang up job of keeping us filled up with snacks and beverages – Sylvia's champagne was quite a hit!!! Mark and Mary provided a most interesting and touching display from a collection of WWII items belonging to Mark's dad, Aido Buonaguidi, 97th. Many thanks to Kathy and Bob Priest for jumping in where and whenever needed. James Chase was also able to attend and brought some of his father's memorabilia. John Reid, 97th, a former member, was visiting family in Palm Springs. He rejoined the 82nd FGA and attended Chino with his son and grandson. As in past years, there were many stories exchanged and much laughter coming from the hospitality suite

A wonderful surprise awaited Olen Medley - Howard and Jerry Martin (nephew and great nephew) arrived in the hospitality suite much to his delight!! It was a great reunion – the excitement was infectious throughout the room – this was daughter Nancy's doing. We are happy to have two new members, both planning to be in Seattle next year.

We welcomed reunion newcomers Ivy and Leonard Coleman, Sally and David Bloxom, and Cheri and Matt Buonaguidi, Marc's sister and brother. I understand their mother, Barbara, has the Seattle reunion on her calendar. Joan and Everett Farnum, Judy and Jack Sides and Connie and Frank Hurlbut were welcomed back. Del Ryland was accompanied by his son, Steve. Marlene and Hank Phillips' son, Lowell was welcomed back with son Wesley, as were Carol and Dennis Phillips. Cora Hanley, Dave's wife, joined us for the first time. We welcomed Lois and Mel Roalsvig's granddaughter, Caitlin Davis, and her boyfriend, Scott Gault, to our banquet, along with Lute Thompson's daughter and son-in-law, Becky Thompson and Mark Smeeton. Becky was the happy winner of the gold P-38 charm donated by Kathy Rockey.

The golfers headed out Wednesday morning for some good spirited play. Word has it that Leo Fisher was the star of the show with three birdies on the back nine.

The pizza party was delightful - if there is such a thing as gourmet pizza, the Hyatt gets an A+ for that and the excellent salad, beverages and service.

Our tours to the Palm Springs Air Museum, March Field and Chino Air Museum were amazing, each in its own unique way. It was nice to see the 82nd FG exhibit at P-38 National Assn Hanger at March Field, and the flying P38s at Chino. Different aspects of the 82nd involvement in the European and

Mediterranean theaters of operation were discussed in a presentation at Chino by Olen Medley, Fred Graham, Don Stoutenborough, Charlie Pinson, Jim Monahan, Leo Fisher and Bill Blurock. The audience listened intently and asked a number of questions of our WWII 82nd FGA members.

Thursday night, downtown Palm Springs closed the streets, turned on the lights and put out food and craft kiosks, providing a most festive atmosphere, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

The only glitch (almost) during the entire reunion was the loss of power two hours prior to our banquet. The Hyatt crew was incredible and we did our best to keep calm. We gave ourselves until 4PM to make a final decision on whether to relocate the banquet to another hotel. At 4:01 PM on the dot, the lights came back and we proceeded on to an incredible banquet – the food was cooked perfectly, the service was excellent, and the band, obtained through Connie Hurlbut, was the coup de gras.

A special highlight of the evening was Dave Hanley discovering that Jack Sides had known his dad and was able to share some of those memories.

Following our annual meeting Sunday morning, the goodbyes began and continued through Monday. Sunday afternoon Lois and Mel Roalsvig graciously entertained the “stragglers” at a cocktail party at their home. We enjoyed their hospitality immensely.

Breakfast was pretty lonely after that. John and I stayed on for a couple of days to be tourists. The tramway, which reopened earlier than originally planned, was a thrill of a lifetime. It actually snowed lightly up there. The trip down after dark was beautiful – thanks to Kathy and Bob Priest for the recommendation.

Sadly, our president, John Kane, was unable to be with us as Fran took a spill and was recovering from a hip fracture. Dick Ostronik was president for a day and did a great job conducting the annual meeting and emceeding the banquet. Don Foley fell ill at the last minute, forcing him and Regina to cancel the trip. Will Hattendorf and family were hopeful up to the last minute, but unfortunately couldn't make the trip. It wasn't quite the same without our president and past presidents. However, there is good news - all three folks are well on the road to recovery. JoAnn, Roy and Chip Norris had a family wedding and were very disappointed they couldn't attend. Lilo and Georg Fuereder were sorry to miss the event and sent a letter which Hank read at the annual meeting. They were brought up to date at a mini-reunion in St Augustine a week later with the Ostronik's, Phillips', Fahey's and Parlman's.

John and I were sad the reunion was over and happy it was such a fulfilling and fun event. E-mails, notes and phone calls have been full of joy – “best reunion, warm and homey” - “feeling sad as if we have left our second family” – “wish we all lived closer”. I couldn't say it better and look forward to seeing everyone in Seattle.

Palm Springs Reunion Attendees

Bloxom	Sally	95 th	Phillips	Lowell	96 th
Blurock	Bill	95 th	Phillips	Wesley	96 th
O'Toole	Matt	95 th	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	96 th
Bloxom	David	95 th	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Carol</i>	96 th
Buonaguidi	Mary	82 nd	Pinson	Charlie	96 th
Buonaguidi	Marc	82 nd	Ploesser	Gary	96 th
Buonaguidi	Cheri	82 nd	Powell	Jerry	97 th
Chase	James	96 th	Conver	Nan	97 th
Coleman	Leonard	95 th	Powell	Steve	97 th
Coleman	Ivy	95 th	Powell	Peggie	97 th
Farnam	Everett	96 th	Pratt	Blythe	97 th
Farnam	Joan	96 th	Priest	Robert	95 th
Felton	Todd	96 th	Priest	Kathy	95 th
Felton	Lorraine	96 th	Rivest	George	97 th
Fisher	Leo	96 th	Davidson	Grace	97 th
Fisher	Edie	96 th	Rockey	Kathy	95 th
Graham	Fred	96 th	Roalsvig	Mel	97 th
Graham	Alan	96 th	Roalsvig	Lois	97 th
Hanley	Dave	95 th	<i>Ryland</i>	<i>Del</i>	95 th
Hanley	Cora	95 th	<i>Ryland</i>	Steve	95 th
Hurlbut	Frank	96 th	Sides	Jack	96 th
Hurlbut	Connie	96 th	Sides	Judith	96 th
Isaacson	Nona	96 th	Smith	Everard III	96 th
Manduardo	Nancy	95 th	Stewart	Meade	95 th
<i>Martin</i>	<i>Howard</i>	95 th	Stewart	Dottie	95 th
<i>Martin</i>	<i>Jerry</i>	95 th	Stoutenborough	J Don	95 th
Medley	Olen	95 th	Thompson	Lute	96 th
Monyhan	Jim	96 th	Vincent	Bill	95 th
Morgan	Fern	97 th	Vincent	Eileen	95 th
Ostronik	Dick	96 th	Davis	Caitlin	97 th
Ostronik	Sylvia	96 th	Gavet	Scott	97 th
Parliman	John	95 th	Thompson	Becky	96 th
Parliman	Judy	95 th	Smeeton	Mark	96 th
Phillips	Hank	96 th	Reid	John	97 th
Phillips	Marlene	96 th			



Steve & Peggie Powell and Leo & Edie Fisher dancing



David Boxom, Bob & Kathy Priest and Sally Bloxom



The Banquet Hall

For more extensive photos, visit our new website

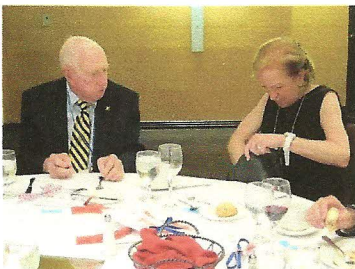
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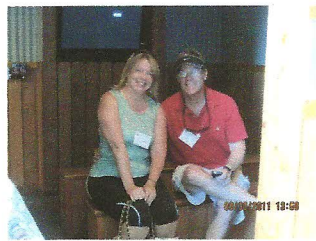
Jim Monahan & Fern Morgan



Don Stoutenborough & Bill Blurock



Lute and Becky Thompson



Mary & Marc Buonaguidi



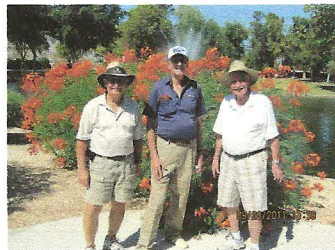
Meade Stewart between Frank & Connie Hurlbut



Garry Ploesser with Dave & Cora Hanley



Mel Roalsvig with granddaughter Caitlin and boyfriend Scott



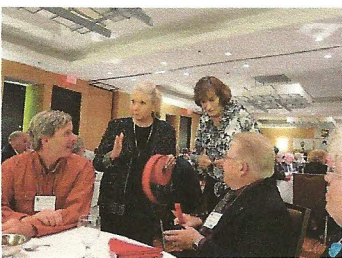
Parlman, Ostronik & Fisher looking for a fourth



The Pizza Party



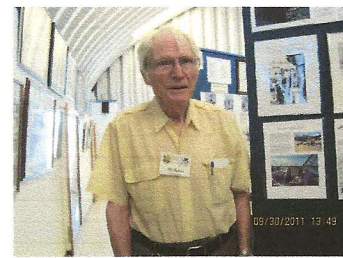
The Phillips clan at Banquet: Marlene, Lowell, Hank, Dennis, Carol & Wesley



Kathy Rocky & Sylvia Ostronik with raffle tickets for Matt Buonaguidi & David Bloxom



'Can we fit one more in?' asks Charlie Pinson



Del Ryland at P-38 Assn hangar next to picture with shack mates Peplinski & Powers in Foggia



Jack & Judy Sides with Charlie Pinson & nephew Ev Smith



To the left is the speakers' platform at the Chino, Planes of Fame, monthly "Living History Flying Days" presentation. Olen Medley is at the microphone. Bil Blurock, Matt O'Toole, Jim Monyhan, Leo Fisher and Fred Graham are to his right and Charlie Pinson and Don Stoutenborough to his left speaking on different aspects of the 82nd's involvement in WWII.

See 'www.82ndFighterGroup.org' for more photos of the reunion.



2011 Reunion Group Photo

P-38 Hanger at Chino Air Museum

1st row L-R: Fred Graham, Mel Roalsvig, Jim Monyhan, George Rivest, Del Ryland, John Ried, Bill Blurock, Leo Fisher, Don Stoutenborough, Hank Phillips, Gerry Powell, Everett Farnham, Lute Thompson, Olen Medley

Back row L-R: Dick Ostronik, Charlie Pinson

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Hank Phillips, Newsletter Editor

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