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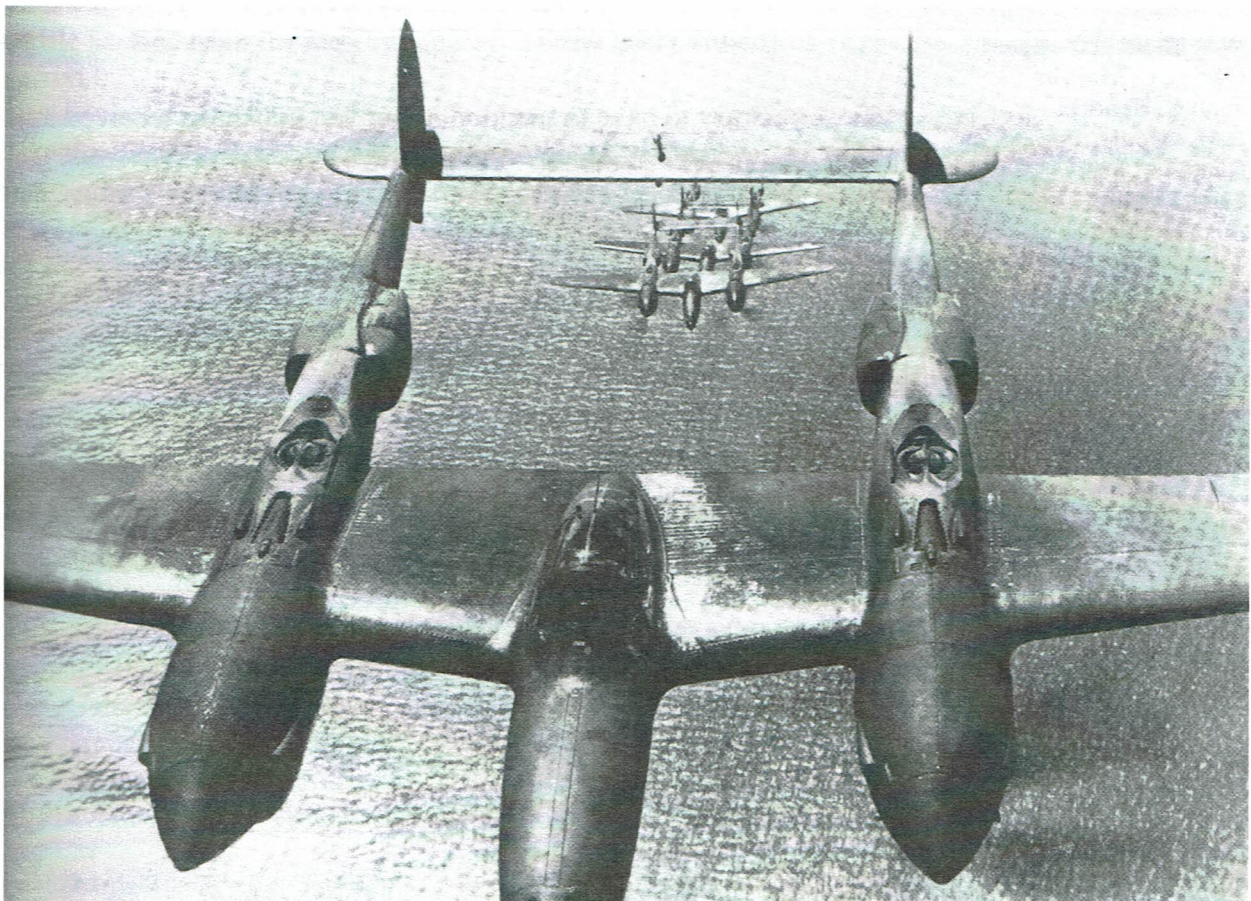
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NEWSLETTER

H.P. 'Hank' Phillips

In my last letter Edie and I took you on a road trip on ol' 'Rt 66' in Arizona. Now we'll take you on another road trip – Arizona to California on US 10 which runs ocean to ocean. Our destination was Bass Lake, CA, our summer home. From Saddlebrook (Tucson) we took US 10 to CA 177 at Desert Center 45 miles west of the AZ-CA border, then on to CA 62 to Yucca Valley (about half way between Palm Springs and 29 Palms). My sister, Madonna lives in Yucca Valley. It's half way between Tucson and Bass Lake. We call her home our 'half-way house'. Our trip took us right past Edwards AFB on CA 58 and that got me thinking about the memorial. The Committee has identified 4 possible sites and drafted design guidelines to present at the annual meeting. That is exciting.

Now for some more good news. Are you ready? The plans for our 82nd Fighter Group Assn reunion in Seattle are progressing nicely. The Roalsvig's have made all the arrangements and have everything under control. I understand people have been sending in their registration fees ahead of time. This should make the reunion best of all.

Sorry to have to mention it, but you may have received a series of disturbing letters from a disgruntled member. This is truly an unfortunate occurrence that does not reflect the spirit of camaraderie and mutual trust and respect upon which the 82nd was founded. I can assure you that the Association is in good shape and flying a steady course. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Executive Committee.

I'll let John and Judy tell you who the cowboy on the horse was in our last newsletter. See the Secretary's report in this issue.

Hope to see you all in Seattle.

Leo

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to Sylvia Ostronik who recognized the handsome gentleman on his horse in the previous newsletter as our president, Leo Fisher. She is proudly strutting around San Gabriel sporting her 82nd belt buckle. Way to go Sylvia!!!

Seattle Reunion

Our hosts for the upcoming Seattle reunion, Lois and Mel Roalsvig, have been working diligently to assure another wonderful reunion. They recently visited the Embassy Suites with Sylvia and Dick Ostronik and were most impressed with the service, food and ambiance. A few items of interest include a **complimentary cocktail party** each night, **complimentary breakfast** with made-to-order omelets, **free parking** and a **taco party** with all the traditional fixins and salad.

PLEASE make hotel reservations ASAP – 425-227-8844. Mention the 82nd reunion, and you will be transferred to the correct extension. Rate \$109+tx (**Deadline for group rate is August 15.**) \$123+tx after that.

Information regarding post-reunion events, i.e. ferry trip to Victoria, exhibit at the Space Needle by glass artist Dale Chihuly, McCord – largest mall on the west coast, will be provided at registration. There will be a **sign-up sheet** in the registration area for those wishing to dine at the hotel restaurant Wednesday evening. This will assure adequate staffing.

The Embassy Suites Seattle - Tacoma Airport, 15920 West Valley Highway, Seattle, WA, provides free shuttle service from the airport – please call the hotel front desk (425-227-8844) to request a pick up on arrival.

For those unable to attend the reunion, Lois and Mel would love you to send cards, notes, letters, and/or pictures for the **bulletin board** so we can stay in touch with our 82nd “Lightning Family”. (Mel & Lois Roalsvig, 15321 E Highways 106, Belfair, WA 98528).

The **annual golf match** will be at the **Foster Golf Links in Tukwila**, Sept 5th at 10AM. This is a beautiful 4200 yard course. The price is right at \$34.50 (9 holes, \$26.50.), includes clubs and cart. Bring your own balls. According to Dick Ostronik, the course is absolutely beautiful, and he's looking forward to hearing from all 82nd duffers (male or female) at 626-289-7520. Lunch will follow at the clubhouse. All are invited.

September **Seattle weather** averages highs 70, lows 50, with 12 days of rain. Umbrellas and sweaters are recommended.

PLEASE RETURN THE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK BY AUGUST 13th. The “registration team” will be heading west on the 16th and would like to have everything processed with checks deposited by that time. Those who sent checks with intent forms need not submit another, but since prices on the intent form were estimates, some adjustment may be necessary in Seattle.

Remember, The HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE GROUP RATE IS AUGUST 15th.

Again, many thanks to Lois and Mel! Looking forward to seeing you all in Seattle.

Judy

**82nd FGA Reunion
Seattle, WA
September 5 – 9, 2012**

Location: **Embassy Suites Hotel Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.** Room Rate - \$109 + Tx
Cocktails and snacks provided nightly. Complimentary Breakfast and Parking.
Reservations at 425-227-8844 (**Deadline is August 15 for the group rate**)

Wed. Sept 5: **Golf and Reunion Registration.** (See page 3 for golf details.)

Thurs. Sept 6: 10:00AM - Private tour of **Boeing Flight Museum.** (Lunch available at the Museum)
6:00 - 9:30PM - **Argosy Dinner Cruise** on Elliot Bay { Seattle Waterfront}

Fri. Sept 7: 9:00AM - **Tour of the Boeing plant** at Everett, home of the 747, 767, 777 and the 787
Dreamliner.
12:00 - Lunch at Mukilteo waterfront

1:30PM - **Paul Allen's Museum** (A personal collection of flyable WW 2 airplanes including a
ME 109 with the Daimler Benz engine and the only FW 190 still flying.)

At the hanger next to Paul Allen's Museum, **Bob Hammer**, a Boeing Engineer, has built and
sold 4 ME 262's. He has parts to build another and may have something for us to look at.

6PM - Back to the Hotel for a '**Make Your Own**' taco party.

Sat. Sept 8: Morning and afternoon - free time for shopping and side trips.

9AM - **Executive Committee Meeting**

6PM - **Reception and Banquet** with 3 piece band

Sun. Sept 9 9AM – **Annual Meeting**

Transportation: A **tour bus** will be available for the Thursday and Friday events. The Roalsvigs tell us that
Seattle traffic is a bear. A large tour bus will provide comfort, safety and convenience, remove the chance
of getting separated, and give us more time to socialize together.

The **hotel van** will shuttle guests to a light rail station for side trips into Seattle.

Optional Trips:

Watch Salmon use the **fish ladders** between Puget Sound and Lake Washington
Walk or shuttle to the **largest mall** on the west coast. Visit the unique **Pike Place Market.**
Cruise to **Victoria, BC** (one day ferry trip for a taste of London) or **Alaska (require pass-
ports)**
See the **Space Needle, Science Center and Paul Allen's Music Museum.**

Lois and Mel are very eager to share the city they love with you. Lois recommends staying a few days on
either end of the reunion to sample what the area offers. The hotel will store your luggage if necessary.

Please complete your **registration form** and **mail it in today or by August 13th if possible.** It just helps
us get ahead with the registration materials and seating arrangements.

Please consider using the tour bus. The cost per ticket will decrease dramatically if the bus is full .

**82nd FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION
2012 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

Embassy Suites Airport Hotel

Seattle, WA

Sept 5-9

Name _____ **Email** _____
Street _____ **City** _____
State _____ **Zip** _____ **Home Phone** _____

Guests (# _____) & **Names** (Relationship) _____

Staying at Embassy Suites? Yes () No ()

Wheelchair needed? YES()

Weds: **Registration Fee** (\$60 after 8/15/12) # _____ @ \$50/60

Golf (Includes cart and clubs) # _____ @ \$34.50

Thurs: **Boeing Flight Museum** (Lunch on own) # _____ @ \$12.00

Dinner Cruise on Elliot Bay # _____ @ \$65.00

All Day Museum/Dinner Cruise Bus Tickets # _____ @ \$15.00

Fri: **Boeing Plant Tour** (Lunch on own) # _____ @ \$18.00

Paul Allen's WWII Airplane Museum # _____ @ \$ 8.00

Bob Hammer's ME 262 Restoration Hanger # _____ @ \$NC

All Day Museum and Boeing Bus Tickets # _____ @ \$15.00

Make Your Own Taco Party # _____ @ \$15.00

Sat: **Free Time** During Day (**Executive Committee Meeting** in AM)

Reception and Banquet # _____ @ \$40.00

Sun: **Annual Meeting**

Dues: \$20 for WWII & Family members

\$15 for Heritage & Associate members

Total _____

Please return this form with payment made to 82nd FGA Reunion by 8/13 if possible.

Mail to: Judy Parlman, Secretary., 1566 East Saint Charles Pl, Inverness, FL 34453

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances as of 6/30/12:

Operating Account	\$ 4,210.77
Reunion Fund*	4,615.81
Memorial Fund*	3,935.00
Legal Fund*	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$13,761.58</u>

*A separate ledger is kept for each fund but they are in the same account to avoid monthly service charges if any fall below minimum required balances.

Reunion Update:

The reunion looks better at this time of the year than it has in the 5 years I've done the Treasury. 47 members have already shown their intent to attend and 12 have already paid based on the intent form alone. That is a very good sign not only because Seattle is a draw and has lots of Association members in the vicinity but hopefully the membership is stoked to support the association and the reunions.

Judy and I have already taken two trips to New Orleans and have that reunion in 2013 pretty well framed out – October 2-6, Marriot Metarie, WWII Museum and lunch, Mississippi Riverboat Lunch cruise and some surprises. More details will be presented at the annual meeting in Seattle. 'Let the good times roll!' (Laissez les bons temps rouler) Save The Dates!!!

New Appointments to the Executive Committee:

The Executive committee is pleased to announce the following personnel changes and welcomes two new members.

Dick Gadbury 97th is appointed **Unit Representative Emeritus** in honor of his long standing service and support of the Association.

Jerry Powell 97th is appointed **97th Unit Representative**.

Dues (last but not least):

Check the upper right corner of your mail label. C=current, D=due followed by the amount. We need and thank you for your support.

John

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Notes from Members

Charlie Pinson phoned on April 13th to comment on recent letters from our disgruntled member. He said he doesn't understand the problem. He didn't always agree with every military decision or mission he was on, but he certainly respected those who fought and never let it get in the way of the mission. He also mentioned he was sending in WWII materials of his to be placed on the new website.

Monty and Margaret Powers are celebrating her 90th birthday on July 17th. As Monty phrased it, "who would expect me to be married to a 90-year-old sweetheart for 21 years. Congratulations to you both.

Sylvia Ostronik mentioned that Monty gave Margaret a very special birthday present. She loves merry-go-rounds and Monty negotiated a ride for her on a children's m-g-r when a fair came to their town. That certainly raises the bar.

Hank and Marlene Phillips have been under home renovations for many months - kitchen and bathroom. Marlene reports son, Dennis, visited for a couple of weeks and provided some much-needed comic relief. They are anticipating some R&R very soon.

Lute Thompson, our honorable VEEP, will not be joining us in Seattle due to a family wedding in West Virginia. He wrote he wished he could be there, as do we. Can you imagine choosing family over the 82nd!!! You and Majie will be very much missed, and we hope you have a wonderful visit in WV.

Fran and John Kane are doing great. John will be in Seattle. Fran will keep the home fires burning in New Hampshire this year.

Olen Medley called to say that on Sunday, April 22, he and daughter, Nancy, reunited on the Queen Mary with a British survivor and his daughter. The men met two years ago filming a National Geographic video of the tragedy. Olen was witness to the collision between the Queen Mary and the British escort ship, Curacao, in 1942.

Monty Powers sent a picture of 'Powskiland', the "deluxe shack" used in Italy by Monty, Larry Peplinski, and Del Ryland. It was well designed by Bill Blurock and built from belly tank shipment cartons.

Zeta Gadbury said she and **Dick** won't be attending any more reunions. She misses her reunion friends but it is hard for them to travel. She wonders if anyone has heard from **Chuck and Judy Luke**. She would love to hear from you.



Memories and relationships are the heart of the 82nd. Send in your anecdotes and photos and we'll be happy to publish them as space allows.



Meredith Kingery sent his dues with a note, 'I want to be a member as long as I live. "Keep 'em Flying" (from an old P38 crew chief).' Now that's the spirit of the 82nd. Thank you Meredith.



FLY-BY OF HONOR

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

William E "Bill Blurock	12June12	95th
Lola Bourgeois	12April12	95th
Harry B Chase	10May12	96th
Alfred H Ellison	21January12	97th
Ben Mason	13April 12	82nd

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Check your Dues

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Your Hosts

Lois & Mel Roalsvig

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