

# 82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



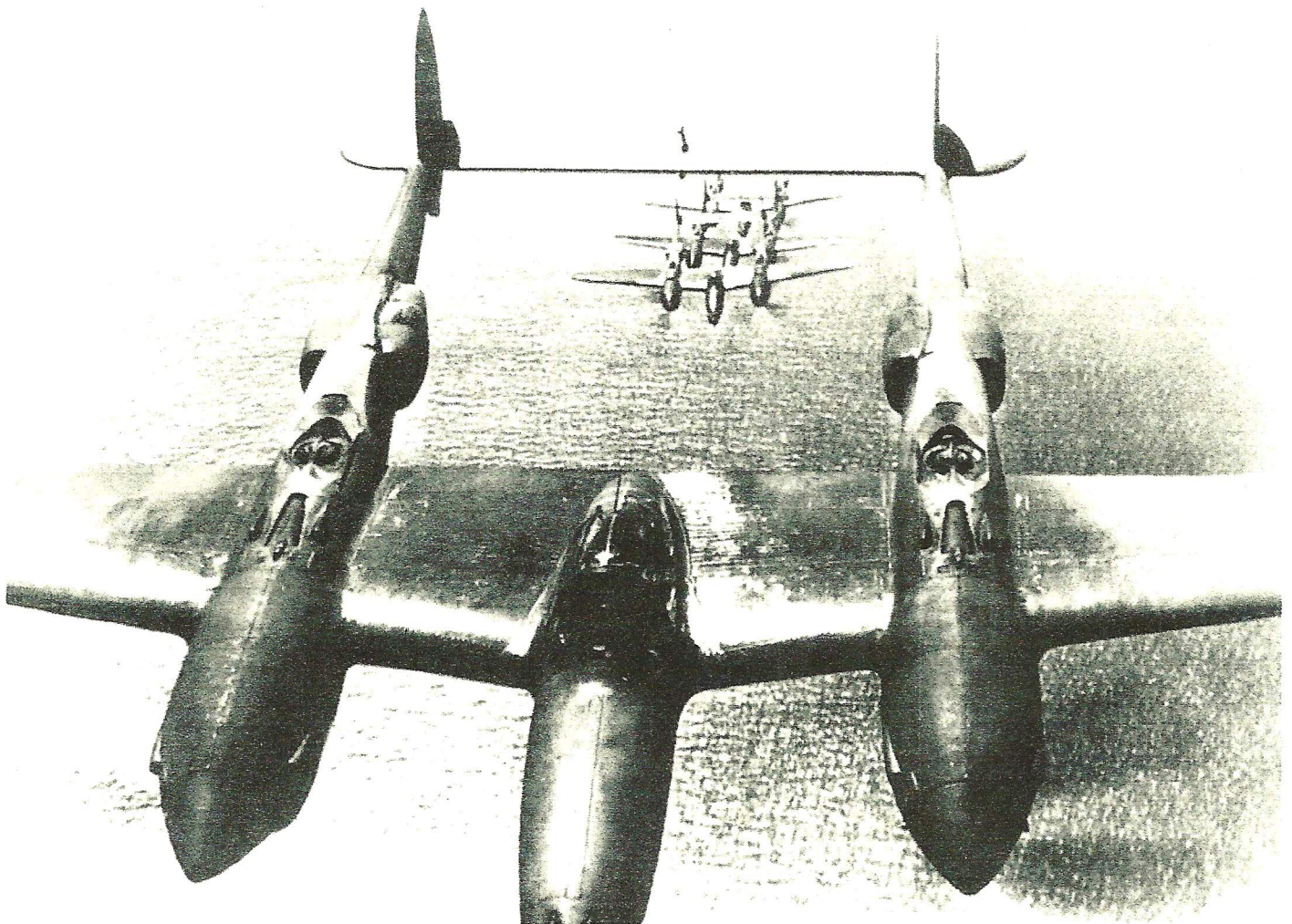
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## SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

Preview of Seattle Reunion, 5 -7 Sept. 2012  
82nd Fighter Group Memorial  
New 82nd Fighter Association Website

82nd FG President, Leo Fisher  
and First Lady, Edie





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## The President's Page

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I'm Leo Fisher (Leo the Lion) but I don't roar like the MGM lion. I just *purr*. I wish to thank all who voted me in as President (not of the United States – although my mother probably wished that), but of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Association.

Edie is my wife; now "1<sup>st</sup> Lady". Edie has an uncommon sense of common sense so I know she will be helpful to me.

I will work hard to fulfill my duties to keep the 82<sup>nd</sup> up to the aspirations and goals we have inaugurated and upheld since its conception. As stated in article 2 of our by-laws, the objective has been to bring the membership together to form bonds of and to continue its organization in perpetuity (that means forever) or until dissolved by a majority vote of the membership. Recently, article 2 -d has stated that in case the Association is dissolved the unencumbered assets of the Association shall be donated to the support and maintenance of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group Association's memorial selected by vote of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group WWII members.

Regarding the Memorial Fund, I have contacted Edwards Air Force Base in California. At first I was told to contact Frederick A. Johnson, the curator of the museum there. Secondly, I talked to Dr. Stephanie M. Smith who informed me that George Welsh was now the director of the museum. Mr. Welsh informed me no one was allowed to build a memorial on base. However, he said they were planning to build a memorial building outside Edwards along California Highway 58 in a couple of years, and they would be glad to have our memorial there at that time. CA Highway 58 is the main corridor connecting to 1-15 leading to Las Vegas which is heavily traveled.

I also contacted Jane Leach, the Memorial Park manager at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio. She told me they would be glad to have us there as we already had a plaque there from our reunion in 1988. I am inclined to be in favor of Edwards as that is where the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group originated and it will take a couple of years to raise the money. Please make an effort to donate to the memorial.

Leo Fisher  
President 82<sup>nd</sup> FGA  
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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Details from the October 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting:

1) **BY-LAW CHANGES** (bold print) were approved by unanimous vote:

Article 1-c: **Any unauthorized use of the name of The Association or sale of products sold under the name of The Association is strictly prohibited.**

Article 2-d: It is the intent of The Association to continue its organization in perpetuity, or until dissolved by a majority vote of the membership. At such time as The Association is dissolved, the unencumbered assets of The Association shall be **donated to the support and maintenance of the Association's memorial selected by vote of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group WWII members.**

2) **MEMORIAL REPORT**: Discussion was held on the location of the memorial. Leo Fisher explained the importance of the Edwards AFB site to the original 82<sup>nd</sup> members as well as the increased accessibility of the new museum. Olen Medley conveyed a proposal by Will Hattendorf (95<sup>th</sup> FS) to also consider the National WWII Museum in New Orleans as a possible site. The attendees at the annual meeting supported these two possibilities, passed a by-law to focus Association funds on the memorial and put the decision of the siting into the hands of its WWII members.

3) **REUNIONS**: Plans for 2012 in Seattle are well underway - September 5-9<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, with excursions, a harbor cruise, Boeing tour and more being arranged by hosts Lois and Mel Roalsvig. New Orleans was selected for 2013 with the National WWII Museum as the main focus. The Medley's will host Tulsa in 2014.

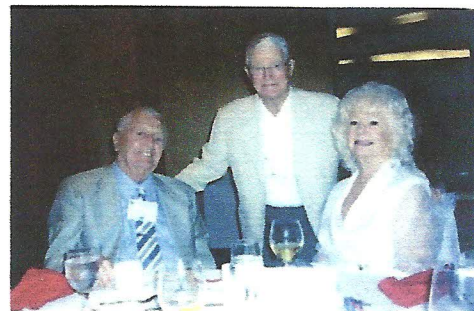
4) **DONATIONS**: Thanks for reunion donations to: Kathy Rockey whose raffled 14 carat gold airplane necklace added \$291 to the Memorial Fund; Mary and Mark Buonaguidi, Palm Springs Reunion tote bags; Dennis and Carol Phillips and Judy and John Parliman, 2010 reunion DVDs.

5) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: The nominating committee's slate of officers was unanimously approved with President: Leo Fisher, Vice President: Lute Thompson, Treasurer: John Parliman and Secretary: Judy Parliman elected to 2-year terms.

*Judy Parliman*



Lois and Mel Roalsvig



Frank Hurlbut Hank Phillips Connie Hurlbut

# Treasurer's Report

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

|  |              |                    |
|--|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance (all accounts):</b> |              | \$ 9,772.38        |
| <b>Receipts:</b>                         |              |                    |
| <b>Donations</b>                         | Internet     | \$ 110.00          |
|  | Regular      | 640.00             |
|  | Memorial     | 1,200.00           |
|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 1,950.00</b> |
| <b>Dues</b>                              | Associate    | \$ 30.00           |
|  | Honorary     | 90.00              |
|  | Family       | 1,195.00           |
|  | Sustaining   | 1,045.00           |
|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 2,360.00</b> |
| <b>Reunion Profit 2010</b>               |              | 224.81             |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                    |              | <b>\$ 4,534.81</b> |
| <b>Payments:</b>                         |              |                    |
| <b>Internet</b>                          |              | \$ 1,200.00        |
| <b>Supplies</b>                          |              | 369.84             |
| <b>Postage</b>                           |              | 128.15             |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                        |              | 4,020.09           |
| <b>Legal</b>                             |              | 200.00             |
| <b>Bank Charges</b>                      |              | 243.00             |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                    |              | <b>\$ 6,161.08</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance (all accounts):</b>    |              | <b>\$ 8,146.11</b> |

The box to the left contains the financial statement presented at the annual meeting in Palm Springs.

The Account balances as of 10/31/11 are:

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Operating</b> | \$ 4,317.59 |
| <b>Reunion</b>   | \$ 2,949.81 |
| <b>Memorial</b>  | \$ 1,824.00 |

**Total (All Accounts)** \$ 9,091.40

Though our funds are limited, the Association is financially healthy.

There are two components to our finances. First, our revenues come primarily from dues and donations.

**The dues year starts March 1.** Please check the dues code in either the upper right corner of your mailing label or the subject line of your email. 'C' indicates current and 'D' indicates due in each case followed by the amount paid or owed (\$20 or \$15). If you owe, please consider sending a double payment to cover you through the current year as well as next.

We are a tax-exempt organization. Donations are tax deductible. We acknowledge donations in writing for your tax records.

In addition to the roster, we are also starting to offer other Association products such as the San Antonio Reunion DVD, note cards, baseball caps, tote bags and a belt buckle all of which you will see further in this issue. This is in time for the holiday season. We hope you will consider them as gifts for your loved ones. The prices are reasonable, the profit margins are modest and it helps support your Association.

The second component is cost containment. We were able to cut printing costs by 40% for the last newsletter and 50% for the last reunion reminder postcard. In addition we are actively using email rather than conventional mail for new member correspondence. This will save nearly \$2000 in expenses a year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Update on the Memorial Committee and Fund Raising

The memorial construction effort has been on the back burner due to reunion activity. Not to say that we have been idle. A committee has been formed with Leo Fisher as Chair and staffed by Richard Ostronik, Joel Gray, grandson of Monty Powers, Todd Stoutenborough, son of Don, and John Parliman. Leo originally proposed Edwards AFB and met with the museum curator there this summer. At the annual meeting, Olen Medley conveyed Will Hattendorf's proposal to also consider the National WWII Museum in New Orleans as a possible site. The attendees at the annual meeting supported these two possibilities and passed a by-law to focus Association funds on the memorial and put the decision of the siting in the hands of its WWII members.

Both Joel and Todd recently suggested the committee develop a request for proposal to identify the key requirements for the memorial before going any further. Joel is contacting Leo to begin this discussion.

Meanwhile, we need to raise working capital for the project. As mentioned in the Secretary's report, Kathy Rockey donated a gold P-38 necklace to the banquet raffle which yielded \$291 to the Memorial Fund. Proceeds from the sale of The 82<sup>nd</sup> Shoppe items will also go toward the Memorial. In addition, these items will be given as tokens of appreciation for different donation levels as outlined below. If you donate and refuse the token, you will be increasing the value of your donation to the memorial project. As the project progresses, we will have products with the memorial design to add as well.

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| For donations of | \$25.....Tote                  |
|                  | \$50.....Note Cards plus Tote  |
|                  | \$75.....Cap plus Note Cards   |
|                  | \$100.....DVD plus Cap         |
|                  | \$200.....Belt Buckle plus Cap |
|                  | \$500.....All of the above     |

A form is included in the newsletter to use as a memorial donation record for you or for acquaintances who may wish to contribute to this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary or the Treasurer at [admin@82ndFighterGroup.org](mailto:admin@82ndFighterGroup.org).

So we are sitting on the runway and one prop is just starting to turn over. We have a long way to go on an exciting mission.



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### NEWSLETTER

H.P. 'Hank' Phillips

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Donation Acknowledgement

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The 82nd Fighter Group Association Memorial Fund is dedicated to the creation of a permanent memorial to the original World War II members of the 82nd Fighter Group who trained at Muroc Dry Lake Airfield, CA and deployed from there to England in the fall of 1942.

The 82nd Fighter Group Association is a 501(c)(19) organization and, as such, your donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is tax deductible. **Please make checks payable to the 82nd FGA Memorial Fund.**

On behalf of the WWII members of this much decorated Air Force unit and their families, please accept our appreciation for your donation.

Sincerely,

John Netzer Parliman 95F  
Treasurer

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