



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

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**2019 Reunion Registration Materials**  
**Third Time a Charm**  
**Dayton - 1988**  
**Dayton/Cincinnati - 2008**  
**Dayton - 2019**



82nd Fighter Group Memorial & Tree Planted at Dedication  
Memorial Garden, National Museum of the USAF

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The Pinson Family has an outstanding 82nd FGA Reunion planned in Dayton, Ohio this year. The Crowne Plaza is going to be a fabulous setting for our reunion. As you can see from the itinerary there is something for all of us on the wonders of Aviation. They are also planning a big Silent Auction during our Friday Night Reception. Donate to a good cause. Bring all that memorabilia that is up in the closet or in the garage to the reunion auction. I've learned that hosting a reunion is a monumental tasking. Not enough accolades or appreciation for those who volunteered in the past and for those who volunteer in the future for keeping our annual tradition alive.

We are still looking for pictures for two photo albums of our Association history. One is of all 82nd FGA members during WWII. It will be presented to the P-38 National Association at the March AFB museum and a copy will be retained for the 82nd FGA. The other photo album will be pictures of our 82nd FGA reunions. If you are planning to attend the next reunion bring your pictures. Any pictures you want to copy or contribute to either of these 82 FGA photo albums will be appreciated. John Parliman is now the 82nd FGA Historian and will keep a copy of each photo album. They can be mailed or emailed to John at [john@2flnomads.com](mailto:john@2flnomads.com).

As we look to the future of the 82nd FGA, I would like to reach out to all our families and friends that haven't been able to attend a reunion for a while. With busy Fall school schedules, September/October are not always the best time for families to attend a reunion. I am working on the possibility of our 2020 82nd FGA reunion being held in the summer. Hopefully this will enable more family and friends, including kids, to attend. . Tentatively, this will be 12-15 August, 2020, in Las Vegas where we will be able to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Las Vegas has affordable air and event fares that time of year with lots of activities for all ages.

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## Editorial

It has, and continues to be, my pleasure to work with and support Linda Pinson, Jessica Pinson, Joan Pinson and Everard Smith - collectively the 'Pinson Cousins' - on the hosting details for the upcoming Dayton reunion. They are working tirelessly in honor and love of their Uncle Charlie Pinson as their attention and forethought to every detail is showing. Joan Pinson has a particular fondness for the area. She was born in Dayton and her dad, Charlie's brother, was in research for the USAF at Wright-Patterson at the time. Her love of this area is evidenced in her detailed 'Local Attractions' on page 5.

The third time is a charm. There were two prior reunions at Dayton - 1988 and 2008 (this one was in Cincinnati but included a trip to the USAF Museum). Go to our Facebook page or website for newsletters that covered the 1988 reunion. From the article on page 6 of Issue #12, you will see that the 82nd Memorial was installed in the Museum's Memorial Grove in 1986 and officially dedicated on September 15, 1988 at the Dayton Reunion. It's the 31st anniversary of that ceremony and I hope you will be there to rededicate it with us.

And while I am at it, special thanks to Olen Medley and Monty Powers for saving their newsletters over all these years. Without them, the richness of our Association's history would be lost. We now have a complete set. This issue being # 99., it looks like the December issue will be another anniversary. Jerry Martin and I are dedicated to loading all these documents onto our website and posting them periodically on Facebook. Join our Facebook group page and visit our website to treat yourself to this wonderful trip down our Association's memory lane.

### 82nd FGA Financial Statement

January 1 - May 20, 2019

Beginning Balance:	\$3,095.00
Receipts:	\$0.00
Registrations 2019	\$0.00
Donations	\$225.00
Dues	\$564.00
Total Receipts	\$789.00
Payments:	
Bank Fees	(\$17.00)
Newsletter Feb 2019	(\$73.94)
Reunion Expenses 2019	(\$480.74)
Total Payments	(\$571.68)
Ending Balance:	\$3,312.20

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marc Buonaguidi, Treasurer

### Folded Wings

Lois Roalsvig, 97th      March , 2019

## Schedule of Events - 2019 Reunion – Dayton, OH

### Daily Breakfast – McKinley Room first floor 6:30 – 9am

**Wednesday September 11- Registration.** No events planned. The hotel offers a free shuttle within 5 miles of the hotel. There are many interesting places within the 5 mile radius. The complimentary **shuttle service** is based on availability and can be arranged at the front desk at the hotel. **Hospitality Room** open 9am-midnight.

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**Thursday September 12 - 8:45am -** Meet in the hotel lobby to board bus for the trip to **Carillon Park**. We will have a guided walking tour of 3 - 4 buildings. Golf carts are available for handicapped. The last part of the tour will be the **Carillon Brewing Company**, where we will have appetizers of meats, cheeses and pretzel bites they serve. Drinks will be available at the bar at your expense. Afterward there will be free time to visit the cafe, gift shop or tour more of the park. Bus will leave at 3:15pm.

**Thursday evening** there will be an Italian dinner at the **Spaghetti Warehouse**. It is only a one block walk from the hotel or you can use the hotel shuttle. As an alternative, there is a great restaurant on the top floor of the hotel and happy hour with appetizers and discounted drinks. There are also other restaurants to walk or shuttle to. **Hospitality Room** open 3:30pm – midnight.

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**Friday September 13 - 8:00am -** Meet in the hotel lobby to board the bus at for the trip to the **National Museum of the US Air Force**. 8:45am - pictures taken around the P-38. 9:15 am - guided tour of the WWII section of the museum. 11am – **box lunches** (ham, turkey & tuna salad) in the cafeteria. After lunch you may also browse the gift shop. 12:15pm – meet in lobby for short walk to the **Memorial Gardens** for a commemorative service for all 82nd members who have past. After the service, board the bus for the **Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center** for a short film about the birth of aviation and the Wright Brothers. There is an outdoor memorial, gift shop and small museum to walk through. From there we re-board the bus and drive past the Wright Brothers flight testing field and flight instruction school. **Hospitality Room** open 3:45-6pm.

**Friday evening at 6pm - Reception** in the Wilber room on the top floor of the hotel. There will be a cash bar and hors-d'oeuvres served until 8pm followed by the **silent auction**. **Hospitality Room** open after auction to midnight.

>>> Remember to **make reservations for the hotel shuttle** to the airport. <<<

**Saturday September 14 – 9 -11am Annual Meeting** in Salon C&D. Free day. See brochures for ideas of things to see and do. Cash bar for happy hour from 6pm-7pm in Salon C&D with the **Banquet** starting at 7pm. The **Hospitality Room** open from 11am-5pm and after the banquet to midnight. **Banquet Meal Choices:** (1) Grilled Salmon with creamy leek sauce, (2) Grilled Chicken with honey, brie dijon mustard sauce or (3) vegetarian lasagna and dessert.

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**Sunday September 15 - Hospitality Room** from 9am-noon. Departures.



## INTERESTING LOCAL ATTRACTIONS in Dayton

Dayton is known as the "Birthplace of Aviation". It is the home of the Wright brothers who invented the airplane and the home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (W-PAFB). Interesting sites and activities to explore include:

### 17 Sites on the Aviation Trail:

- ⊗ **1a) Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Aviation Trail Visitors Center** where Wilber and Orville Wright had a printing business from 1890 - 1895.
- 1b) Aviation Trail Parachute Museum** (on the second floor) which includes the story of the invention and development of the free fall parachute at Dayton's McCook Field after WWI.
- 1c) The Wright Cycle Company** (one of five Wright bicycle shops) next-store.
- ⊗ **2) Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site** which was the final home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, a friend of Orville and an author and poet laureate at the vanguard of African American literature, and his mother.
- ⊗ **3a) Wright Brothers Memorial** - adjacent to the interpretive center.
- 3b) Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center** which focuses on the Wright brothers' experimental flights at the field in 1904 and 1905, on The Wright Company's flying school at the field from 1910 - 1916, and on the history of Wright-Patterson AFB.
- 3c) Huffman Prairie Flying Field** which was pasture where the Wright brothers continued the development of their invention after their historic first flights at Kitty Hawk, NC and later operated their flying school.
- ⊗ **4) Carillon Historical Park - Building 31: John W. Beery, Sr. Wright Brothers National Museum** which showcases the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane and the only fixed-wing aircraft to be designated a National Historic Landmark.
- ⊗ **5) National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) - World War II, Early Years and Memorial Park** for commemorative for fallen 82nd Fighter Group comrades.
- ⊗ plus view on your own **all other areas of the museum's 19 acres of indoor exhibit space (allow minimum 4 hours)**. It is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world and features 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles along with thousands of personal artifacts, photos, and documents. The museum has information from the early days of flight to space exploration and the war on terrorism. There also is an extensive museum store.
- ⊗ **6) National Aviation Hall of Fame** - connected to the NMUSAF.
- ⊗ **7) Hawthorn Hill** - the Oakwood mansion home of Orville Wright for 35 years (tours by reservation only).
- ⊗ **8) Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum** - a resplendent landscape which is the final resting place of Dayton's most distinguished residents including the Wright family and Paul Laurence Dunbar and mother.
- 9) Wright "B" Flyer** - a flyable look-alike of the first mass-produced airplane.
- 10) Wright State University** - named after the Wright brothers and home to the world's largest Wright brothers' manuscript collection:
- 11) Historic WACO Field and Airplane Museum** - a working airfield reminiscent of the grass airfields of the 1930s and 1940s with exhibits related to the WACO Aircraft Company of Troy, Ohio.
- and **5 more Aviation Sites** 23 to 62 miles outside Dayton plus **1 Training Center**.
- ⊗ **Carillon Historical Park**, which is a 65 acre open-air history museum with more than **35 buildings /structures** relating to America's development over the past two centuries celebrating area history and how Dayton made contributions that changed the world through its heritage of creativity and inventions (**allow minimum 2 hours**). **Ask for the 82nd FGA negotiated admission price of \$8.00/person for everyone**. View all other areas except **Buildings 3, 14, 18, 31 and 41 to be toured on the 82nd FGA Thursday bus tour**. **★NOTE★** Stay over on Sunday 9/15 to attend the Dayton Concours d'Elegance - an annual, invitational event bringing 200 of the finest historical cars and motorcycles, from early 1900 to classics '50s and '60s, displayed inside the Park grounds!!
- ⊗ **America's Packard Museum**, housed in a 1917 Packard dealership building, displays over 50 restored Packard automobiles dating 1903-58 and Packard marine and aircraft engines.
- ⊗ **The Dayton Art Institute** is housed in a 1930 Italian Renaissance building with African, American, Ancient, Asian, European, Native American, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian and glass art galleries.
- ⊗ **Dayton International Peace Museum** is the only brick and mortar peace museum in the USA. The Dayton Peace Agreement was reached on 11/21/95 and signed at Wright- Patterson AFB by Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia ending the war in Bosnia. The museum has exhibits which feature themes of nonviolent conflict resolution, social justice issues, and improving relations and tolerance among diverse populations.

⊗ = sites already included during THE 82ndFGA bus tours

⊗ = sites within 5 mile radius of Crowne Plaza Dayton

# 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Association Reunion, September 11-15, 2019 Dayton, OH

## REGISTRATION FORM

Host Hotel: **Crowne Plaza Dayton**, 33 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Dayton, OH 45402. **Special Group Rate** \$129.00 (single or double). For **reservations** call 937-229-9835 or 800-689-5586. **Deadline for discounted rate** – August 19, 2019. For **complimentary airport shuttle reservation**, call 937-224-0800. Hotel reservation includes complimentary breakfasts, valet parking, shuttle service within 5 miles, internet and room refrigerator. There is also a rooftop lounge and restaurant.

**See schedule for full agenda and details – List names below as you want them on your name tag**

First and last name of primary member \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) names \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Staying at Crowne Plaza Y/ N \_\_\_\_\_ Need Wheelchair Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Date & Time	\$ per Person	#People	Total \$
Carillon Park Bus & Appetizers	Thurs, Sept 12	\$30.00	_____	_____
USAF Museum & Wright Bros Field Tour 82 <sup>nd</sup> FGA Commemorative Service _____ Bus & Box Lunch _____ Reception & Silent Auction	Fri, Sept 13	\$30.00  \$18.00	_____  _____	_____  _____
Reception & Banquet	Sat, Sept 14	\$39.00	_____	_____
Registration Fee	Adult Couple Under 18, Free	\$45 \$75 no charge	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ no charge
			<b>Total Enclosed</b>	_____

**Friday Museum Box Lunch - Sandwich Choice & Number of Each:**

Ham# \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey# \_\_\_\_\_ Tuna# \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Banquet Entree - Choice & Number of Each:**

Grilled Salmon# \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken# \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Lasagna# \_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Keep a copy** of this form for your records
2. **Make check payable to 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA Reunion**
3. **Send Payment with Form by August 12, 2019** to Joan Pinson Goodman, 6114 Henderson Dr, LaMesa, CA 91942

Address questions to **Joan** by phone or text (619-997-7977) or [jpgoodman66@me.com](mailto:jpgoodman66@me.com)

**82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION**

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Here's Your Newsletter

NUMBER 26 MARCH 1993

## *We'll Endeavor Forever*

*Dear Daddy,*

*On October 1st, 1992, meeting in St. Louis,  
Oh, what that weekend meant to us . . .*

*At the Days Inn, we slept in, with room  
service and juice, coffee as good as wine, spiced tea  
and buttered toast, what little did we know,  
soon to learn the real meaning of a swine toast . . .*

*On that beautiful afternoon at the Gateway to  
St. Louis, now aboard the Tom Sawyer,  
we are now ready to race, the Becky Thatcher  
was beginning to pace, but first, at fourteen  
hundred, exactly on the hour, we looked above  
us, to see among us, four eagles in formation,  
wing to wing, so close together, what a beautiful  
sight, then appeared Spike . . . right next to him  
was Grover, the number one pilot from all over . . .  
and then there was Craig, the Brit guy, who then  
flew by, and directing from the ground was O'B Junior  
to be found . . . and the pilot from Desert Storm,  
who kept perfect form and last, but not least,  
was the pilot from the east, Ramps.*

*Chills rolled up and down my spine, tears rolled  
down my cheeks, which was fine, what a patriot line . . .  
which I get from that ole father of mine . . .*

*It was a coincidence, fifty years ago today,  
on that October 2nd, the Queen Mary was threatened,  
She was on her way, the Curacao zigged, instead  
of zagged - oh what they had, it was so sad -  
three hundred thirty-eight lost their lives that day . . .*

*As the weekend unraveled, we were continuously  
dazzled, mingling with the 82nd fighter group . . .*

*With Joan and George, we did gorge, with Norma  
and Dave, how they did save, and don't forget Big Dave,  
the treasured moments on camera, and there was  
Colonel Miller, what a thriller, surrounded by P-38's,  
how I wanted the dates . . . with O'B Senior I wanted  
to dance, instead, I danced with the dead -  
he wore a tuxedo, thank God he had no libido . . .  
he wore a top hat and he only sat, with a beer,  
and I tried to whisper in his ear, I don't want to  
dance with you! With a sweaty palm, I thought  
about dancing with Tom.*

*I now must end, it's a battle, I guess  
I'll continue after Seattle. Thanks  
Dad, for being a Veteran, and with us  
a sharin', a great weekend and all  
that you did spend . . . thanks for the  
memories, we'll endeavor, forever.*

*Love,*

*Nanette*

## Memories

Newsletters like the one on the left are part of our rich history. We have copies of all newsletters and are adding them to our website. Check it out.

The poem was written by Nanette Medley to her dad, Olen, after a reunion. Many, maybe most of us, can only be jealous of the time she describes.

This was a time of very large reunions well-attended by active military. Even the 95th's mascot, Mr Bones, traveled to the reunion. Members danced the night away.

Nanette and Nancy Medley are two of maybe the longest, reunion-attending second generation members. Treat yourself this reunion and pick their brains about what it was like not all that long ago.

## Our New Website

Check us out at [www.82ndFighterGroup.org](http://www.82ndFighterGroup.org)

You will see updates, current and past newsletters, past photos of original WWII members, reunions, videos and feature stories.

This is a chronical of the history of our Association. We are on our 99th issue of the newsletter. We have copies of all past issues and are adding them slowly to our website.

Browse them. It is quite moving to see our history and foundation.

## Our New Face Book Group

This is a secure, closed group. It is only available to confirmed group members. You may enjoy and comment on posts and see immediate updates and items of interest about the Association. To join, find the 82nd Fighter Group Association on Face Book or click on the FB icon on our website. You will only see the home page. Click the 'JOIN' button under the cover photo and follow the directions. Once you receive an acceptance notice, you will have access to the site.

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**Our Plaque in the Memorial Grove**



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