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Update on WWII Museum Commemorative Brick Program*



*Right: The Tulsa Skyline;
Above: Hanger One at the Tulsa Air and Space
Museum, part of Thursday's Tour of Air
National Guard 138th Fighter Wing.*

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NEWSLETTER/ROSTER

Bill Hattendorf

WEBMASTER

Judy Netzer Parliman

What a great time we had in New Orleans! It seems a long time ago, but Mary and I are ready to go back. But it would not be the same without the P-38 members. What a crew. I cannot think of a time I have been associated with a more admirable group of people. Noble, dignified, and gregarious are words that come to mind. Like a family of leaders. No bad blood, just the truth and obvious gratitude for having lived through the challenges and danger you faced. And the stories! They get longer and louder every year. Being in Aerospace myself, I come home from these reunions and entertain my staff for hours with just the fragments of the stories I remember.

I cannot express the honor I feel in being voted the President of the Association of such a great group. It is a privilege just to be a member, and to be put in a leadership position is very flattering. I only wish I had started attending these reunions earlier. How you guys manage to stay up talking and "partying" until 11:00pm, then beat me to breakfast every morning for five days straight is beyond me. Speaks again to your hearty nature and dignified way you live your lives.

I also extend my thanks to Leo and Lute for their excellent work they have done leading the 82nd Association over the past two years! I hope you've been having a good year, and I look forward to seeing you again next fall.

Stay well,

Marc (The Shark)

Marc Buonaguidi

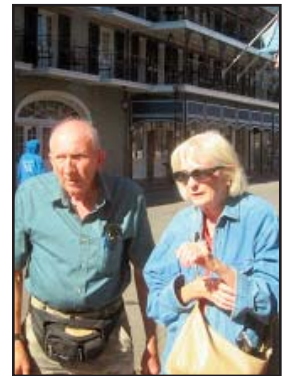
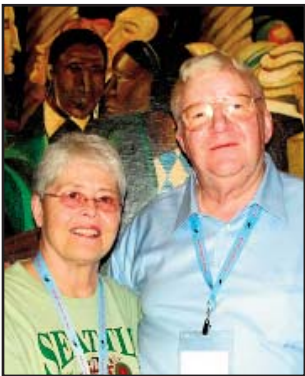
New Orleans Reunion 82nd Fighter Group

That Great October 2013 Reunion



The Crescent City of New Orleans proved a wonderful location for the 82nd Fighter Group Association to gather to honor our WW II veterans and to celebrate the special friendships we renew each year. John and Judy Parlman hosted a terrific reunion for us, and most attendees were able to stay Wednesday through Sunday. To remember it, we present a photo travelog for your enjoyment.









82nd Fighter Group Association Annual Meeting Minutes

New Orleans, Louisiana
5 October 2013



The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by President Leo Fisher. Present, in addition to approximately 30 members, were the following members of the Executive Committee: Leo Fisher, Dick Ostronik, Olen Medley, Nancy Medley Manduano, Don Foley, John Netzer Parli- man, John Kane, Jerry Powell.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Judy Parli- man and seconded by Leonard Coleman to accept minutes of the 2012 annual meeting without reading, as they had been published in the newsletter. Motion carried unani- mously.

Treasurer's Report: John Netzer Parli- man reviewed the written 2012-13 treasurer's report. (See Attachment 1- 2012 Annual Financial Statement). As of 9/30/13 the balance was \$24,470.11. Most of that is flow through funds for the re- union. Carving out dedicated moneys for the Legal Fund (\$1,000), Memorial Fund (\$4,704), the Brick Fund (\$2,500) and an estimated \$12,000 for the reunion leaves an operating fund of about \$4,266.11 which is around where we've been for the last 3 years. Will Hattendorf made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and John Kane sec- onded. There was a unanimous vote to accept as detailed.

Nominating Committee for 2013 Officers: Hank Phillips, Dick and Sylvia Ostronik, and Judy Parli- man. Judy Parli- man presented the officers slate for Hank Phillips who could not attend the annual meeting.

The following members were nominated for officers – Presi- dent Elect: Marc Buonaguidi, Vice President Elect: Steve Powell, Secretary Elect: Nancy Manduano (Nancy Mandu- ano was interim Secretary 2012), Treasurer Elect: John Netzer Parli- man, Headquarters Repre- sentative: Bill Mason, and Unit Representatives – Olen Medley, 95th; Dick Ostronik, 96th; Jerry Powell, 97th. Dick Ostronik moved to close nominations and Judy Parli- man made a motion to vote to accept all nominated officers and was unanimous approval.

New Business:

2014 Reunion: Nancy Medley Manduano and Olen Medley are hosting the 2014 Reunion in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tulsa highlights were presented to encourage attendance at 2014 Reunion: Broadway performing arts theatre, Gilcrease Museum Second largest Western Art Collection, Home of Five Civilized Tribes, Cowboys, Arabian Horses, Rodeos,

Oil Capital of the World Title until 1985, and Spartan Aeronatics had first pilot training for allied forces WWII. The dates are the 15th through 19th of October 2014. The famous Mayo Hotel has been secured for the lodging.

2015 Reunion: Steve Powell presented plans for the 2015 Reunion proposed to be held in Salt lake City, Utah, the home of Hill AFB and hosted by Steve and Peggy Pow- ell. Mary Buonaguidi asked to discuss dates for 2015 Re- union. Date options were discussed and John Parli- man made a motion to schedule the 2015 Reunion in September for warmer weather for travel. Motion was voted and ap- proved unanimously for Salt Lake City in September.

Sylvia Ostronik is sending "missing you" notes to 82nd members that are absent from the reunion. Please see table at banquet to sign cards and send wishes. Thank you to John and Judy Parli- man for hosting this fabulous Reunion in New Orleans. Thank you to Steve and Peggy Powell for organizing and manning the hospitality room. Thank you to Mary and Mark Buonaguidi for assisting the hospitality room.

Thank you to Sylvia Ostronik for sending cards and scheduling tours in New Orleans. Thank you to Dave Han- ley for picking up several members at the airport on their arrival to Boston. Dave funded several cab rides from the airport when he didn't have room in his car.

Miscellaneous:

Bill Hattendorf is newsletter editor and requests members to submit photos and stories for the two newsletters per year.

Nancy Manduano thanked members for their WWII stories. Continue to share your stories for everyone to hear. Leonard Coleman suggested all stories be written down or recorded and the Library Congress would be interested in helping preserve the stories.

Leo Fisher suggests we invite other 95th, 96th, and 97th squadrons to the 82nd Fighter Group to keep the or- ganization going.

Olen Medley thanked Judy and John Parli- man for all the hard work for hosting the 2013 Reunion in New Or- leans.

The meeting concluded at 10:35 after the motion to ad- journ was made by Dick Ostronik and seconded by Olen Medley.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy

Treasurer's Report

Annual Report: The financial report of the year 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013 is included on next page.

Dues Reminder: *Check the upper right corner of your mailing label for your dues status.* If there is a C, it means you are current. If there is a D, it means you owe. The amount following the D is the amount owed. Original life members have no dues obligation. However, the membership voted years ago to request life members to voluntarily continue paying annual dues to support the 82nd. Original/Family dues are \$25. All others are \$20. Send your dues to Nancy Medley Manduano, Secretary, 1015 E. 19th, Tulsa, OK 74120.

New Official Address of the 82nd: Judy and I have moved. The new legal address of the 82nd FGA per the by-laws, is 1270 W 75th St., Marathon, FL 33050.

New Orleans Reunion: Judy and I enjoyed hosting the reunion and appreciate all the assistance we got from so many wonderful members. Dave Hanley volunteered to pick up attendees at the airport, Steve and Peggie Powell did a great job on the hospitality room assisted by Nan Conner and Marc and Mary Buonaguidi. Sylvia Ostronik coordinated the historic bus tour on Friday. She also coordinated the 'Missing You' cards for those who couldn't attend. The staff at the National WWII Museum and the Canteen lunch and stage show were great. The Victory Belles brought tears and joyful memories of the music and spirit of WWII. Though a storm threatened, 33 hearty souls took a river bayou boat tour prior to the banquet. Thanks to Nancy Medley Manduano for not only coordinating that trip, but also for assuring the storm did not materialize and returning my truck in one piece. The impressive color guard at the banquet was from Vanderbilt Air Force ROTC. Len Coleman, 95th FS Heritage member, led attendees in the pledge of Allegiance. Bill Hattendorf gave a thoughtful invocation. Dee Fine reminded banquet attendees of the origin of Ben Mason's long stem rose tradition and second generation men at each table presented the roses to women attendees. And of course the New Orleans cuisine sampled throughout the reunion was indescribably good. Again, thanks to all who helped make it a success. On the financial side of the reunion, we ran into an unexpected bill which turned what would have been a very modest profit in line with the last few years into a \$285.45 deficit. Essentially we broke even. As discussed in the annual meeting, reunions are for having a good time and renewing our friendships and not for making a profit.

New Officers: For the first time, all officers are second generation family members. Talking among us, I know we are proud to honor our parents by keeping the 82nd FGA going.

Brick Program: We had 30 bricks purchased by 26 members. The cutoff date for the program was April 31, 2014. The package with check was sent to the National WWII Museum on May 21st. All the bricks will be laid together on a walk-way at the Museum. Leo Fisher donated bricks for the headers and footers that will border those of our members. All those who donated will be sent a notification when the bricks are laid and the location. I will try to get a photo for one of our next newsletters.

82nd Webmaster Needed: We need a member to immediately step forward to maintain and update the website. Matt O'Toole, an Associate Member who designed the new site, will bring anyone interested up to speed and be available as a resource. If you have (or know a member who has) software, web or blog skills, please contact me asap. This is very important to the continuance of the 82nd and the preservation of its history. Please give this very serious thought.

Respectfully Submitted,

John

John Netzer Parlman
95F Treasurer



82nd Fighter Group Association



Financial Statement

1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

Beginning Balance (all accounts): \$ 13,761.58

Receipts:

Donations

Internet	\$ 369.00
Regular	769.00
Total	1,138.00

Dues

Associate
Honorary/Heritage
Family
Sustaining

Reunions

Profit 2012	\$ 412.11
Receipts 2012	2,672.63
Total	3,084.74

Total Receipts \$ 5,522.74

Payments:

Supplies	\$ 133.13
Postage	77.89
Newsletter	402.00
Bank Charges	17.00

Total Payments 630.02

Ending Fund Balance (all accounts above): \$11,088.95

Dedicated Fund Balances (as of 31 December 2013)

Memorial	\$ 4,999.00
Legal	1,000.00
Brick	2,500.00



LOCKHEED P-38J LIGHTNING

The Lockheed P-38 Lightning was the U.S. Army's most capable fighter during the first two years of World War II. One of the few successful twin-engined fighters of the day, the Lightning often enjoyed an advantage in speed, fire power, and maneuverability over its single-engined opponents. Battle-damaged Lightnings could fly home on a single engine, saving many pilots from death, injury, or captivity.

The Lightning wasn't perfect. The aircraft's high speeds put it into flight regimes that few others had encountered. In a dive, airflow over the wings could approach the speed of sound, causing a loss of control—a problem solved partially by redesigning the tail and later by adding underwing dive brakes.

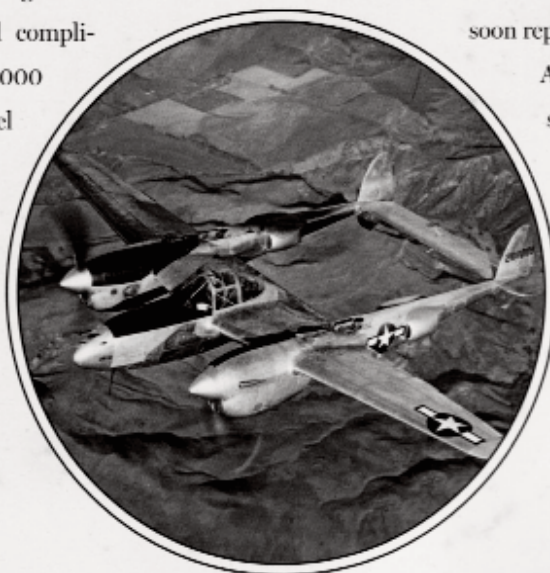
Lightnings were expensive and complicated to produce (only about 10,000 would be built) and maintain. Fuel quality and pilot training and inexperience contributed to early disappointments in the P-38's

performance over Europe. Most of these difficulties, though, were eventually overcome.

The Lightning pilot sat in cramped quarters, often contending with the cold of higher altitudes; the prominent cockpit-heat lever to the right of the wind-screen never adequately overcame the problem. The cockpit remained unpressurized on all Lightnings, increasing pilot fatigue and discomfort as flight levels approached 40,000 feet.

Using a novel control-stick arrangement, designers added to the small space provided for the pilot's legs. The main column was set to the right, then angled over to the center of the cockpit. The early rounded control wheel used to roll the aircraft was soon replaced by a twin-grip design.

An innovative console carried many switches below and ahead of the instrument panel, though access to the console was often blocked by the control column.



A NOVEL TWIN-BOOM ARRANGEMENT VISUALLY DISTINGUISHED THE LOCKHEED

LIGHTNING FROM MOST OTHER WORLD WAR II FIGHTERS.



82nd Fighter Group Association 2014 Reunion Registration Form



The Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma

15 - 18 October 2014

Name _____ Email _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Guests (# _____) Names & Relationship _____

Staying at the Mayo? Yes/# (_____) No/# (_____) Wheelchair needed? Yes (_____)

Wednesday Registration Fee # _____ @ \$60
Will your party be there for supper on Weds. Yes/# (_____)

Thursday: Air National Guard 138th Fighter Wing tour,
Tulsa Air and Space Museum tour, catered
Italian lunch on base and tour bus. # _____ @ \$43

Note: Personal vehicles NOT an option. Bus
must be taken to get on the base. You will
need a driver's License of other equivalent ID.

Friday: Oklahoma-themed Dinner Party # _____ @ \$25

Saturday: Banquet # _____ @ \$45
#Roasted Chicken (_____) #Beef Tenderloin (_____)

Dues: WWII and Family Members # _____ @ \$25

Heritage, Honorary and Associate Members # _____ @ \$20

Total Due/Paid: \$ _____

Mail form and check made out to the '82nd FGA REUNION' by 1 September to:

Mary Buonaguidi, Event Coordinator, 3405 Circulo Adorno, Carlsbad, CA 92009



Come to Tulsa for the Reunion Stay for So Much Else To Do!



Nancy Medley is rolling out the red carpet for our members in Tulsa. The Mayo is a beautiful historic hotel in the heart of the city. They have a shuttle that will take you anywhere within two miles of the hotel. There is a trolley serving major areas of the city that runs Thursday and Friday that is mentioned below in the overview of optional activities.

The Mayo puts on a traditional served breakfast at reasonable prices and, for variety, there are also many other breakfast nooks within walking distance of the hotel. The Friday night Oklahoma-themed buffet will include pulled pork sliders, BBQ chicken legs, brisket, blackened shrimp and grits and cole slaw. The choices for the Saturday night banquet are either roasted chicken or beef tenderloin served with caesar salad, chocolate lava

cake and beverage. The tour of the 138th Air Wing will include panel discussions on Afghanistan by the Air Wing and on WWII experiences by some 82nd members. It will include an on-base catered Italian lunch. On the way back to the hotel, we will stop for about an hour at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. This is a small, but well-planned museum with a very nice WWII section. We will gather in the hotel lobby at 7:30 A.M. and be back at the Mayo by 2:00 P.M.

The Executive Committee Meeting will be held after breakfast Friday morning in a yet-to-be-determined location. Current and past officers and unit representatives are requested to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.



The Mayo Hotel in Tulsa.

What's Happening?

We invite you to visit Tulsa, a town enriched by its oil history. Tulsa boasts internationally renowned cultural attractions such as Gilcrease and Philbrook Museums and magnificent art deco treasures as seen in many downtown buildings

and Frank Lloyd Wright structures. The legendary Route 66 Hwy passes through Tulsa.

Tulsa is home to the concert and sporting event giant, BOK Center designed by the famous Argentine architect, Cesar Pelli. Cain's



Ballroom is a historic concert venue known as the home of western swing and Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys. Both venues are in the top 10 ticket sales in the nation. The city is a cultural gem for its size offering Tulsa Ballet, Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Symphony Orchestra, and many other Theatre going opportunities.

Tulsa has many unique districts within downtown hosting nightlife, upscale dining, and live entertainment. Also, many galleries, theaters, antique shops, bars and dance clubs which have invigorated the downtown scene.

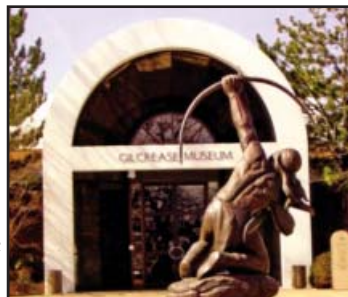


The *Downtown Trolley* cruises through these districts Friday and Saturday nights from 5:30 P.M. till 1:30 A.M. at no charge. It will arrive at the Mayo Hotel twice an

hour and maps of the areas with listings of restaurants and bars are available. Thursday afternoon and all day Friday is reserved for our guests to explore on their own some of the Tulsa highlights that are listed below:

1. Gilcrease Museum – 1400 North Gilcrease

Museum Road. Minutes from downtown is home to one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive collections of fine art and artifacts of the American West and Native American Art, historical manuscripts, maps and documents of the Americas. The Western collection includes one of the largest collections of Frederic Remington. Hours 10–5 Tues–Sun. Seniors \$6.00. Lunch 11–2 Daily. Sunday Brunch Thursday night Jazz Concert



2. Philbrook Museum of Art – 2727 S. Rockford Road

Philbrook hosts nine collections of rare art from all over the world from 18th century. The gardens are inspired by gardens at Villa Lante in Northern Italy. Restaurant on site with Lunch and Sunday Brunch.



Tues–Sun 10:00–5:00p.m. Seniors \$7.00

3. Arabian Half-Arabian Championship

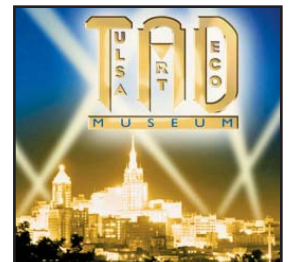
Horseshow – October 17-25 – This U.S. national Horseshow is held annually at Tulsa's Expo Square and is the most prestigious horseshow in North America. Multiple riding events, vendors and elaborate barn decorations and view animals up close.



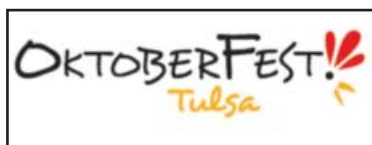
4. The Joint at Hard Rock Casino Tulsa is just minutes from downtown Tulsa. 18 hole public golf course and includes 9 dining establishments. The Joint Venue offers top notch entertainments such as Diana Ross, Ringo Star, Bill Cosby and Merle Haggard to name a few. For current schedule see: hardrockcasinoTulsa.com.



5. Tulsa Art Deco Museum – Philcade Building Lobby 5th and S. Boston Ave Mon–Fri 8:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M. and Sat. 11:00–6:00 P.M. The museum is housed in the breath taking lobby of the Philcade Building in the heart of downtown Tulsa's Deco District.



6. Tulsa Oktoberfest – 16-19 October Located at 21st and Jackson Avenue. Visitors will enjoy:



German, Czech and Austrian food and culture, live music straight from Germany, and imported German beer. Other festivities include polka dancing and rows of booths filled with arts and crafts, authentic markets to find Bavarian treasures, rock-'n-roll bands, dance troupes and country artists perform in various tents.

7. Guthrie Green – 111 E. Brady Street A downtown open air park and entertainment venue. Concerts, fitness classes, Yoga and Zumba, food truck Wednesdays, movies in the park on 16 Oct, 8:30 P.M. *Stand By Me*, full bar and Lucky's Restaurant on the green – guthriegreen.com



8. Woody Guthrie Center – across the street from Guthrie Green at



102 E. Brady Street This center gives insight into the life of one of America's greatest Folk singers born in Ok. Photos, movies and documentaries highlight Guthrie's views on human rights and democracy. Short movies a must see. Currently Bruce Springsteen photo exhibit. 10:00-6:00 Tues-Sat Seniors \$6.00

9. Philbrook Downtown – 116 E. Brady St. A satellite location of Philbrook Museum of Art but located in a historic brick warehouse. Exhibits include Native American art and some contemporary along with Georgia



O'Keeffe. Hours 12-7:00 P.M. Wed-Sat. Seniors \$5.00

10. Jenks Historic Downtown is named the Antique Capital of Oklahoma. Located on Main Street with buildings retaining old original charm built in early 1900's. Many antique shops, boutiques & restaurants.



11. Oklahoma Aquarium – 300 Aquarium Drive, Jenks, OK. Located only blocks from Jenks Historic



Downtown. Open year around. 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Seniors \$13.95

18 October. Special Behind the Scenes Tour Available.

12. Utica Square Shopping – SE corner of Utica and 21 Street With more than 60 stores in elegant outdoor village setting provides specialty shops and restaurants such as Polo Grill offering a great atmosphere and food. Queenies for casual homemade lunch.

13. Lyon's Indian Store – 111 S. Detroit Located downtown for 90 years featuring silver and turquoise jewelry, Pendleton blankets, crafts and



gifts along with Native American Art. Monday - Friday 10:00-5:30, and Saturday 10:00-4:30.



Schedule of Events Tulsa Reunion

Wednesday 15 October – 3-11 P.M.

- Registration*, hospitality and memorabilia in the hospitality room.
- Free time in Tulsa.
Suggested optional activities at left.

Thursday 16 October – 7:30 A.M. - Noon*

- Tour of Air National Guard 138th Fighter Wing with a catered Italian lunch on base.*
- Free time in Tulsa.
Suggested optional activities at left.

Friday 17 October – 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.*

- Executive Committee Meeting at 10AM.
- Free time in Tulsa.
Suggested optional activities at left.
- Reception with an Oklahoma-themed buffet.*

Saturday 18 October – 6:00 - 11:00 P.M.*

- Annual Meeting 9:00 - 10:30 P.M.
- Free time in Tulsa.
Suggested optional activities at left.
- Reception in the Penthouse followed by the banquet.*

Sunday 19 October – 9:00 A.M. - Noon*

*Hospitality room open

**82nd Fighter Group Reunion
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 15 - 19, 2014**

**Host Hotel: The Mayo Hotel
115 West 5th Street, Tulsa, OK 74103**

To make reservations call: 918-582-6296

Be sure to ask for the 82nd Fighter discounted group rate of \$129.00. This discounted rate is available (3) days before and after (based upon hotel availability).

Deadline for making reservations is September 24, 2014. Please make reservations before this date to ensure the discounted rate and availability.

Parking:

Self parking is available at nearby lots: rates vary

Overnight Valet: \$20.00 per night

Transportation:

Airport: Complimentary Hotel Shuttle; call 918-582-6296 for pickup

Local (up to 2 mile radius): Complimentary Hotel Shuttle

Information about the Hotel

The Mayo Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is conveniently located in the heart of downtown and surrounded by Tulsa's best in shopping, dining, concert Venues and entertainment districts.

The Mayo Hotel opened in 1925 and instantly became the social hub of high society. The Mayo played host to notable guests throughout the 20th century, including President John F. Kennedy, Bob Hope, Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth and Charlie Chaplin. Tulsa is known as the cultural and arts capital of Oklahoma, and boasts art renowned galleries and museums, ballet and opera and features one of the nation's largest collections of Art Deco Architecture. The Mayo is within walking distance of the Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Cain's Ballroom, The Brady Arts District, Cox Business Center and more.

The Mayo Hotel is just nine miles from Tulsa International Airport, making it a convenient location for every type of traveler.



Keeping in Touch – Notes from Our Members

We received thank you notes for the National WWII Museum Commemorative Brick Program from **Luella Demers, Linda Ellison, Joan Farnham, Nona Isaacson, Katie Kroeger, Fern Morgan, JoAnn Norris, Debbie Rudy, Mike** and **Lisa Tinker**. It was so nice to hear from you all.

Susan Thompson, daughter of **Paul Van Oordt**, 96th, wrote, 'There is nothing in the world that would please me more, along with the rest of my family, to honor him in this way.'

In a phone conversation about the commemorative bricks, **Lisa Tinker**, daughter of **Edward E Tinker 97th**, told **John Prliman** that their family is Native American (Osage) from Northern Oklahoma near Tulsa and that Tinker AFB was named after her great uncle. What a nice note of heritage and connection leading into our Tulsa reunion.

Bill Mason related that his son safely returned from a tour in Afghanistan. We are happy for Bill and his family.

Fran and John Kane sent a smoke signal that they had made it through

that awful New Hampshire winter and that they are now enjoying spring.

Bill Hattendorf facebooked that he and **Dee Fine** visited their dad, **Will Hattendorf**, for a combo 98th birthday and Kentucky Derby party in May.

Hank Phillips tells us he has gotten into Geocaching. **Marlene** has put a tracking device on him to assure he returns. They both blame the new tech addiction on son, Dennis.

The **Parlimans** spent a great, but all too few, days the end of May with **Todd and Lorraine Felton** in Del Rio.

Ex-president **Leo Fisher** says he and Edie are enjoying themselves in Tucson and visiting family in California.

What's New?

To 97th Members and their families: **Major Adam Barrett**, historian for the 97th Fighter Training Squadron at Shepard AFB, would very much like to have 97th memorabilia for their heritage room/ready room. They already duplicated some photos from their a copy of Adorimini and want more items to enrich their heritage plan.

Major Barrett assures me anything they receive will be given a place of honor. Major Barrett can be reached by phone at 803-381-6776 or through his email at barrettusaf@hotmail.com. Adam would also like us to know that we are welcome to attend the 97th Fighter Group Reunion in Wichita Falls, TX October 23-24. We have invited the 97th to attend ours also. Looks like the timing is too close for much cross-fertilization this year, but the offer is out there. I know the 95th always included family in their reunions. The 97th may also. So if you are a 97th family member and are interested in attending their reunion, give Adam a call.

Items needed for the auction at the reunion. Since around 2010 we have been doing auctions to raise money for the memorial fund. It started with a P-38 charm donated by **Kathy Rockey** and members have been donating items ever since. This has become **Judy Parlman's** project and she is looking for donations for this year's reunion auction. We found last year, with a poster donated by **Hank Phillips**, that items from past reunions are also a hit. So please consider bringing an item to the reunion for this year's auction.

The 2016 Reunion in ?????: **Peggie and Steve Powell** have chosen the hotel for the 2015 reunion they are hosting in Salt Lake City and will have more to report at the annual meeting. But what about 2016? We have a great support team in place from those who have done past reunions to assist you. So please give this some thought and consider volunteering to host the 2016 reunion at the annual meeting in Tulsa.

Pictures of Nose Art 'Hell's Angels' from **Frank Hurlbut's** P-38 have been requested by **Dale DeBry** of the P-38 National Assn. If you have any, please contact Dale at 661-886-1946 or ddebry@p38assn.org.



Folded Wings / Fly-By of Honor

Beatrice 'Bee' Tinker, 97 Spouse • February 2012

Frank Hurlbut, 96 • 11 November 2013

Bob Craig Wright, 97 • March 2013

Paul Van Oordt, 96 • January 2014

Phyllis Hendrix, 95 Spouse • February 2014

Don Foley 97 • June 30, 2014

From Dave Hanley about a trip he and Charlie Pinson took to the Phillipines:

The 82nd On Leyte

Before Typhoon Yolanda laid waste to Leyte, Samar and other Visayan islands in the Philippine archipelago, Dave Hanley and Charley Pinson paid a visit there. For those who did not hear of Dave's grand plans, here is a summary:

The original idea was to first do Dave's bucket tour of Vietnam then swing through the Philippines on the way home. Reason for the Philippine visit was to stop in Leyte and pay our respects at Leyte Landing. This marks the anniversary of MacArthur's return to the PI. Ceremonies actually start on Signal Day, 18 October (we missed that one) and continue through 20 October, the day Douglas M waded ashore.

Many people opposed a return to the Philippines, insisting it could be bypassed. Fortunately, MacArthur carried the day or the history we would have gotten would be a lot worse than the history we have had.

I digress. A really grand tour was planned but the best laid plans of mice, men and Descending Generations gang aft agley. Expense of course was one reason. Another was that things would have had to start two days after New Orleans. Reluctantly Vietnam was canceled and the Philippines was about to be postponed for a year. Then a name popped up on facebook and sure enough it was a Filipina Dave had met in Vietnam and who Dave and Cora had not seen in 36 years. With Ching there, it was Hi Ho, off to PI we go.

Upon arrival in Manila, Cora went to visit with family and on the 19th Dave and Charley boarded a plane to Tacloban making an IFR approach into a provincial airport. Staff at the hotel assured us that things would start at 0430 morning of the 20th. Wakeup call came at 0400.

We then got lucky and encountered gentlemen of the Filipino Veterans Legion on their way to Red Beach. They had two vacant seats in their vehicles so we got a ride to the exact spot for the Sunrise Ceremony.

Sunrise Ceremony takes place in downtown Palo around the monument to the Filipino Unknowns. There is the honor Guard, laying of the Wreaths, Taps (Filipino version), speeches and prayers. If you have ever read MacArthur's speech as an American after the war, you probably thought it corny as can be. Hear it under a tropical rain, in the dark, where it was actually made and you will know for sure that it was inspired!

When things ended, we had come to the attention of the FVL's Sons and Daughters association. Head Host and Hostess insisted on our joining them for photo ops. Then the Sons, being fine soldiers and Christian gentlemen, remembered various errands and made themselves scarce. This meant the Daughters had custody of the two of us and were a constant source of TLC for the rest of the day and night.

There was a light breakfast at the Ministry of Education meeting hall and ample time to get to know many of our new friends. A short walk got us to the MacArthur Memorial Park where there was a very lengthy wait for the main ceremony. There was a mass and recorded music to help pass the time. Since Todd Felton was not there I made it a point to stand for the Marines Hymn – the first time. Not the next 16 or so.

Finally all the Ambassadors, Attaches, Dignitaries and politicians made their arrivals. The flags were hoisted, volleys fired (heavy artillery this time) and of course more speeches.

Then came the Governor's luncheon at a nearby hotel. We took "tricycles" to get there. Those are small motorbikes with an undersized sidecar. Mine seemed to move more slowly than the others. Don't guess they were built with 275 lbs in mind.

Luncheon was followed by a dance troupe that Charley said had world class talent. And no those girls are NOT "twerking." They are imitating little ducks and the hands behind the hips represent the duck's tail.

Our ranking Sons and Daughters Institute (SADI) lady had both Governor and Vice-Governor come over to our table and somehow or other Charley got buddy-buddy with the Australian Ambassador. We then borrowed a SUV and got a tour of Tacloban plus crossed the San Juanico straits and bridge for a look at Samar. Since the water is so placid, Charley made the not-uncommon mistake of thinking it a lake instead of the ocean that it is.

Our drive through town took quite a while, since every high school band, etc., that had not made the main ceremony was parading through the streets. The Churches and Shrines were jam-packed and a general atmosphere of joyful thanksgiving prevailed. This illustrates how much the promised return still means to the people there.

There was then snacking and socializing. I got to be

the center of attention among different groups of women who quizzed me about various and sundry topics including the US political situation. And I was introduced to all their children and their children's friends as well. When the kids asked of me "Is Dave the Son of a Vet?" they were told that "He is the Son of Two Vets and a Vet himself." Gave me street creds. During this time Charley was making post-landing plans for meeting with various and sundry officials in Manila.



It was then time for the Sunset Ceremony which was held back at the Memorial. Both active duty and reserve Filipino officers addressed the crowd about upcoming challenges both foreign and domestic and then Charley was called upon for a speech. He stumbled through a (fortunately) short presentation. But he did manage to make the comparison between the way Filipinos had to cope with unexpected and murderous circumstances and how wet-behind-the-ears Americans had to learn such arcane subjects as what to do with P38s. (not bad Charley. I was on tap as a backup speaker in case one person did not make it but was not called upon. Darn it! I had a slick presentation figured out and it went for naught!

While the Sunrise Ceremony had concluded with laying white roses on that monument, the Sunset Ceremony ended with our lighting candles on miniature rafts and setting those rafts afloat in the pool that contains the oversized statues of MacArthur and Staff wading ashore.

Finally some fireworks and then the SADI had a fellowship back in the same Ministry of Education Hall. Buffet dinner, band, songstress, dancing of various sorts and so forth and so on. End of the evening found us back at our hotel with two families for a "midnight snack." Having risen at 0400 on 20 October, we finally retired at 0200 on 21 October.

Next day we held a planning session with two of the ladies. Seems that Charley was to meet with that Aussie Ambassador, along with one retired General and other officials and the gals were to come up to Manila next day to start the introductions come Wednesday.

We flew back on the 21st, tour guides road bus up on 22. Cora and I went along on Wednesday when all the people we were supposed to meet went unavailable for one reason or the other. Then dental appointments and family gatherings and reunions with old friends –

including Ching – took over and we barely met with each other until Saturday before their return to Leyte by boat on Sunday.

Charley and I went sightseeing for a few days and Charley went to Cora's big family dinner with us – charmed everybody there – and then Charley departed 31 October while Cora and I stayed for just one more week.

(Forgot to mention one detail. Not being wealthy – in fact far from it – the girls decided to save some money by paying the extra person fee for Charley's tw0bedded hotel room. Cora went sort of crazy about such arrangements. Said she was worried for Charley. To allay her fears I gallantly volunteer3d to take his place with our two friends. Said offer was rather summarily rejected.)

Headed home I was of the firm opinion that this visit was a case of "48 off, 48 to target and 48 down". It had been that good.

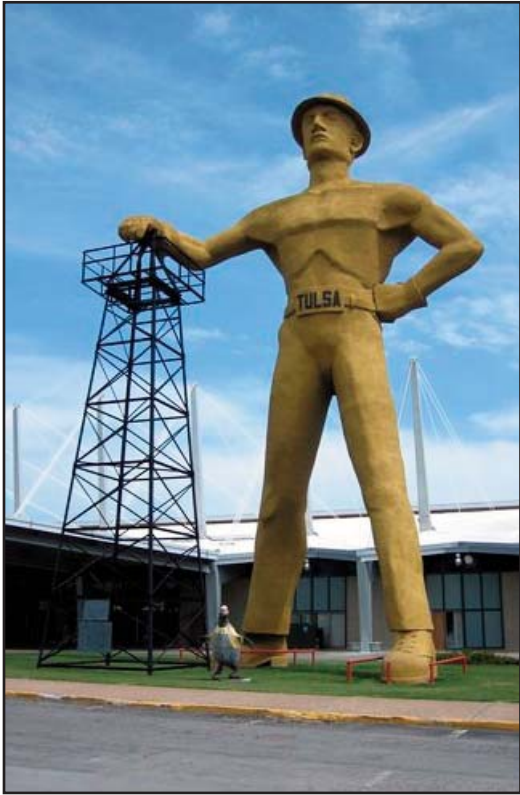
Then came news of that typhoon. Every town we had been in, Tacloban, Palo, Tunauan, looked like Hiroshima without the radiation. Overland route impassable, port inoperable and the Tacloban Airport had no terminal, no tower, no radio, no radar, no light. Nothing but the asphalt on the runway. And that runway was littered. Finally USMC got in with a pair of C130s and opened things up a bit. (C130? Thank you Kelly Johnson.) Once civilian jets could land, Israel rushed in a field hospital. Things were parlous for days with the most critical need being safe drinking water. Public water supply was down and all wells contaminated. But the resiliency of the Filipinos kept them holding on until the George Washington and escort vessels got there. Now the rebuild has started.

As to our friends, I have confirmed that three are alive and uninjured along with their children and grandchildren. They are semi-homeless as houses damaged and/or flooded but they are pulling through.

Under said circumstances, how many of you think the 82nd should be represented at the 2014 Leyte Landing? Well C. Pinson and D. Hanley are planning to be there (Vietnam has to wait longer.) Any other volunteers will be most welcome. Hope some of you do make it. See me for details.

By the way . Considering how everything went down, both "Adorimini" and "Divine Guidance" seem appropriate terms, do they not!

During 82nd Reunion, Visit the “Golden Driller”



Once heavily dependent on the oil industry and dubbed the “Oil Capital of the World,” Tulsa is now home to world-renowned art museums, full-time professional opera and ballet companies, and one of the nation’s largest concentrations of art deco architecture. Tulsa’s Philbrook Museum is one of the top 50 fine art museums in the United States. With remnants and artifacts of the Holocaust, the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art preserves the largest collection of Judaica.

The Golden Driller commemorates the city’s standing as the oil capital of the world. At 76-feet tall and weighing 22 tons, he is the third tallest free-standing statue in the United States. (The Golden Driller is surpassed only by the Statue of Liberty and Our Lady of the Rockies. He’s taller than Tribute to Courage, the statue of Sam Houston in Huntsville, Texas.)

Originally built in 1953 by the Mid-Continent Supply Company for the Int’l Petroleum Exposition and then erected again for the 1959 expo, the statue was so popular that the company ultimately donated it to Tulsa. It was permanently installed at the Tulsa Expo Center in 1966. In 1979, it was named the state monument by the Oklahoma Legislature.

The sturdy iron and concrete man rests his hand on a real oil derrick that was moved from a depleted oil field in Seminole, Oklahoma; and an inscription at the base of the statue reads: “The Golden Driller, a symbol of the International Petroleum Exposition. Dedicated to the men of the petroleum industry who by their vision and daring have created from God’s abundance a better life for mankind.”

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