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82nd Fighter Group Association Newsletter

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President's Report

By Marc Buonaguidi

Greetings

Hope this newsletter finds you well. It seems so long since the group last met.

Bogey on Our Six

Many of you have been contacted or may have heard the accusations from former Association member Terry Massick accusing the Association of misappropriation of funds and pending litigation. It is all false. I have spoken with all the Association leadership, checked the financial records, and have found no indication of any missing funds. I have also spoken, more than once, with the very professional and very kind Detective in Florida with whom Terry attempted to file a claim. There is no pending legal action against the Association.

Two key issues you all should be made aware of. First, Terry

did not claim any loss of personal finances, and therefore, according to the Detective, he cannot file a claim. Since Mr. Massick had no loss, he cannot take any action against the association. Second, if the Association has suffered a misappropriation of funds, the Association has the right to file a claim. We have no proof of any mishandling of funds, and therefore we have no interest in pursuing any legal action.

Mr. Massick has offered no tangible evidence of mishandling of funds. He has made multiple accusations, but has provided no proof whatsoever of any wrong doing. Personally, I find it tragic that Mr. Massick feels compelled to harass an Association he claims to respect.

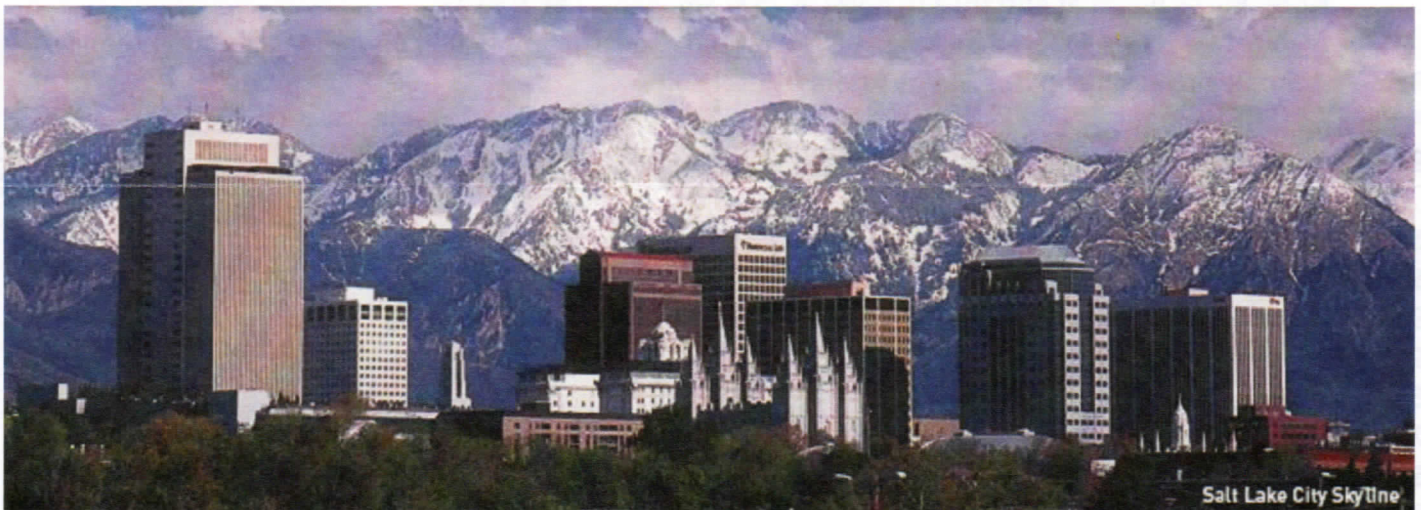
I urge you to disregard any future contact Mr. Massick may attempt to make. Feel free to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns about his misbehavior.

Additionally, Mr. Massick is owed no money and please do not give him any if he asks you to do so.



2015 Reunion Salt Lake City

On a happier note, we are rapidly approaching our 2015 reunion!! It will be hosted by Steve and Peggy Powell, and will be held in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah.





Things to do In Salt Lake City

DATES: The 2015 82nd Fighter Group Association reunion will be held in Salt Lake City Utah on Sept 9 – 13 2015.

HOTEL: Double Tree by Hilton at 110 West 600 South, Salt Lake City UT 84101. Rooms are all suites and rates are: single \$129.00, double \$129.00, triple \$144.00, quad \$159.00. Call 801-359-7800 to make reservations under the 82nd Fighter Group. To receive the above rate, **reservations need to be made by August 19, 2015.**

Parking is complimentary at the hotel.

Complimentary airport shuttle: call for pickup once you've landed, the number is [801-359-7800](tel:801-359-7800). The hotel is (7) miles from the airport, so it won't take long.

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General Info:

- The hotel is a little more than 1 mile from the center of downtown where there is a plethora of shopping, restaurants and yes, bars.
- Four and a half blocks from the hotel is the nearest stop for the light rail system, TRAX. This is a Free Fair Zone so you don't need to purchase passes to use TRAX to get into downtown. Just be warned, Salt Lake City blocks are very large and 7 blocks equal 1 mile.
- Another bit of info; Salt Lake City streets are generally listed in a grid system with Temple Square being the center point. If you see an address that is 100 South 100 West, it is located 1 block south and 1 block west of the temple. The building number should be listed first and the street number second (if it is done right). For example, our home is at 7132 South 2220 East, so the house number is 7132 and we are about 71 blocks south of the temple and 22 blocks east of the temple.
- If an address has a street name, there is no rhyme or reason on how they are named, get a coordinate number and you'll be good to go.

Here are a few suggestions of things to do in Downtown Salt Lake City:

- Temple Square. The LDS Temple and adjacent buildings and gardens. It is open every day and you can take a tour or just wander around. Remember, if you give them your address, they will come to visit...
- The Family History Library: 39 N West Temple St. Open Monday 8am-5pm, Tue-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm, closed Sunday. A group visit can be arranged but you can go in individually and they will have someone explain how to get started with your genealogy research and set you loose.
- The Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearses on Thursday evening from 7:30 -9:30pm in the Tabernacle at Temple Square. Entrance is free and you can come and go freely.
- The local Farmers Market is every Saturday morning at Pioneer Park. 400 South 300 West Salt Lake City sightseeing tours are available. They leave from the Visitor Center at 90 S West Temple frequently.
- Clark Planetarium. 110 South 400
- West City Creek Shopping Center. Between West Temple and State Street and 100 South and South Temple. www.shopcitycreekcenter.com
- Gateway Shopping Center. Between 200 South and North Temple and 500 West and 400 West. www.shopthegateway.com

If you want to venture a little further out:

- Hogle Zoo. 2600 Sunnyside Ave (840 South).
- This is the Place Heritage Park. 2601 E Sunnyside Ave.
- The Loveland Living Planet Aquarium. 12033 S Lone Peak Parkway, Draper UT.



Treasurer's Report

TULSA REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

REGISTRATION & EVENT FEES	\$9,264.00
SILENT AUCTION	\$356.00
RAFFLE	\$155.00

TOTAL INCOME \$9,775.00

EXPENSES

HOSPITALITY (beverages, food, supplies)	\$802.41
MAYO (Banquet, Reception, Meetings, A/V)	\$6,275.59
AFNG CATERED LUNCH (with gratuity)	\$1,016.03
REUNION LAPEL PINS	\$225.00
PRINTING (ID badges & meal tickets)	\$156.27
WHEELCHAIR RENTAL	\$102.94
BUS	\$595.00
BAND	\$800.00
PRINTING (Bulletin Board, mtg mats, reminder letter)	\$367.18
ROSES	\$43.40
STAMPS (Reunion reminder letter)	\$98.00
DECORATIONS (Center pcs & flowers)	\$307.09
AIR & SPACE MUSEUM TICKETS	\$364.62

TOTAL EXPENSE \$11,153.00

PROFIT/LOSS <\$1,378.53>

The financial statement above shows we had to subsidize the reunion expenses with the operating account. This has been happening for at least the last four years, though this is the largest deficit so far. Mary Buonaguidi, our conference coordinator, assures us that this is not uncommon with other military organizations she works with and that our costs are also in line with these other organizations. We pass through our fixed costs like the meals, event entrance fees and transportation directly to the attendees. Other costs like hospitality room food and beverage, pins, printing and copying, band, etc. are paid for through the registration fees. As reunion attendance continues to decrease, this discretionary amount decreases. The Executive Committee decided four years ago that reunions would not be a revenue generator and that we would continue to have quality events with music at the banquet and a well-stocked hospitality room. We have certainly met that goal and will continue in that direction. Tulsa was a wonderful reunion and we are looking forward to an equally wonderful event in Salt Lake City. Our current Operating Account balance as of 4/30/15 is \$10,309.91.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Parlman, Treasurer



Keeping in Touch

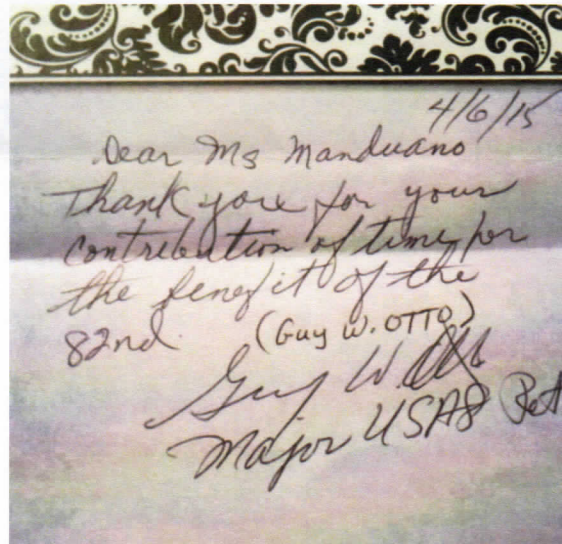
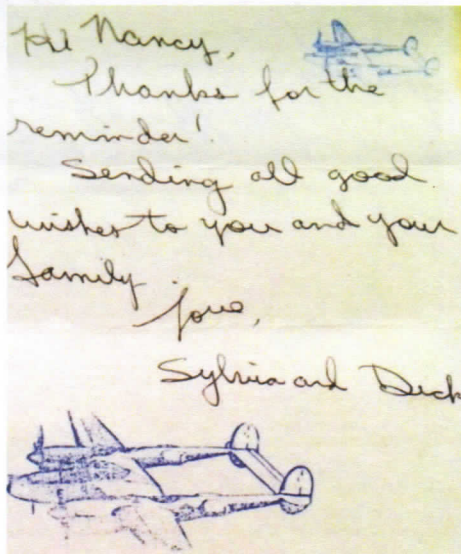
Messages from Members & Inquiries
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Joan **Farnham** sent a nice note with her dues saying how much she and Everett (96th) enjoyed the Association and the newsletter.

Thomas **Welsh**, son of TR Welsh, 96th pilot, is building a replica of his father's P-38 and would like any identifying colors and marks as it would have flown out of Foggia. Hank Phillips and John Kane have already responded. If you have information for Tom, you may contact him at trwelshii@charter.net.

Don **Rudy**, brother of Lt. James R. Rudy and brother in law of Dorothy, is looking for information. His brother flew with the 95th Fighter Squadron on a mission to Foggia, Italy on August 25, 1943. His section (4 planes) attacked the Foggia #3 airfield led by Lt. Hodgson at tree level. Attacked from above, Jim and two others were shot down. On fire, Jim crash landed in a plowed field and stopped short of a farm house. The farmer took him prisoner until the Luftwaffe arrived. He was a POW for two years at Stalag Luft III. *I would like to learn the location of that airfield and if anyone in the area remembers that event.* Did a local newspaper record the attack? Is there a WWII museum in the area? Any information you might have on this would be greatly appreciated. Or, if you could direct me to plausible sources would likewise be great.

<mailto:djrudy@roadrunner.com>





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4-09-15

Nancy

We are well
and enjoying the
warmer weather and
the spring blooms

Our special
greetings to all of
the S&Mcl.

Ray, Jo Ann + Chris Harris

Assistance League of Salt Lake City

January 6, 2015

Dear Hank & Mary,

Enclosed is our dues
hope it's the right amount.
I enjoyed reading the
news letter. Wished we had
been there to enjoy the fun.

Jerry is coming along
great. He is using a Walker
even though we have "dis-
missioned" his using a cane.
So far I'm winning but
I'm trying to keep him up-
right so we can get away
in March.


Take care and we'll see
you next year.

Mar + Jerry



Folded Wings since Newsletter 90

In Loving Memory of:
Meredith Raymond Kingery
 January 17, 1920 - March 20, 2015



Funeral Services:
 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2014
 Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory
 1315 West Lincoln Road - Kokomo, Indiana

Officiating:
 Pastor Jeff Newton

Entombment:
 Sunset Memory Gardens - Kokomo, Indiana

It is with great sadness that I let you know of the passing of my father Meredith Kingery. He dearly loved his 82nd Fighter Group Association. He and my mother traveled to attend many of the reunions over the years and have such good memories. He was scheduled to attend an Honor Flight to Washington DC on April 4th and was so looking forward to it unfortunately he passed away on March 20th. Our family holds his service to our country near and dear to our hearts. He was a true Patriot.

Thank you
 Mrs. Teresa Campbell

4-15-15
 Dear Ms. Manduano
 Please remove Sk (C.E. Eckerman) from your mailings. He passed away in 2013 and since we never attended of the functions for the 82nd I am familiar with anyone other than he mentioned over the years - I am enclosing a check to help with your postage.
 Sincerely
 Son - Eckerman
 P.S. Sk was a Life Member - ST
 2015



Roy Norris

Received an email from Chip Norris that his dad, Roy 96th, passed away May 15, 2015. Roy was Secretary/Treasurer of the Association for 15 years. His contributions are much appreciated. Our condolences go out to Chip, Roy's wife, JoAnn, and the rest of their family.



Remembering Tulsa 2014



Top left to right: Del Ryland, Lute Thompson, Will Hattendorf

Middle row left to right: John Kane, Olen L. Medley, Leo A. Fisher, Hank P. Phillips, Charlie Pinson, Al Campbell

Front row left to right: Dick Ostronik, Mel Roalsvig



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