

# ***82nd Fighter Group Association Newsletter***

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## **PRESIDENT (INTERIM)**

Todd Felton

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Steve Powell

## **TREASURER**

Marc Buonaguidi

## **SECRETARY**

Nancy Medley Manduano

## **UNIT REPRESENTATIVES**

### **HEADQUARTERS**

Bill Mason

### **95TH SQUADRON**

Olen Medley

### **96TH SQUADRON**

Richard Ostronik

### **97TH SQUADRON**

Jerry Powell

## **NEWSLETTER**

John Netzer Parliman

## **ROSTER**

Mary Buonaguidi

## **NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**

### **LIAISON**

Bruce Loewenberg

## **WEBMASTER**

Darren Buonaguidi

Hello 82nd family! It seems like just yesterday we were in Salt Lake City, even though we're now past Thanksgiving with Christmas right around the corner. First, let me say what an honor it was that you chose me to be interim President. Marc leaves some incredibly large shoes to fill, but I look forward to serving such a wonderful organization and I will strive to honor the courage and sacrifice of all who served in the 82nd and its squadrons, during and after the war.

Speaking of Salt Lake City, I'm sure we all want to express our sincerest thanks to Steve and Peggy Powell, Marc and Mary Buonaguidi, and everybody else who helped, for a fantastic reunion in Salt Lake City! We all know reunions require a Herculean effort and this year was no different, but the end result was another reunion to remember. As discussed in Salt Lake, next year's reunion will be in San Diego, another beautiful city. Marc and Mary have already begun scouting locations and more details will follow as we know them.

I read the book that I bought at the auction "P-38 Lightning Aces of the 82nd Fighter Group" by Steve Blake and learned some fascinating history about the 82nd. The individual stories are amazing, but the general lesson repeated throughout the book was one of sacrifice. I'm sure I don't need to remind all of you, that the men of the 82nd left homes and families for years at a time, some never came home, some were injured, or taken prisoner and some, thankfully, are with us today to tell their awe-inspiring stories. My goal, and I'm sure the goal of all of you, is to continue to tell those stories to those of us within the Association and maybe even more importantly, to those outside of the Association. All Americans need to be reminded that good men, and women, do occasionally need to give up their own safety and comfort to face danger and evil around the world. The men of the 82nd did truly, in a very real way, save the world.

Lorraine and I are truly blessed to be a part of the 82nd Fighter Group Association and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We're already excited about the San Diego reunion.

ADORIMINI, *Todd*

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# Secretary's Report

## Annual Meeting Minutes Salt Lake City, UT Sept. 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by President Marc Buonaguidi. Present, were approximately 25 members. Secretaries and Treasurer Report: Nancy Medley-Manduano presented the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting. A motion was made by John Parliman to accept minutes as written. Judy Parliman seconded the motion. Copy of financial statement attached (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). Motion to accept by Judy Parliman. Seconded by Nancy Medley-Manduano. Both motions carried unanimously. Marc Buonaguidi discussed dates of next newsletter to be Jan. and June. The next meeting is scheduled in San Diego, North Island for 2016. The date is not yet confirmed. John and Judy Parliman have agreed to host the 2017 reunion. Baton Rouge, Edwards Air Force Base and Hawaii were mentioned for future reunion sites. The best hotel rates are fall and spring according to Mary Buonaguidi. Eileen Vincent mentioned her Grandson Colin's Explorer (Boy Scouts) Post would like to assist in San Diego next year. No money is required to support the scouts. Nominations for officers are as follows: Marc Buonaguidi is stepping down and Todd Felton will act as interim President. John Parliman is stepping down

and Marc Buonaguidi is appointed Treasurer. Nancy Medley-Manduano will continue as Secretary and Steve Powell as Vice-President. John Parliman and Judy will edit the newsletter. The question was asked: how to get new blood involved in the association? It was suggested to use Face Book and Todd lives at the home of the 96th squadron and knows the 97th and will reach out to notify them. Mary Buonaguidi proposed sending 'save the date' notices for next reunion. Peggy Powell seconded the proposal. Sylvia Ostronik reminded members to please sign greeting cards for missing members located in the hospitality room. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 with a motion by John Parliman and second by Steve Powell.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nancy*

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## Nominating Committee Announced for 2016 Elections

All offices are open for the next election. President Felton announced that the nominating committee will be Hank Phillips, Olen Medley and Bob Priest. Contact any of these members **by July 1** if you are interested in running for any of the offices or to nominate someone else. Use the Association's email or phone number on page 2.

## Keeping in Touch (Notes from Members)

Ex-president, **Leo Fisher** called to wish all a Merry Christmas. **Dave Hanley** emailed to say he is anxiously awaiting the next newsletter and reunion pics. **Bruce Loewenberg** reports he continues to attend National WWII Museum functions as a history buff and as our liaison. The **Parlimans** visited **John and Fran Kane** in New Hampshire on a fall RV foliage tour. They wished everyone well.



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## Folded Wings

**Al Campbell** 96th - 6/6/15

**Will Hattendorf** 95th - 9/9/15

**Angie Netzer Parliman** 95th - 11/22/15

Will was a founding member, past president and statesman of the Association. His guidance and support will be missed. The following note was sent by the family.

Dear Members of the 82nd Fighter Group,

My brother Bill and I thank you for the beautiful bouquet of yellow roses you sent to honor the passing of our father, Will Hattendorf.

For over 30 years the friendship and spirit of the Association meant so much to Dad, and to our entire family.

We missed being with you in Salt Lake City. I am sending you a copy of his obituary and his funeral service. He was buried at the Georgia National Cemetery with full military honors.

Bill and I send you all our love and our thanks.

Dee Hattendorf Fine.

(See 82nd Website for Obituary)

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## Annual Financial Report

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

**Beginning Balance:** **\$ 8,938.61**

**Receipts:**

Donations	\$ 200.00
Dues	3,644.00
Reunion	10,072.00
Memorial Fund	<u>864.67</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$14,780.67</b>

**Payments:**

Supplies	\$ 16.38
Postage	164.72
Newsletter/Memo	1,287.12
Memorial Donation Refund	1,050.00
Reunion Expense	<u>11,153.00</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$13,671.22</b>

**Ending Balance:** **\$10,048.06**

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Parlman*

(Sitting Treasurer at Annual Meeting)

# Salt Lake City Reunion Financial Summary

Reunion registration	6,790.00
Donations and tips	247.00
Silent auction	497.00
Flag sales	(572.00)
Hospitality food and drinks	(180.62)
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Band	(750.00)
Bus rent	(1,016.69)
Base tour - 42 people	(1,470.00)
Reception - 44 people	(880.00)
Dinner - 51 people	<u>(1,840.00)</u>
Total:	116.57

Respectfully Submitted, *Marc*



## AN ESCORT OF P-38S

(Author Unverified)

Oh, Hedy Lamar is a beautiful gal, Madeline Carroll is too.

But you'll find if you query a much different theory amongst any bomber crew

That the loveliest thing of which one can sing

This side of the heavenly gates

Is no blonde or brunette of the Hollywood set

But an escort of P-38s

In all the days past when the tables were massed with glasses of scotch and champagne

It's quite true that the sight was a thing to delight us intent on feeling no pain.

But no longer the same nowadays in this game as we sail onto the missing state

Take your sparkling wine but always make mine  
An escort of P-38s.

Byron, Shelley and Keats ran each other dead heats describing the views from the hills

Of the valleys in May where the winds gently sway an army of bright daffodils

Take your daffodils Byron, the wild flowers Shelley, yours is the myrtle, friend Keats

Just preserve me those cuties, all-American beauties  
An escort of P-38s.

Sure we're braver than hell on the ground all is well, in the air it's a much different story.

As we sweat out our track through the fighters and flak we're willing to split up the glory.

Well, they wouldn't reject us so heaven protect us until all this shootin' abates

Give us courage to fight 'em and another small item  
An escort of P-38s.

## Unit Flags for Sale

We still have some flags in inventory from the SLC reunion. Cost is \$42 which includes shipping and handling. There is no profit on these. It is a service to our members. The picture shows the flags.

They are 2x3' nylon. There are 4-HQ, 3-95th, 2-96th & 2-97th left. To order, send your check made out to **82nd FGA** to : **3405 Circulo Adorno , Carlsbad, CA 92009.**

# Salt lake City Reunion

Thursday - Hill AFB



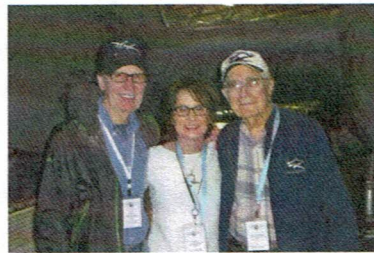
Hank & Mel with their advanced trainer



*What is it about P38s?*



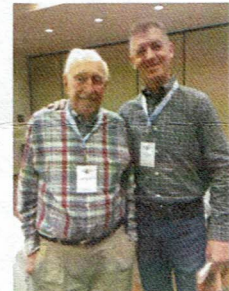
I love planes



Best behavior

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## Friday - Reception & Auction



*Good Food. Good Friends. Good Time.*



# September 9-12, 2015

## Saturday - Banquet



Thank You



95th Heritage



Main Attraction



Rose Ceremony



Uniform still fits

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## Everyday - Hospitality & Camaraderie

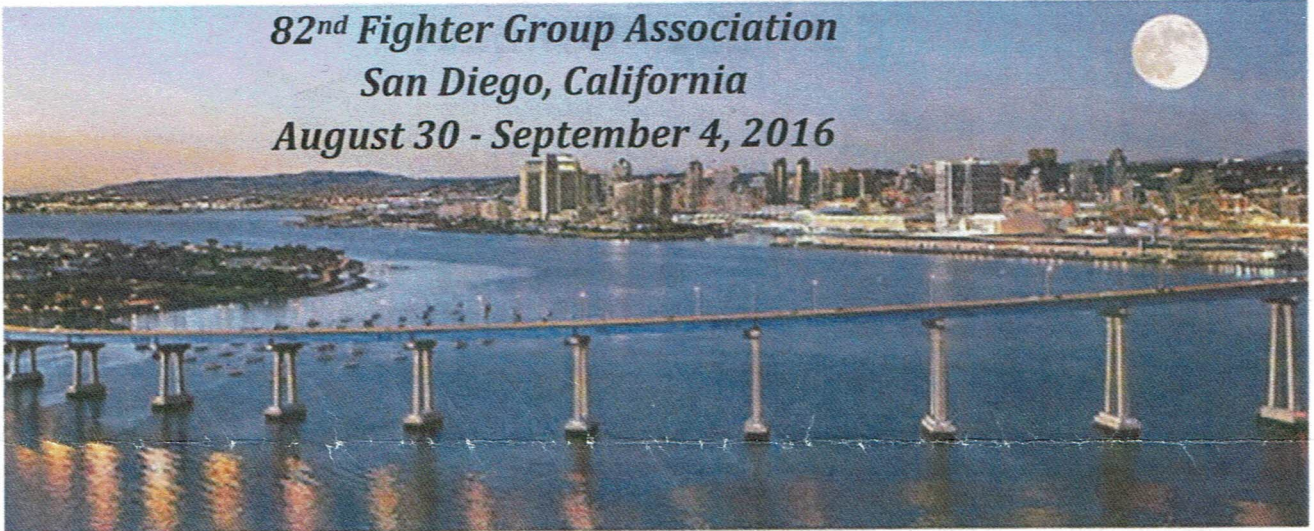


*Been a whole year. Lots of catchin' up to do.*



# SAVE THE DATE

*82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Association  
San Diego, California  
August 30 - September 4, 2016*



## Host Hotel

**The Westin Gaslamp Quarter  
910 Broadway Circle San Diego, California 92101**

The Westin is located in the historic and vibrant San Diego Gaslamp Quarter which features shopping, restaurants, entertainment, and culture.

To make reservations, call: 619-239-2200, ask for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group discounted rate of \$149.00

Stand by for more information regarding the schedule of events, attractions and registration.



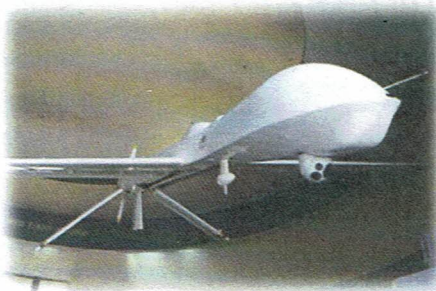
**Old Town Trolley Tours**



**USS Midway**



**Balboa Park**



**San Diego Air and Space Museum and much, much more.....!**