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*In This Issue: News of your
fellow 82nd FGA members
& registration for the
New Orleans Convention*

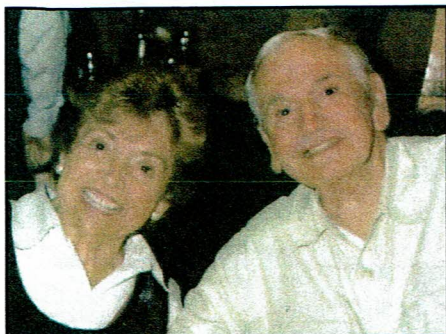


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NEWSLETTER/ROSTER

Bill Hattendorf

WEBMASTER

Judy Netzer Parliman

It's been a long, cold winter with lots of snow and rain in parts of the country. We've had some cold temperatures here in Southern Arizona. Some of our plants and shrubbery froze and we had to re-plant them. It's in the nineties now, so we just have to water more. Enough on the weather.

We are planning lots of new things for the upcoming reunion in New Orleans, and some old things we just want to improve on. One of these things is right up my alley – GOLF. I'm asking that more of our young and energetic generation "get with the program" – especially the young women. We're going to reward the longest drive (young drivers) and closest to the pin (old drivers).

Even if you only play once or twice a year – "Come on out!" If you duff a few shots just pick up the ball and go to the next hole. After all, you're out there for the exercise and sunshine. Don't worry about clubs, you can always rent them for a few bucks. I've asked John Parliman to plan for any day but Wednesday. That way you won't have to get there a day early. Enough on golf, but please so put it on your "to do list."

Our nomination committee is working hard on selecting new officers, so if you're asked, please give it some thought – especially the younger generation. After all, you're the ones to keep the 82nd going into the future.

The New Orleans Reunion is coming up fast, so be sure to have it marked for the first week in October. As I always say, "There's nothing wrong with having a little bourbon on Bourbon Street.

Stay well,

Leo (the Lion)

Leo A Fisher

Treasurer's Report

as of 25 May 2013

Account Balances as of April 30, 2013:

Operating Account	\$ 3,911.10
Memorial Account	4,704.00
Legal Fund	1,000.00
Reunion Fund	2,101.21
Total	\$11,716.31

New Orleans Reunion: Judy and I are excited about giving you a true New Orleans experience and are sure you will enjoy WWII Museum Day. Please send in your registration form ASAP and book your rooms at the hotel. We need to pay the Museum in full 21 days ahead and need to be able to give the hotel a close estimate headcount at that time, too. As always, in unforeseen circumstances, your money is fully refundable.

Reunion Memorabilia: We will have a locked hospitality room. Please feel free to share any WWII memorabilia you may have.

Nominating Committee Recommendations: Leo Fisher formed a committee of the Ostroniks, the Phillips and Judy Parlman. The committee has recommended the following for officer elections at the annual meeting – President, Marc Buonaguidi, son of Aido (97th); VP, Steve Powell, son of Jerry (97th); Secretary, Nancy Medley Manduano, daughter of Olen (95th); John Netzer Parlman, son of John Joseph (95th); and HQ Rep, Bill Mason, son of Ben (HQ). The 95th, 96th and 97th Unit Reps, Olen Medley, Dick Ostronik and Jerry Powell respectively, were appointed before the by-law change and remain as is. This is a very important election in which the Association, per its By-Laws, will be placed in the hands of the second generation to carry it forward. How significant the committee's decision comes around Memorial Day.

WWII Museum Walkway Commemorative Bricks:

To date we have received one positive response. At a minimum we will need at least 5 for each unit. If any of you are considering buying a brick, I need to receive your check and form by August 1st. If we don't have enough to form a specific

82nd area, those who donated will have the choice of their brick being placed randomly or a refund.

Reunion Banquet Raffle: We had a fund raising raffle at the San Antonio reunion. That probably wasn't the first. I'm still a short timer. Since then, raffles have brought in over \$300 per reunion which went to the Memorial Fund. Ruffled items have been donated by reunion attendees. If you have something you would like to donate for the raffle, even if you will not be attending, please contact the Parlmans. As an example, there are items from past reunions that others find interesting.

The WWII Museum Oral History Project:

WWII members of the Association may be contacted by a representative of the museum to collect recollections of their WWII experiences. This may happen before or during the reunion.

From Steve Blake – Published in England by Osprey but easily available in the U.S., Steve's new book is: *P-38 Lightning Aces of the 82nd Fighter Group*. It was published in July of last year. Copies can be obtained at a discount at Amazon.com. Steve also mentions that he still has three spare copies of *Adorimini* that he would be willing to part with, at a price considerably below that of those few copies which are available elsewhere. (He is hoping that younger relatives of 82nd FG veterans who do not have a copy but would like to can thereby obtain one from him.)

So Where Do I Send My Money? Dues go to our Secretary, Nancy Medley Manduano. All other monies, like the WWII Museum Commemorative Brick Program, donations and reunion fees, go to the Treasurer, John Netzer Parlman. Make all checks payable to the 82nd FGA.

Respectfully Submitted,

John

John Netzer Parlman
95F Treasurer

New Orleans Reunion Overview

2-5 October 2013

Hosts: Judy & John Parliman

Hotel:

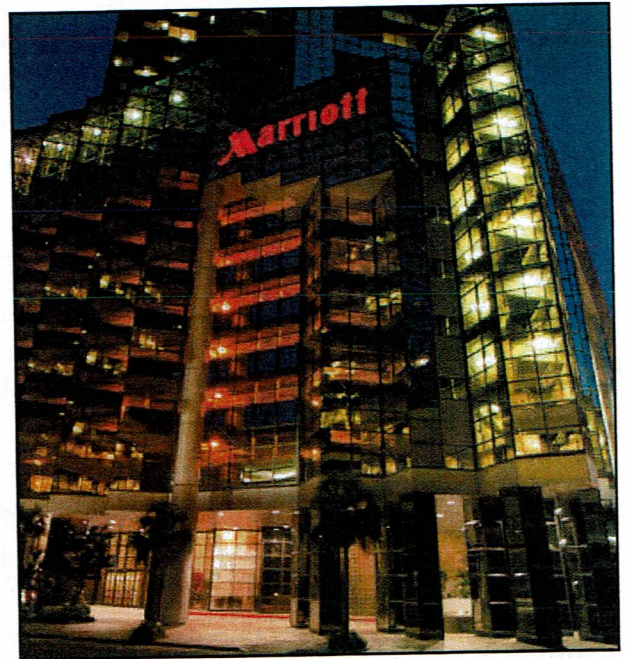
New Orleans Marriott Metarie at Lakeway. \$129/day (including up to 3 days prior and post reunion if you want to extend your stay). Call Marriott reservations desk at 504-836-5253. Parking is free. Discounted tickets for a full breakfast buffet are \$10/person/day. These must be purchased ahead through the 82nd registration process. They are not available otherwise.

Wednesday, 2 October

Registration. The hospitality room will be open at noon. There will be information and sign-up for the optional Friday tours at that time. Transportation from the airport will be readily available by taxi service. Let us know on your registration form if you intend to have supper at the hotel Wednesday evening so we can assure adequate wait staff will be present.

Thursday 3 October

National WWII Museum Day. The bus will depart the hotel at 8:15am. You will be able to explore the museum from 9-11:30. Buffet lunch will be served in the canteen from approximately 11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. This will include a patriotic, USO-type stage show with the Victory Belles, reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters. From 2-3 P.M. we will view the Tom Hanks Imax film, *Beyond All Boundries*, which was produced exclusively for the museum. From 3-4 P.M. you will be able to explore more



The New Orleans Marriott Metarie – our convention hotel.

The Stage Door Canteen, for Thursday's lunch and show.

An advertisement for a stage show. At the top, it says 'STAGE DOOR CANTEN' in a stylized font. Below that, three women in military-style uniforms (red, white, and blue) are shown saluting. A blue banner on the left says 'Wednesday Matinees!'. The main title is 'A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES' in large, bold letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'From George M. Cohan to Irving Berlin, from the Star Spangled Banner to "God Bless the U.S.A." the music of America captures our patriotism, touches our hearts, and stirs our souls. The Victory Belles newest show, A Salute to our Heroes, will bring the audience on a musical journey saluting our military and Home Front heroes in all eras, in all conflicts and in all services, with beloved and memorable songs that will send them home with warm memories, smiling faces, and great pride!'. At the bottom, there are three boxes: one with '\$37 per person including tax and gratuity', one with 'INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS Call 504-528-1943 or visit www.stagedoorcanteen.org', and one with the 'WWII THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM NEW ORLEANS' logo.

of the museum. The bus departs for the hotel at 4 P.M.

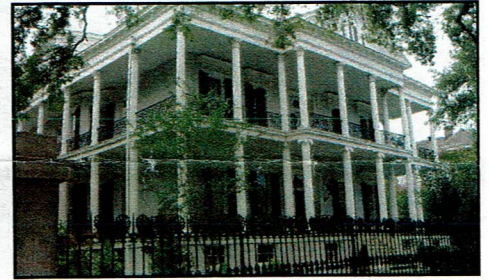
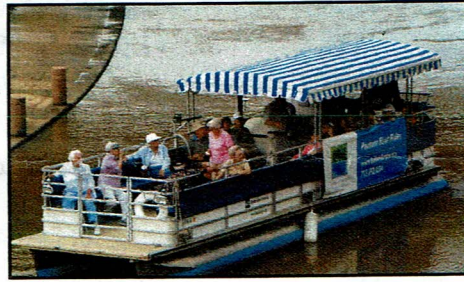
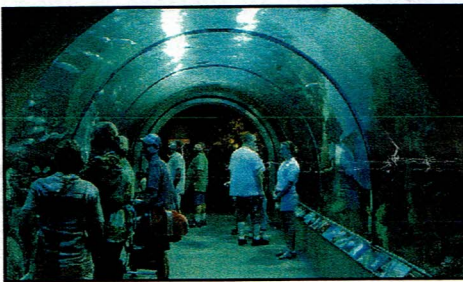
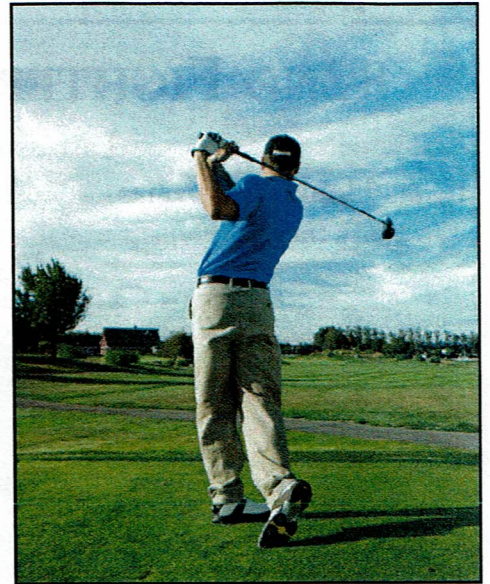
(The Executive Committee will meet in the Parliman suite on Thursday at 7 P.M.)

Friday 4 October

Golf and Tour Day. Golf will be at 8 A.M. at the Executive Course at Audubon Park. This is a beautiful, 4200 yard course with Tiff Eagle greens. The greens fee which includes cart is \$40 whether you play 9 or 18. All are invited to play regardless of skill. Most of us will play 9 but the purists are welcome to continue after lunch. Leo Fisher is concocting some incentives to spice up the luncheon. Top level clubs like Nike may be rented for \$40.

Sylvia Ostronik is in charge of Tour sign-ups which will take place at registration and in the hospitality room. Among the attractions available are the Revolutionary War Battlefield, Garden District, Plantation and Bayou Boat tours and the Audubon Park Experience which includes the aquarium, zoo, Imax theater, insectarium and butterfly garden. Specific information will be available in the hospitality room. We will have 12-passenger vans available to ferry people around. There may be minimum sign-up requirements for some of the events.

Big Easy Buffet Party will be at 7 P.M. at the hotel, where we'll sample light New Orleans fare like crab cakes, corn and crab bisque, Natchitoches meat pies, blackened skewers and muffaletta sandwiches with a chocolate/macadamia bread pudding with bourbon glaze to finish it off.



Saturday 5 October

Annual Meeting at 9 A.M. Nancy Medley Manduano will give an overview of the 2014 Tulsa Reunion and we will discuss and vote on the 2015 reunion location. The slate of officers will be elected for two year terms and we will have an update on the memorial.

The Banquet will start with the 6pm reception followed by the meal. We will have dinner music followed by dance music by a small, local group. The meal choices are petit filet of beef with garlic mashed potatoes and wild mushroom demi and red snapper Lakeway with sautéed shrimp and crawfish and roasted new potatoes with crepes bananas foster for dessert. The chef will be happy to create a veggie entree if you have a dietary restriction. Let us know at registration.

We tried a few new things this year based on your suggestions. We switched golf from registration day to enable people to come later and hopefully to get more participants. We moved the annual meeting to banquet day also to get more parti-cipants. We've also tried to balance the military emphasis with local area exploration and added free time Wednesday, Thursday evening, and mid-day Saturday. We hope you like these changes and look forward to your feedback.

Other things to consider as you explore the area:

Best grilled oysters: Acme Fish House

Best beignets: Café Du Monde

Best hurricanes: Pat O'Briens

Best local music: Anywhere in the French Quarter, Preservation Hall, Frenchman Street clubs, and the outdoor squares

“Let the Good Times Roll”

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNIONS

Last issue we listed the Reunions held since 1979.

Hank Phillips has added to this list with the sponsors of each reunion. Thanks, Hank!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1979	Corpus Christi, Texas	Harley Vaughn (82ndGp)
1980	(No Reunion in 1980)	
1981	Snowmass Mtn. Resort, Colorado	Harley Vaughn (82ndGp) / Pete Bedford*
1982	Orlando, Florida	George Simpson (97th)
1983	Corpus Christi, Texas	Harley Vaughn (82ndGp)
1984	Denver, Colorado	Ralph Embrey (95th)
1985	San Antonio, Texas	Thomas C. Kelly (97th)
1986	Atlanta, Georgia	Will Hattendorf (95th)
1987	Boise, Idaho	Dick Lingenfelter (96th)
1988	Dayton, Ohio	Dixie Sloan (96th) w/Roy Norris (96th)
1989	Long Beach, California	Jake Hendrix (95th)
1990	Asheville, North Carolina	Charlie Charlton (96th)
1991	Denver, Colorado	Ralph Embrey (95th)
1982	Saint Louis, Missouri	Charley Pinson (96th)
1983	Seattle, Washington	Chuck Luke (97th)
1984	San Angelo, Texas	Charles Bardwell (96th)
1995	Sandestin, Florida	Hank Phillips (96th)
1996	Boston, Massachusetts	George Marvin (97th)
1997	Scottsdale, Arizona	Del Ryland (95th)
1998	Houston, Texas	Ben Mason (82ndGp)
1999	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Olen Medley (95th)
2000	Detroit, Michigan	Ralph Powers Jr. (95th)
2001	Tucson, Arizona	James Monyhan (96th)
2002	Sacramento, California	Claude Morgan (97th)
2003	Hartford, Connecticut	Marsha Taback (97th)
2004	San Diego, California	Dick Ostronik (96th)
2005	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	Brent Leutzow (96th)
2006	Washington D.C.	Ralph Powers Jr. (95th)
2007	Dallas, Texas	Don Foley (97th)
2008	Cincinnati, Ohio	Terry Massick Sr. (95th)
2009	Las Vegas, Nevada	Terry Massick Sr. (95th)
2010	San Antonio, Texas	Terry Massick Sr. (95th)
2011	Palm Springs, California	Bill Blurock (95th)
2012	Seattle, Washington	Mel Roalsvig (97th)
2013	New Orleans, Louisiana	John Parliman (95th)
2014	Tulsa, Oklahoma**	Nancy Manduano (95th)

* Friend of Harley – connected with Snowmass Mtn. Ski Resort

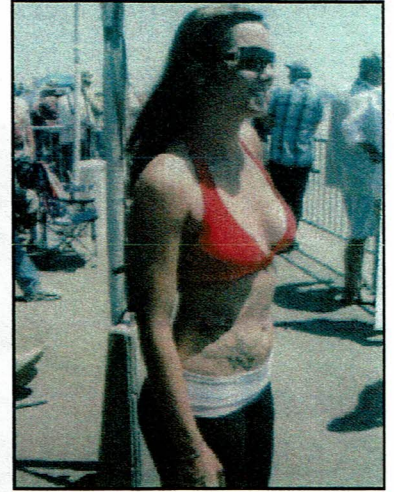
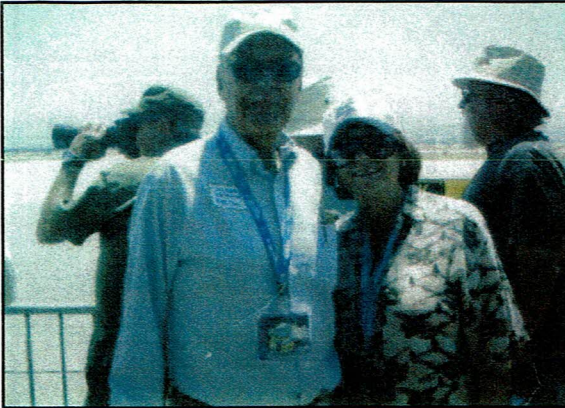
** Scheduled

Hank suggested that very little is known about the 1981 Reunion at Snowmass Mtn except it occurred sometime during July or August. The first Reunion that Hank attended was at Orlando in 1982. So far he has missed only the 1991 Reunion in Denver and Seattle in 2012. He and Marlene are looking forward to attend many more.

Keeping In Touch

Notes from Members

Sylvia and Richard Ostronik attended the Chino Air Show in May. Sitting in the VIP tent of the National P-38 Association, they were thrilled to see many WWII airplanes and FIVE P-38s fly. It was a fantastic event. They met Lea Topinko, who has a permanent tattoo in honor of her late grandfather, Tom Oxford of the 475th Fighter Group.

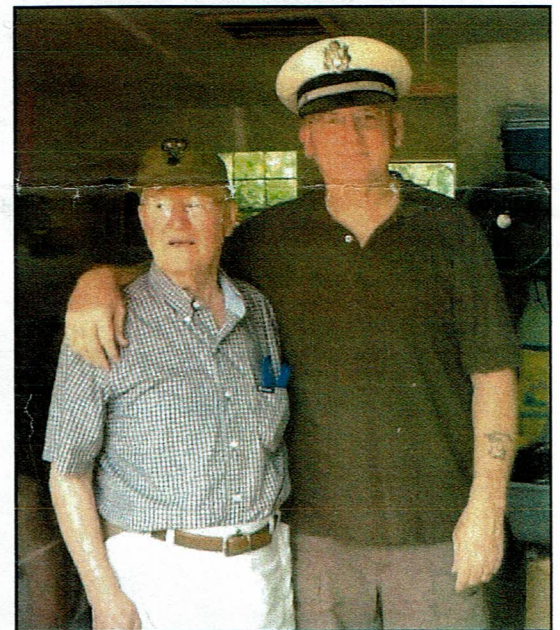


Hank & Marlene Phillips missed being at the Seattle reunion, but had a great mini-reunion in St Augustine with the Fuereders, Faheys and Ostroniks. Hopefully we will see Lilo, George, Dianna and Paul in New Orleans. Photo at right is Hank and son, Lowell, in the Phillips' garage. Lowell was helping Hank cull through 50 years of attic stuff.

Olen and Betty Medley celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary the beginning of June. **Fern Morgan** called asking how the Medleys were doing in the wake of all the harrowing Oklahoma storms. We are happy to report they all made it through OK.

Ronna Duckwitz wrote that her husband, **John Duckwitz 95th**, died on 5 November. She said he loved the reunions, Mr. Bones, and seeing everyone.

Mrs Jack Keller, Mary, wrote that she enjoyed reading the newsletter.



Folded Wings / Fly-By of Honor

Bernise Craft, 95th – 22 April 13

William S Bean, 95th – 11 Jan 13

John Duckwitz, 95th – 5 Nov 12

Richard E Willsie, 96th – 16 Feb 13

Lincoln D Jones, 96th – 18 Oct 12