



5th Air Force

# SATAN'S ANGELS

Newsletter

## The 22nd 475th Fighter Group Reunion with the P38 National Association Grand Reunion

—Palm Springs, CA

From May 24-28, 2000, the Twenty-second 475th Fighter Group Reunion was held in conjunction with the "P38 National Association Grand Reunion 2000". This event included all P38 Squadrons and Groups from WWII. Our P38 excelled in high altitude, low altitude, and long range operations, and in action as a Fighter, Dive Bomber, Strafer, and Photo Recon (These people called it an F5). This is the only aircraft that fought in every theater of operation during WWII.

The 1000 plus attendees registering for the reunion thus represented individuals who had seen action in the Aleutians, Burma, China, North Africa, England and Europe, New Guinea, the Solomons, the Philippines, Japan—you name it—they were there.

To many of the 475th, this was a family affair. **Alice Babel** brought her son-in-law (or was it vice-versa); **Ralph Gutierrez** with his two sons; **Warren Lewis** and **Edith Bergen** with Warren's



*The Wyndham Hotel – Palm Springs, CA*

daughter Linda and her husband; **Cal and Eva Wire** with their daughter Judy and husband, plus granddaughter and grandson; **Barb and Dale Thisted** and their daughters Sarah and Dana with their husbands Tom and Ira; **Hap and Martie Smith** with Hap's brothers; **Mary Jane Vandergeest** and daughter Ann; **Ed and Hulda Stroko** with son Tom and daughter-in-law Peggy; **Carl Redding** brought his son, as he always does; **Bert and Bette Roberts** and their son; **Seymour Prell and Ruth Leader** brought Ruth's cousins Stan and Rose Curatolo—most the rest of us enjoyed the company of our wives—(should make points on that one).

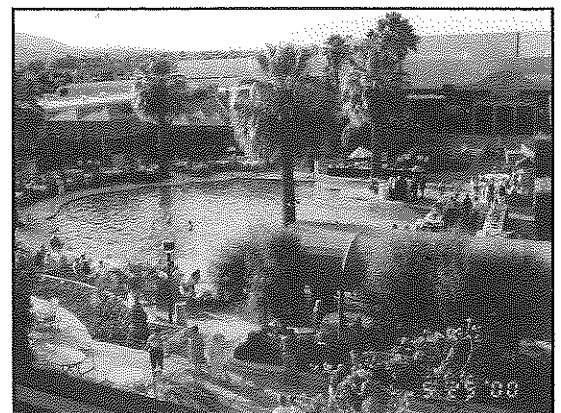
Headquarters for this all encompassing event was the spectacular Wyndham Hotel in sunny Palm Springs, California.

The 1000 plus attendees, milling around in the large cavernous lobby, caused heads to swivel in hopes

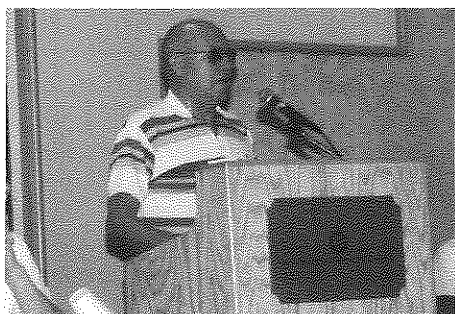
of finding a familiar face from previous years. Never saw so many old men in one place before in your life. It was fun.

This hotel and our accommodations there were superb to say the least, and a gorgeous outdoor swimming pool completes the picture.

Registration was scheduled for Wednesday the 24th and Thursday



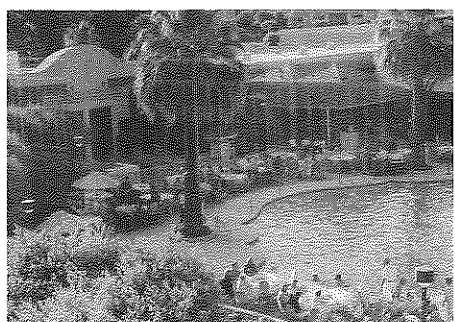
*Wyndham poolside view*



*PJ Dahl on the history panel*



*The poolside BBQ*



*The poolside BBQ*



*Mostly 433rd with stranger Bo Reeves*



*Purdy, Lewis, Wire, Ehlinger*

the 25th. Activities started with the usual scheduled golf on the morning of the 24th (but don't think any of this gang has been physically capable in the last four or five reunions to play). Players who could, were to gather in the Wyndham lobby for a tournament at the Date Palm Country Club. Never did hear how the event turned out, or if anyone even played.

Outside temperatures were well over 100 degrees every day during the entire time. The activities were in air-conditioned facilities, we assumed—wrong again. However, everything on schedule for those days was well worth the effort to attend.

## History of this Newsletter

Take time to dwell on this—At this point, the following has occurred to the writer of this “reunion” newsletter, and this will apply to future “reunion” newsletter writers. Just in case someone along the line decides to change the format.

It must be taken into consideration that this newsletter is a brief historical story about the 475th FG. These newsletters mean different things to different folks.

To those who attended the reunion, the newsletter should bring back warm memories of good times with good friends.

To those who did not, or could not attend, it is a story that satisfies their curiosity of what happened during that particular 475th FG reunion; who all attended, pictures of familiar smiling faces (Pay attention “Red” Wilson ), and other pictures portraying various scheduled activities.

The reunion newsletter must

also advise in detail, the “how and whereabouts” of the next 475th FG reunion.

What prompted this newsletter writer to review these requirements, occurred when referencing past newsletters for information, reaching all the way back to the first newsletters published by **Pete Madison and Carroll “Andy” Anderson**. It was here that the writer realized that our 475th FG history after WWII was contained in this collection of past newsletters, and we must continue the same format. If you kept your past copies, and at any time reviewed them, you must agree that the 475th FG reunion newsletter is our continuing history and an essential part of each and all of us.

The above subject matter will come to a close, as our Perry “PJ” Dahl would do it—check 6.

## May 25th—History Panel

On the Thursday morning of May 25th, as the schedule pointed out, there was a History Panel of highly decorated P38 panelists reliving their stories of WWII. Our 475th **Perry Dahl** (PJ to those who can't spell Perry), was one of the dignitaries providing his usual humorous and enlightening spiel.

It is noted here, that it is a trick to keep the newsletter primarily about the 475th. The scheduled activity of the P38 National Association Grand Reunion (P38NAGR) controlled the entire reunion. The large number of attendees, and their various squadrons and groups, made it difficult to retain the closeness we had at previous 475thFG reunions.

However, the panelist stories and the camaraderie among these speakers made a comical and

historical mixture of entertainment.

## Guided Tours

In the afternoon a guided bus tour of Coachella Valley in Palm Springs meandered through the foothills by the homes of the rich and the famous—Bob Hope, Debbie Reynolds, Liz Taylor, Dinah Shore, and others.

Another braver group boarded buses for tram ride up to Mt. Jacinto, possibly only to cool off. Our own 475th fighter ace, **Jack Purdy**, chickened out of this trip—too high.

## Poolside BBQ

That evening an elaborate theatrical production was at the poolside BBQ with the squadrons and groups intermingled at tables surrounding this gorgeous spot. Again the usual head swivelling, trying to find a face from the past. Most of the 475th members snuggled together taking pictures and gobbling up the delicious food. The services provided by the hotel were the best. A truly enjoyable affair was had by all. Considering the age of those involved, there were some still out there at 11:00 PM.

## May 26th— March Field Museum

Friday the 26th, and the registering continued. Still looking for those faces. Today, the buses were headed for March Field. This aging mob swarmed over the 475th Historical Museum, the P38 National Association Tony Levier Museum and Hangar, where both a P38 and P51 were on display, and the March Field Museum. A huge outdoor tent was set up fully equipped with tables and chairs for all to relax while nibbling on their box lunches.

Standing or walking around outside in the desert temperatures made strolling through the air-conditioned museums an additional delight. Of course, the first delights are the pictures and artifacts so perfectly displayed in our 475th Museum, and one marvels at the unbelievable number of hours of work and love that pampers our history of WWII. In the midst of it all this history, we were honored to be saluted by a **military fly-by**. Talk about organization—this reunion had it all.

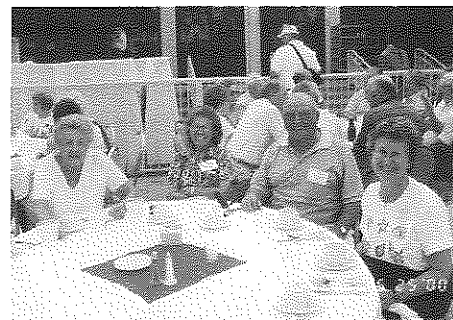
It must be recognized here that the Host and Hostess for this unique “Reunion of Reunions”, the Twenty- Second 475th Reunion, were **Pete and Anne Madison** who unfortunately could not attend. We shall dwell on this later.

## Group Banquets

The last bus brought the die-hards back to Palm Springs to prepare for the evening’s individual Group and Squadron banquets. The 475th had reserved an area with tables so we could all be together, and others clustered in their respective organizations. This was an evening of talking and eating. No bands, no speeches; the herb roasted chicken was delicious, and of course, the cash bar was overflowing.

This was an expansive dining room, and right next door, was once again, another expansive hospitality room. This room was arranged to accommodate “all of the attendees”

Everything about this reunion can only be described with words like “LARGE”, “GLORIOUS”, “SPECTACULAR”, “SUPERB”, “UNBELIEVABLE”, “OVERWHELMING”, and just plain “GREAT”, and our hotel rooms



*Smiling Faces*



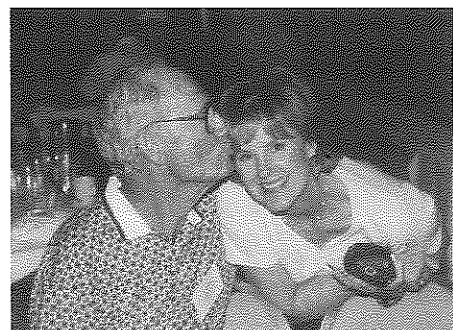
*Our gorgeous ladies*



*John & Rae Loisel & Johnny Ehlinger*

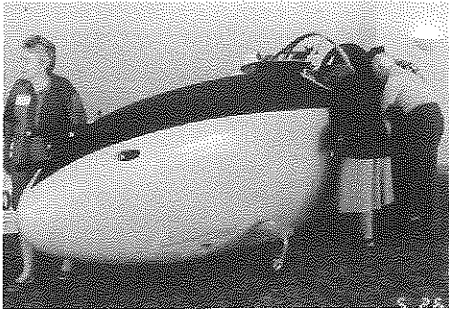


*More 433rd with throwback Bo Reeves*

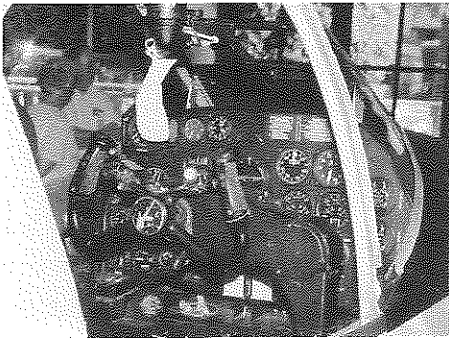


*Warren Lewis smooching daughter Linda*





*P38 cockpit*



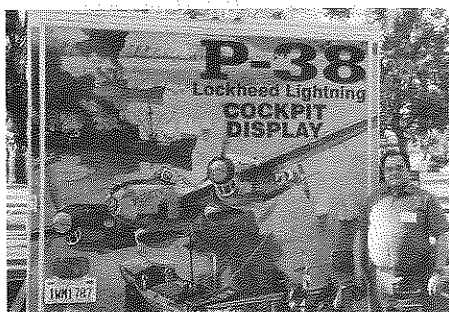
*In the cockpit*



*Rear view of P38 cockpit trailer*



*Side view of trailer—super artwork*



*The trailer with Carlo*

were within an arms length of it all.

## **P38 Cockpit Replica**

Right outside of the hospitality room, set up in the hallway for all to see and admire, was a fiberglass full-size replica of a P38 cockpit—instruments and all.

And outside in the parking lot was it's enclosed trailer with all four sides displayed in spectacularly realistic colored paintings of our P38. In the words of Lee Northrop—**Pete Madison and Stan Jones**, our Group Chaplain and Aviation Artist, brainstormed the graphics on the trailer. The artwork was from a painting Stan did of a McGuire mission. The same mission in which Pete flew through the rigging of the Japanese ship. This is also reflected in the painting. Pete and Anne own the original painting. The graphics on the trailer are called vinyl graphics, basically one very large decal wrapped around the trailer. A company called Downey Decal did the work.

This masterpiece replica P38 cockpit, was built for the 475th FG by our Museum Director, Lee Northrop. None of us knew until now, that he was a master at fiberglass productions. The cameras of hundreds of the attendees were constantly clicking and flashing at this outstanding surprise to all. Well done, Lee! We are all proud of you, and what more can we say.

## **May 27th— Palm Springs Air Museum**

Saturday morning the 27th of May had squadron and group business meetings from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. The 475th had a meeting to temporarily reorganize

the Board of Directors and other items in the absence of Pete Madison. Our Museum Director **Lee Northrop** must again be recognized for his continuing service during this period.

After these meetings we set off on our tour of the Palm Springs Air Museum. Again, the bus ride was an ideal excuse for talking and getting to know each other better. The passengers remarked that they hadn't seen **Liz Purdy** asleep on any of these bus tours this year.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by this enormous building. This Palm Springs Air Museum is a monstrous 50,000 square foot open area displaying over twenty WWII Aircraft in flyable and mint condition, plus shining antique cars parked here and there for all the world to enjoy. So much to see that it was overwhelming. To think that one man, Bob Pond, built and owns this entire operation is unbelievable. What a marvelous tribute to aviation! This man was one of the speakers at the Grand Banquet to come.

Huge murals on the walls honoring famous people as well as aircraft—one was so large that it shows a naval aircraft carrier at sea with a plane approaching it's flight deck—beautifully done! People were milling around, and taking zillions of pictures, thoroughly enjoying every minute of this outstanding museum.

Amongst the goings-on, there was a set-up for an impromptu P38 pilot symposium in another elegant hangar. Our Jack Purdy was part time MC for this interesting affair. There must have been four to five hundred chairs set up to face the speakers. **Jack Purdy** trapped yours truly into telling his

impromptu story of a ten-day trek through the jungles of New Britain many years ago.

While at this magnificent museum, Steve Hinton from the Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino, California, gave us a surprise by taking off in a P38 right under our noses, and putting on an airshow flying the P38 "Jolting Josie". Once again cold chills ran up and down your back to the sweet sound of the twin Allison engines as he kept making low passes over the crowd who were madly taking pictures. After landing, he taxied again right up under our noses to park. It was great!

Buses returned us to the hotel and we prepared for the cocktail hour (social hour to some) and then the Grand Banquet.

## Grand Banquet

When we originally registered into the hotel, we were permitted to reserve seating assignments with tablemates of our own squadron, and again the 475th snuggled together surrounded by the mass of people from the other groups. In the midst of the banquet a successful raffle was taking place for the benefit of the P38 National Association. Our own **Eva Wire** had donated an exquisite Kachina doll that she had made as one of the prizes. Eva has many artful hobbies.

During this auction activity we had salesladies dashing, wandering, crouching and climbing among the crowded tables. Conducting the auction was our 475th **Seymour Prell** and his sidekick **Ruth Leader**, along with our gals **Colleen Palmer** and **Earlene Jeakle**—more Gals from the other outfits were at it too. And once

again, our Museum Director, **Lee Northrop**, had to get into the act by holding up the raffled items for all to see.

## Scheduled Speakers

After the banquet trappings were cleared away, the President of the P38 National Association, **Jack Purdy** our 475th member, gave his friendly and comical welcoming speech. Then acting as Master of Ceremonies introduced the following evening's distinguished scheduled speakers.

**Bob Pond**, the man who established the wonderful Palm Springs Air Museum.

**Franklin Gile**, Co-chairman of the March ARB Honorary Commanders Program.

**David Price**, a man of innumerable achievements, presented a thrilling video of his P51 Racing Exploits.

**Ed Maloney**, Founder and Director of the "Planes of Fame" Air Museum at Chino, California. The first Aviation Museum on the west Coast.

These speakers had mind-boggling credentials in the establishment of aviation history and were the highlight of the banquet festivities.

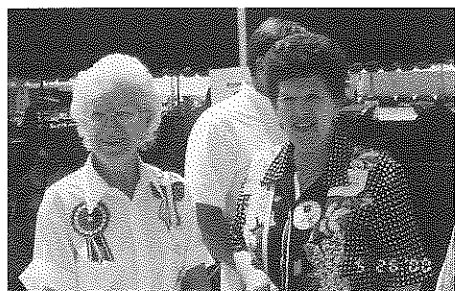
We then concluded the evening by dancing to the 1940s music of the orchestra til the wee hours of, say 10:30 or 11:00 PM.

## Farewell Breakfast & Next Reunion Info

At our farewell breakfast on Sunday morning May 28, we spoke about our next reunion at Gulf Shores, Alabama, April 25 through the 29. **Archie and Juliene Weidner** are hosts for this affair, and the following year 2002, **Marvin and Pat Rose** are hosts for the reunion in Nashville, Tennessee.



*Our WASP Iris Critchell, husband Howard & Dale Thisted*



*Johnnie & Edith*



*Watching the Fly-By*



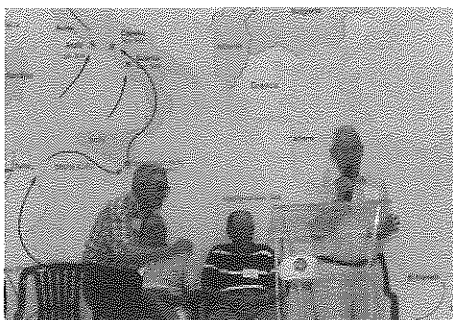
*One of those faces—Orv Erdman, wife Skip and Earlene —42 H classmate*



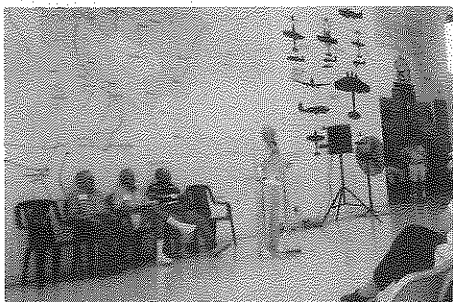
*Under that massive tent*



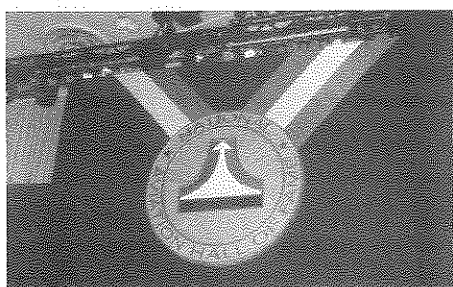
*Carlo & Jane Marlow*



*Impromptu Lecture  
Purdy, Jeakle*



*Impromptu Lecture Hangar  
Lost in New Britain*



*The Medal*



*The table arrangement*

Now come some things intermingled in this newsletter that one truly wished had not come to pass—but all of us have hung around long enough to know these things are bound to happen.

Archie had all things arranged for this next reunion and **Perry and Bobbie Dahl** made a trip over to Gulf Shores to see if they could help. How many past reunions have they done this same thing for us before.

About three weeks ago Juliene informed us that Archie became very ill and could not finish the reunion task.—Do not fear. We have 122 reservations and **PJ and Bobbie** will take over and see that all goes well. PJ requests that those who received Archie's questionnaire and have not sent it in, please do so at once.

Any questions you have contact PJ by phone (813) 265-1133. His home address 4232 Brentwood Park Circle, Tampa, FL 33624—email [pjtallyho@aol.com](mailto:pjtallyho@aol.com)—Fax (813) 961-6813.

Julie has sent PJ all of the paperwork, etc. that Archie had, and PJ is in contact with the hotel. Some of the above info went over the 475th Web Eplusservices computer network, but to those who have no computer contact this may be your first news about Archie.

**Marvin and Pat Rose** are working on the Nashville reunion and it will be a dandy.

Continuing about our farewell breakfast, the usual hugs and kisses prevailed and words of our next in Alabama were on everyone's lips. A great reunion had been had by all—just had to say it again!

## Tom McGuire Enshrinement

Another must for this newsletter—The Enshrinement of **Tom McGuire** into the **National Aviation Hall of Fame**. This was another impressive event on Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15, 2000. Every member of the 475th received an invitation.

The NAHF President's Dinner was Friday evening. They had the dinner tables setup under the wings of the aircraft in the United States Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio. Over 300 people attended this wonderful affair.

The next evening on Saturday the 15th, over 1000 people attended the Enshrinement Ceremonies at the Dayton Convention Center in Dayton, Ohio. A formal banquet event with the Ladies looking glamorous in their formal gowns and the men in their tuxedos looking like a massive penguin farm.

The inductees for the Year 2000 were **Buzz Aldrin**, astronaut—2nd man on the moon; **Gene Cernan**, astronaut—last man on the moon; **Laurence Cragie**, first American Military Jet Pilot; and the 475th FG's **Tom McGuire**, 2nd leading Fighter Ace of WWII.

The Master of Ceremonies was no-other than **Joe Foss**, Marine Ace of the Guadalcanal days, Medal of Honor recipient, 1984 NAHF enshrinee, and twice Governor of South Dakota.

Representing the 475th were **John Loisel**, **Jack Purdy**, **Joe Forster**, **Jack "Fox" Olson**, **Tom "Bud" Oxford**, **Roger Palmer**, **Dave Berby**, **Guy "Hap" Smith**, **Doug Thropp**, and yours truly



## Glen "Jake" Jeakle.

The overall grandeur of the ceremonies was totally impressive. Even Tom McGuire himself would be totally impressed.

At one point during the ceremonies, **Jack Purdy** speaking for the 475th called **Joe Price** to the podium to recall his story of **Colonel Mac** threatening his survival if anything were to happen to **Lindbergh** on a certain mission when Joe had been assigned as his wingman. Joe squirmed his way through to the delight of all.

Our 432nd and later Group Commander, **John Loisel** was the presenter of the Enshrinement Medal for Tom McGuire, and **Jack Purdy** was the recipient, who on the following week delivered it to the 475th Museum at March Field. No living relative of Tom could be found to accept the Enshrinement Medal, therefore the decision to award it to Jack in Tom's name.

Sitting with us at our dinner table was the current Vice Commander CO of McGuire Air Force Base, **Colonel Clarence D. Smith Jr.** Among the other many notables were **Ted Williams**, baseball great and Marine Fighter Pilot; **Joe Kittenger**, a past ANHF Enshrinee who parachuted from over 100,000 feet, 80,000 feet of it free fall, and an ex-squadron mate of "**Hap**" **Smith**; and also **Cliff Roberts**, movie idol (or at least my wife thought so), also a past President of the ANHF.

It is a shame that all the 475th members could not have attended this once-in-a-lifetime tribute for one of our Squadron CO's.

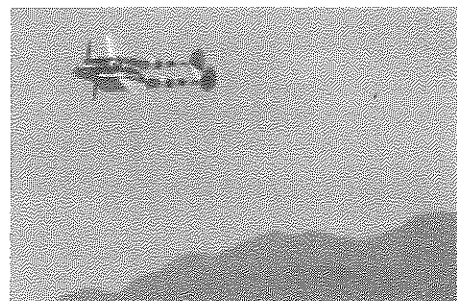
## In Memory

Sadly the next subject affects us all. Our **Pete Madison** had a stroke just prior to the Grand Reunion and thus his absence. A few short weeks later we lost our Pete.

*The following written by PJ Dahl must be included as part of our 475th history.*

To all personnel: Pete's memorial conducted on his 77th birthday, 30 Oct was a truly beautiful Tribute to him as his friends filled to overflowing the P38 hangar. The program orchestrated by his son Chris, with able assistance of Lee Northrop, included memories related to a series of speakers who covered various facets of Pete's life. At **Colonel MacDonald's** request I read a eulogy he had prepared, praising Pete's contributions to the 475th FG in war as in peace. No one can replace Pete in his quest to perpetuate the legacy of the 475th, but I ask your support as we transition to the post Pete era. We all owe it to him to carry on where he left off. To those of you who did not attend the memorial, Anne plans on attending the Alabama reunion so you may convey your best wishes to her then—check 6 pj.

PJ continues: as the strains of "Amazing Grace" and other Highland bagpipe music filled the air, it was evident that this memorial service was going to be one to remember. Hundreds of Pete Madison's friends sat amidst P38 memorabilia to pay tribute to this one of a kind man who did so much in peace as in war. Following a moving message by son Chris Madison, an unseen vocal group sang "By a New Guinea Waterfall" a song Pete used to sing



*"Jolting Josie"*



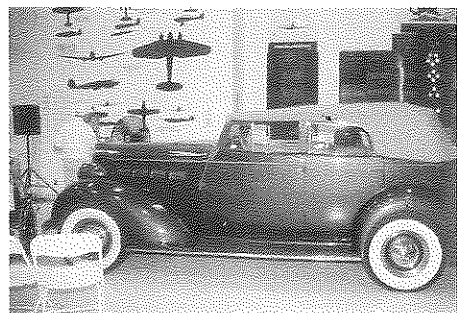
*"Jolting Josie" taxiing in*



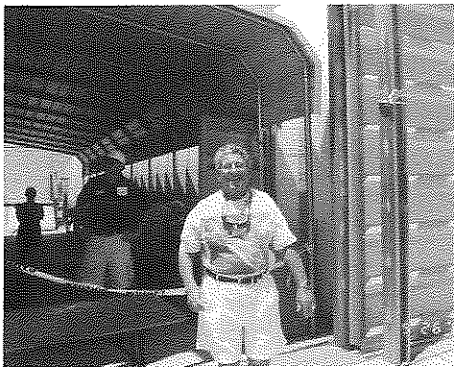
*Earlene & Liz—Ready to Party!*



*cockpit again*



*Packard—Remember When*



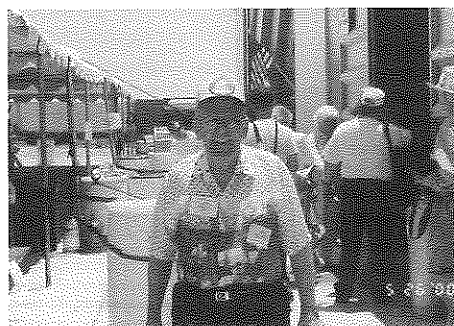
*Howard Max—just locked Ruthie in a closet*



*Inside our Museum*



*The Cal Wire family*



*Bert Roberts is back with us*



*Earlene & Cal*

to his young, growing son. Various friends spoke of remembrances, a tribute to how Pete touched so many.

Colonel MacDonald prepared this eulogy message and asked PJ Dahl to read it in his absence....

*For those of us who served in the 475th Ftr. Gp through the southwest Pacific Area, old mother nature is taking a much closer look at the clock ticking down. Nevertheless, when we lose someone like "Pete Madison" we are particularly distressed. For here was a friend, courageous in war, astute in the business world, and a great friend to his comrades. He did more than his share to make the world a better place. We are all diminished by his passing. Maybe best expressed by the words of the poet John Donne...."Send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee".*

PJ continues, all through the years, Pete never lost his love for the P38, the unit he served and especially for the people responsible for it's achievements. His zeal to ensure the preservation of the 475th Fighter Group legacy is well known to all of us. No member of the 475th was untouched by his determination.

How could any of us refuse his requests to assist in his quest; this quest to establish the 475th Fighter Group Historical Foundation, to ensure reunions, to build and operate our very own museum. It is indeed incumbent on each of us to do what we can to help fill the void created by Pete's departure. It is the least we can do to honor him and his efforts.

To add to our list of fallen warriors:

Ken Troxel

Andrew Tsinhnahjinnie

Cal Wire

Ronald J. Yamka

Cal's departure was since the Grand Reunion. He was my friend and also CO of the 433rd. It hurts.

A last minute note from PJ Dahl dated Jan. 30. **Bob Weary** passed away on Jan. 29, 2001. Bob, in addition to being a gallant warrior with the 475th Fighter Group, was a stalwart in perpetuating the legacy of the group. He has donated thousands of dollars directly in support of the 475th's various activities. He established the 475th FG Historical Foundation, Inc., and continued to insure that certain aspects of the group remained as a non-profit organization to preclude expensive tax implications.

The legal advice given, always pro bono, by his firm was and will continue to be an invaluable asset to our organization. His contributions as a cherished friend and fellow warrior will not be forgotten. Our prayers to out to Dale and the rest of his family and close associates.

When you learn of losing one of us, please notify Curt Tinker our Roster Keeper.

This has been a very lengthy reunion newsletter, but remember it is our 475th History.

## **433rd Squadron**

The following is for the benefit of the 433rd Squadron and has been copied from the December 2000 issue of Lightning Strikes.

**Perry J. Dahl, Colonel (retired)**

Born 18 February 1923, Colonel Dahl enlisted in the army infantry branch as an enlisted man in 1940. He applied for aviation

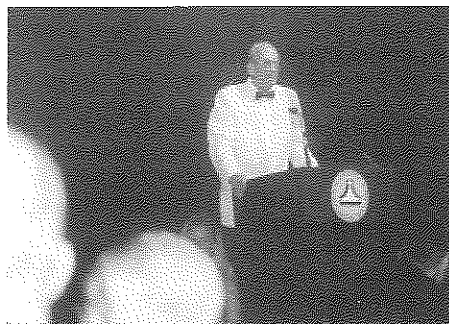


cadet training and graduated as a second lieutenant in June 1943. He served in the SW Pacific where as a P-38 pilot he downed nine enemy aircraft in air to air combat. His assignments include : Vice Commandant of Cadets, United States Air Force Academy; Air Staff, Headquarters Air Force; Deputy Chief of Staff North American Air Defense Command; and flew two tours in Vietnam as Commander of a Forward Air Control unit and as Wing Commander, 56th Special Operations Wing.

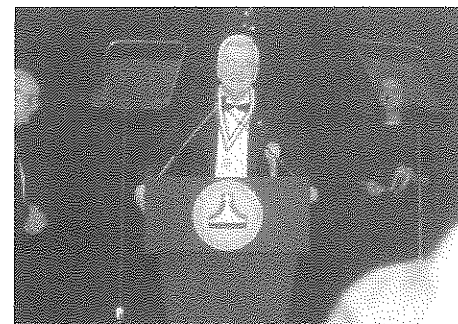
A Command Pilot, Colonel Dahl's decorations include: Silver Star, Legion of Merit Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and numerous service ribbons.

Colonel Dahl retired in 1978 with his wife the former Barbara Cox of Seattle, Washington. They currently reside in Florida.

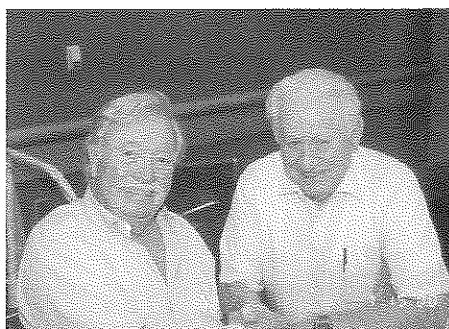
Reviewing the above, the 433rd members are still debating his merit as a replacement mascot for the wallaby they lost at Amberly Field, Ipswich, Australia, when the 475th was being formed.



*John Loisel-McGuire Enshrinement  
The presenter of the Medal*



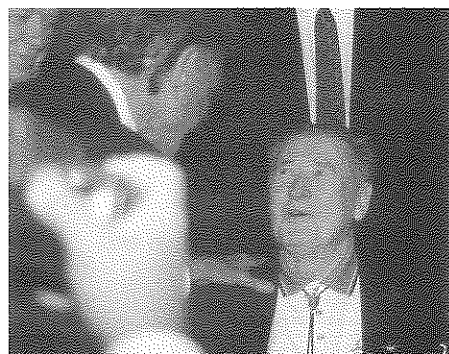
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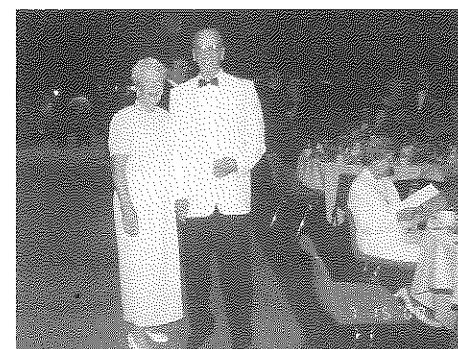
*Joe Kittenger &  
his pal "Hap" Smith*



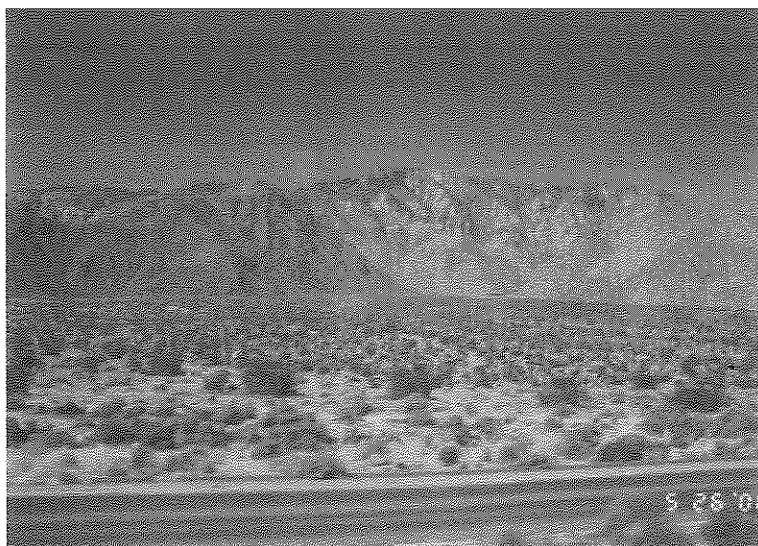
*The 475th ladies  
Earlene Jeakle, Dottie Price,  
Martie Smith, Liz Purdy*



*Ted Williams talking  
to Cliff Robertson*



*Rae & John Loisel-all dollied up*



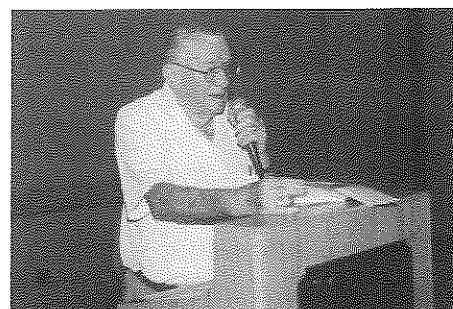
*Mountains in Palm Springs*

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Babel, Alice & son-in-law	433	Reeve, Bo/Yvonne	431
Blakley, Leo	432	Rieman, CJ/Joan	433
Burgess, Dale/Betty	432	Roberts, Bert/Bette & son	433
Childs, Carter/Patricia	guests	Rose, Marvin/Pat	431
Cochran, Herb/Estola Bergbower	433	Sarkesian, John/Iris	guests
Cohn, John	431	Seip, Ed	433
Dahl, Perry &/Bobbie	432	Senter, Charlie/Mardell	433
Eden, Ralph/Jean		Simms, Tom/Barb	432
Ehlinger, John/Mary Helen	433	Smith, Hap/Martie	
Forster, Joe/Janis	432	& Hap's brothers	433
Freeman, Walter/Helen	432	Smith, Tristan/Cecille	433
Gettler, Jerry/Eva Amundson	433	Stroko, Ed/Hulda	433
Giles, Ray/Carolyn	432	& son and wife	433
Gray, Carol	431	Tom and Peggy	
Gutierrez, Ralph & sons	432	Thisted, Dale/Barbara	432
Guttry, Jim/Dee	431	& daughters &	
Hardy, Lon/Eloise	432	with husbands	
Ince, Jim/Lois	432	Tom & Sarah O'Farrell	
Jeakle, Glen/Earlene	433	Ira & Dana Grossman	
Kobaly, Johnnie	432	Tomkins, Frank / Phyllis	
Lewis, Warren/Edith Bergen	433	Vandergeest, Mary Jane	431
& Warren's Daughter Linda		& daughter Ann	
& husband		Updegraff, Richard	432
Loisel, John/Rae	432	Weary, Bob / Dale	431
Marlow, Carlo/Jane	Hon	Weidner, Archie	432
Martin, Charles	432/1	Wilson, "Red" / Barbara	432
Meissler, Bob/Sylvia	433	Wire, Cal / Eva	433
Mullan, Jack/Beverly		With daughter Judy & husband	
Northrop, Lee/Bobbie	Hon	Plus granddaughter & grandson	
Olson, Jack "Fox"	431	Wong, Herbert & Erline	
Owen, Harold/Betty	432	Iris Critchell	Our WASP
Oxford, Bud/Pat	431	& husband Howard	
Palmer, Jim/Colleen	431		
Paplia, Tony/Winell	431	The listing above was taken from the P38	
Peregoy, Johnnie	432	Grand Reunion Roster of attendees. This	
Prell, Seymour /Ruth Leader	431	was the only list available to the 475th	
(Curatolo, Stan/Rose Ann		and therefore many family members	
—Ruth's Cousins)		who were present are unfortunately not	
		listed above.	

## IN MEMORY

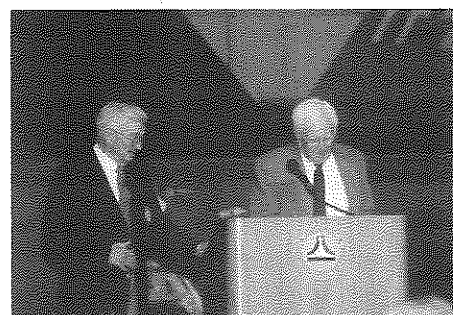
PETE MADISON  
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*Archie Weidner at our  
Sunday Breakfast*



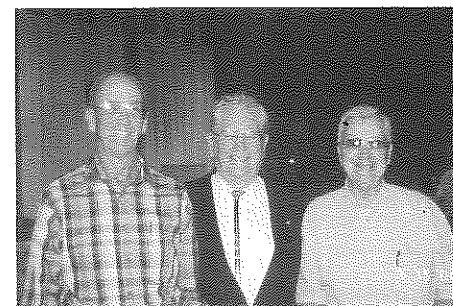
*Jack Purdy—President P38  
National Association*



*McGuire Enshrinement—Jack Purdy  
with Joe Price at his mercy.*



*Current CO of McGuire AFB with  
Earlene Jeakle & Joe Forster*



*John Loisel, Joe Foss, Jack Purdy*





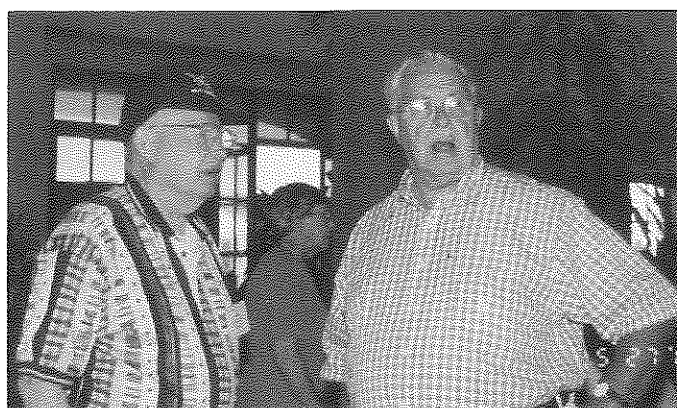
*Carter & Patricia Childs*



*Jack Purdy, Bud Oxford, Fox Olson*



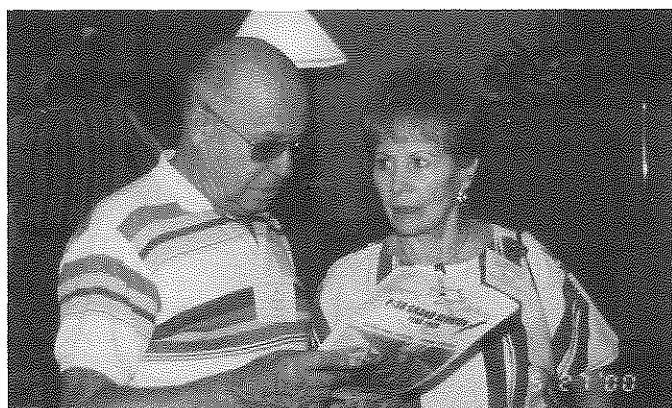
*Carol Gray with friends*



*Dick Updegraff telling Bob Weary off*



*Red "Smiley" Wilson & Barbara*



*Serious Business*



*Eva Wire with daughter & grand daughter*

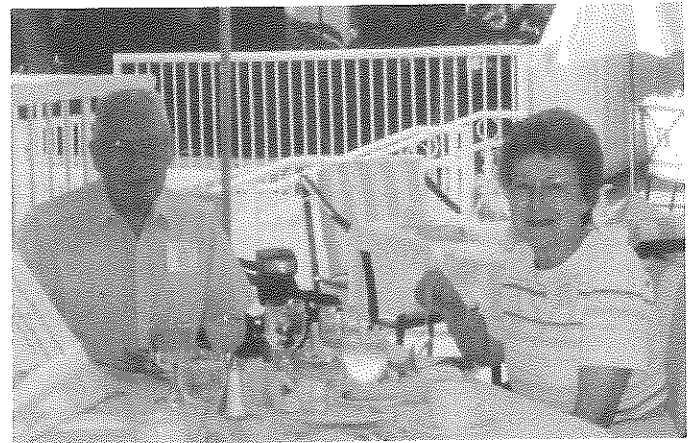


*Joe Forster, John Loisel, Glen Jeakle*





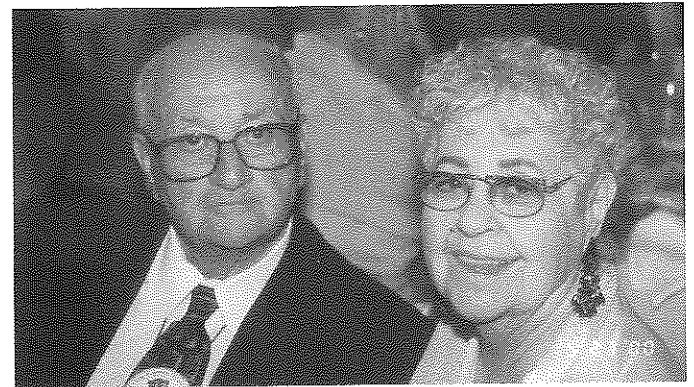
*Yvonne Reeves, Carol Gray, Earlene Jeakle, Liz Purdy*



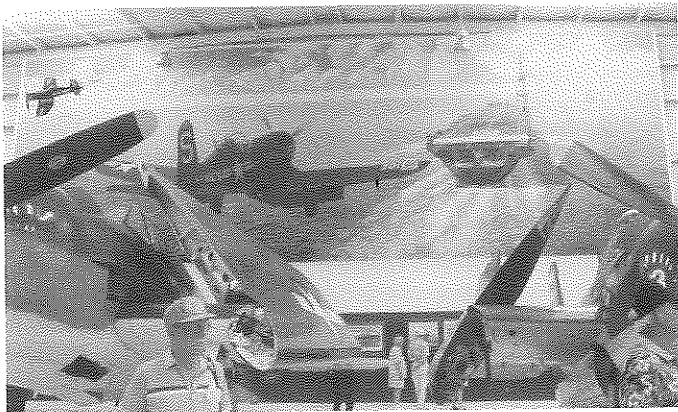
*Glen & Earlene Jeakle at breakfast*



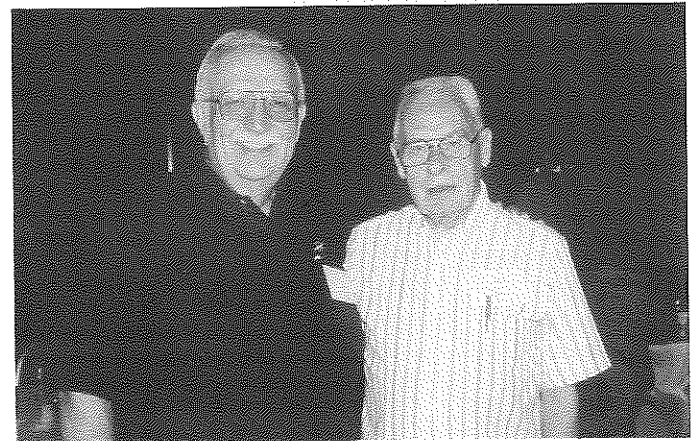
*A Bus!*



*Herbie Cochran & Estola Bergbower*



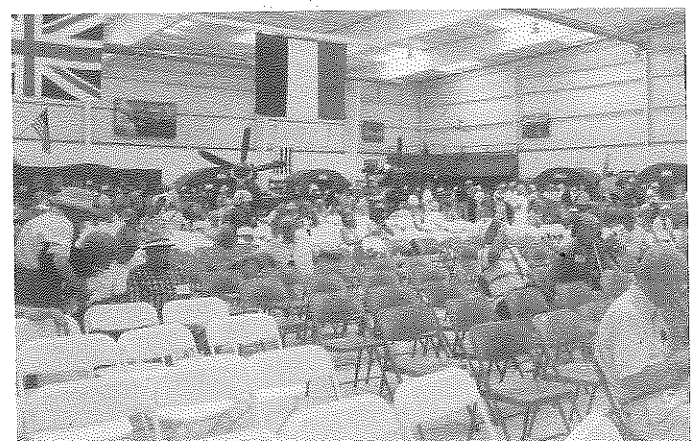
*That Gorgeous Mural*



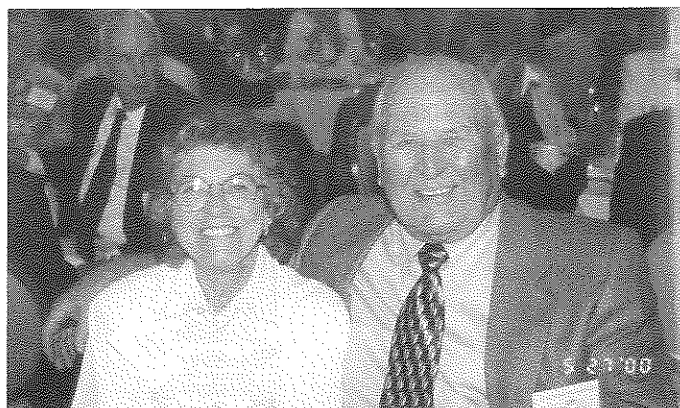
*John Sarkesian & Yours truly*



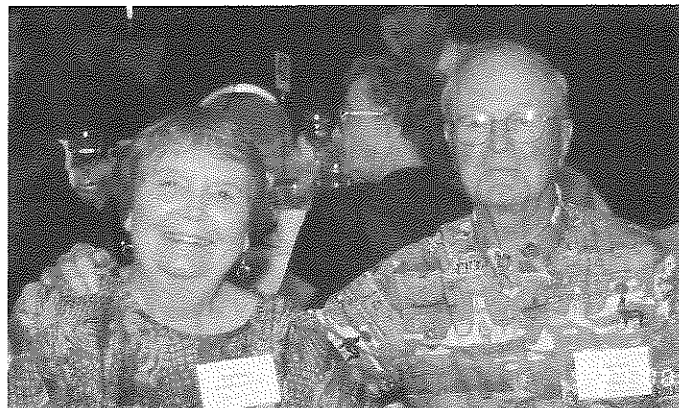
*That face again!*



*The Impromptu Lecture Hangar*



*Colleen & Jim Palmer (Jimbo)*



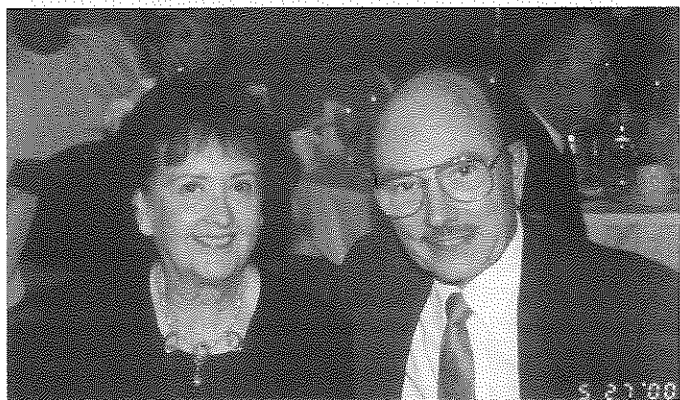
*Barb & Tom Simms*



*Carl Redding & Son*



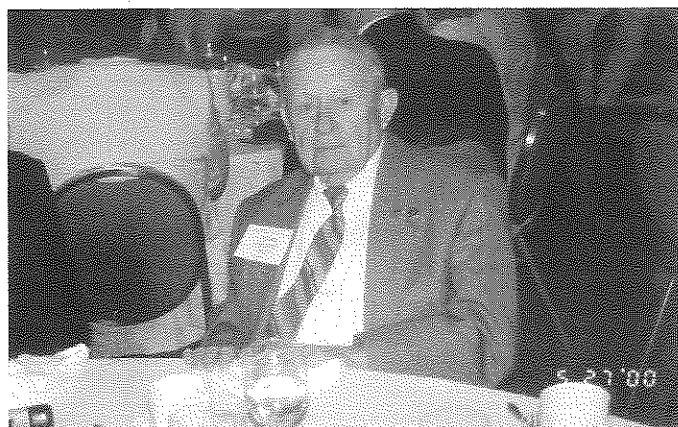
*Jim & Lois Ince*



*Smiling Faces*



*Seymour Prell & side-kick Ruth Leader*

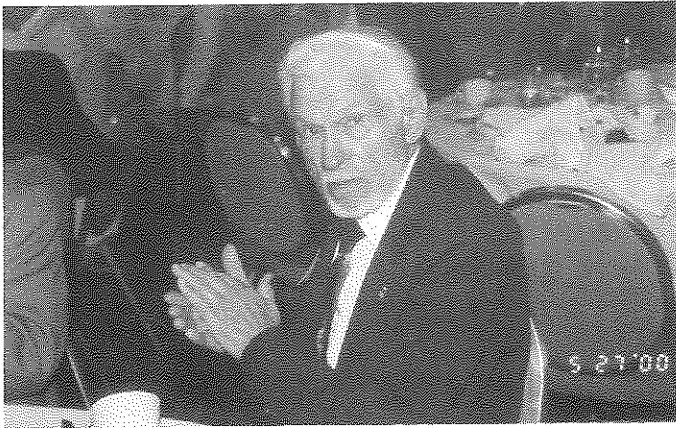


*Ed Seip*



*Iris & Howard Critchell*





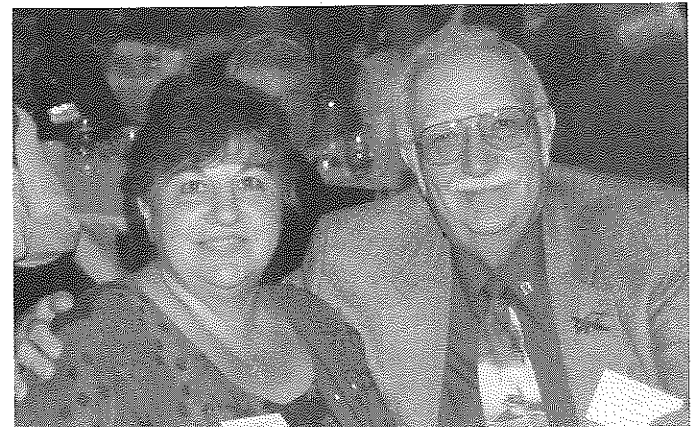
*Johnny Kobaly*



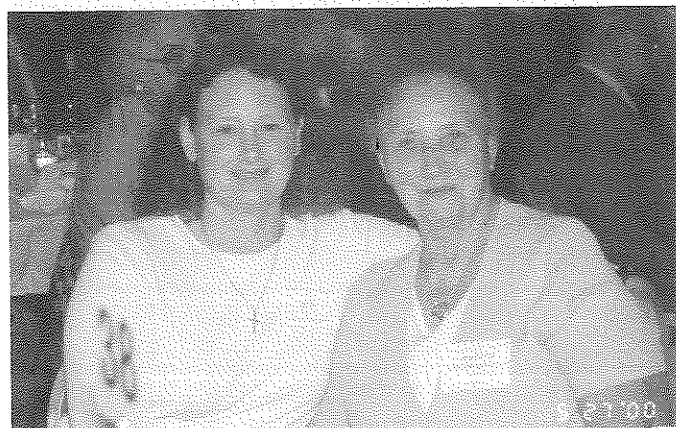
*Alice Babel & happy son-in-law*



*Lon & Eloise Hardy*



*John & Iris Sarkesian*



*Mary Jane Vandergeest & daughter Ann*



*Carlo & Jane Marlow*

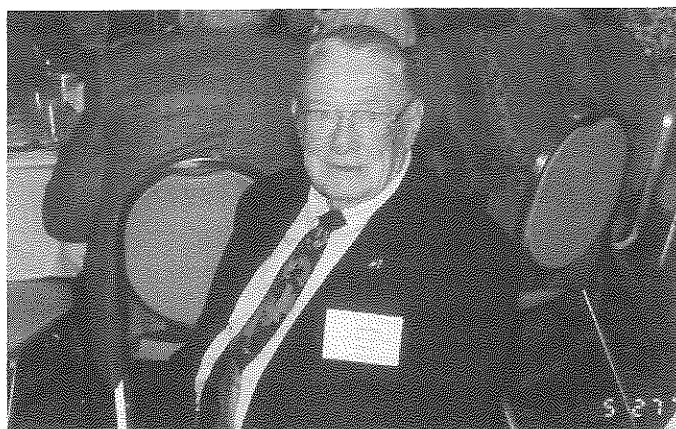


*Our Amarillo pals-Dee & Jim Guttry*



*Cal & Eva Wire w/daughter Judy  
& granddaughter hiding*





*Archie Weidner—Our Gulf Shores Host*



*Howard & Ruthie Max—always look great*



*Bob & Dale Weary*



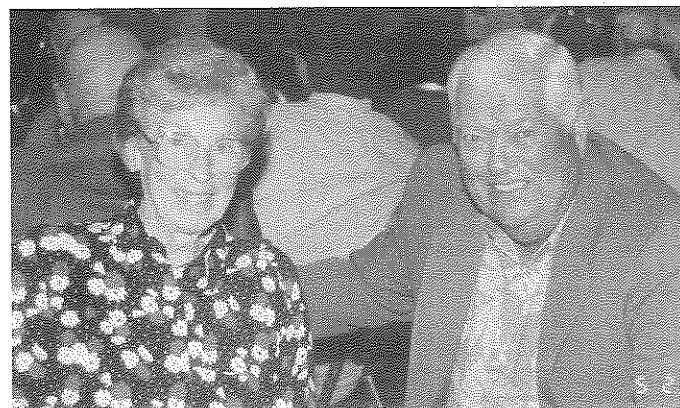
*Barb & "Red" Wilson—he's at it again*



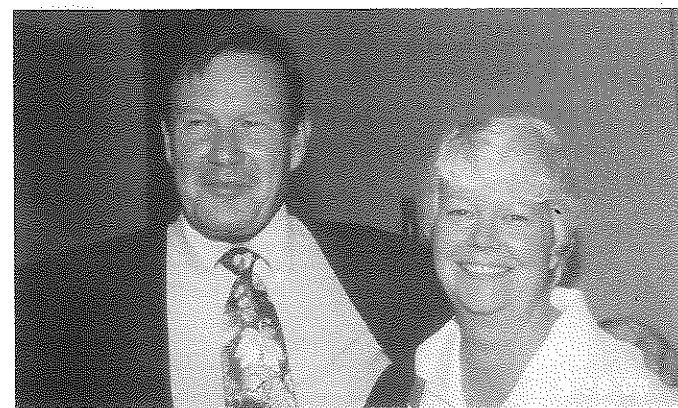
*Perry & Bobbie Dahl—always smiling*



*Hosts for 2002 in Nashville—Marvin & Pat Rose*



*Pat & Bud Oxford*



*Lee & Bobbie Northrop—Our museum director*





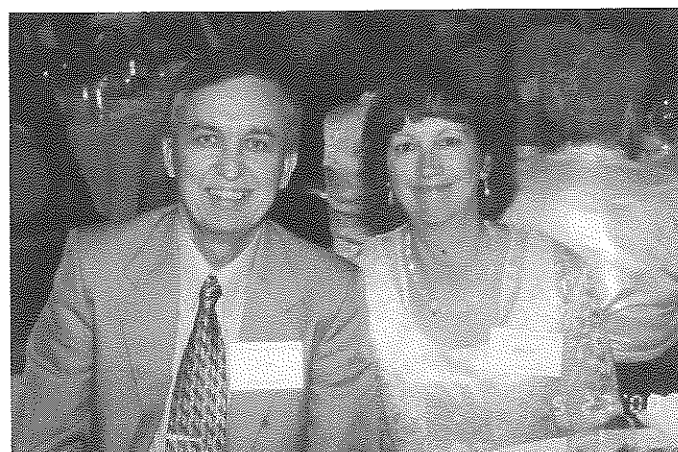
*Ruth Leader with cousins Stan & Rose Curatolo*



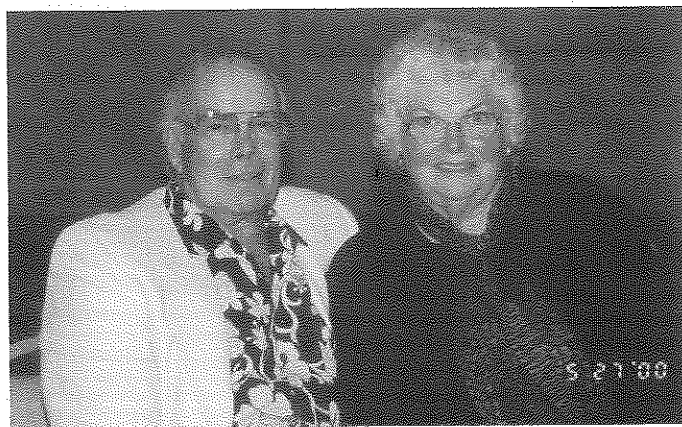
*Ed & Hulda Stroko*



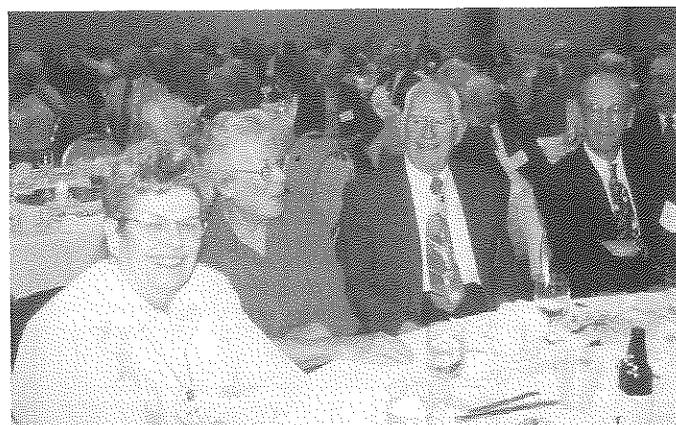
*Lee Northrop-A-1 Raffer*



*Ed & Hulda Stroko's kids-Tom & Peggy Stroko*



*Stan Jones & wife Millie  
475th Chaplain & Aviation Artist*



*Jan Forster, Rae Loisel, Joe Forster, John Loisel  
Great tablemates!*

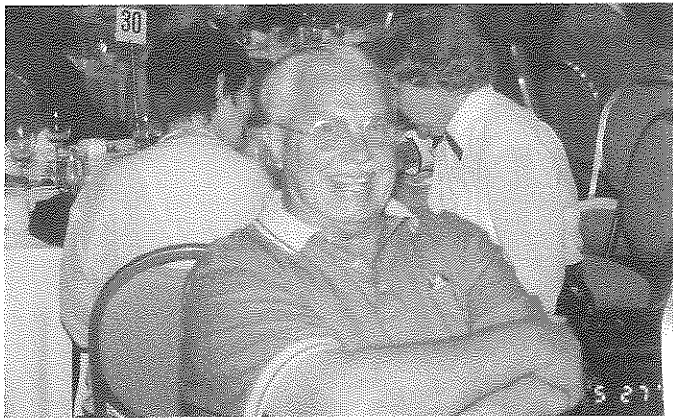


*Daughter Bobbie Northrop  
& Mother Johnnie Peregoy*



*Barb & Dale Thisted-always pleasant*





*Dick Updegraff*



*Dale & Betty Burgess*



*Leo Blakely & Burdette Bennett*



*Sylvia & Bob Meissler*



*Ralph Gutierrez & sons*



*Two happy faces again*

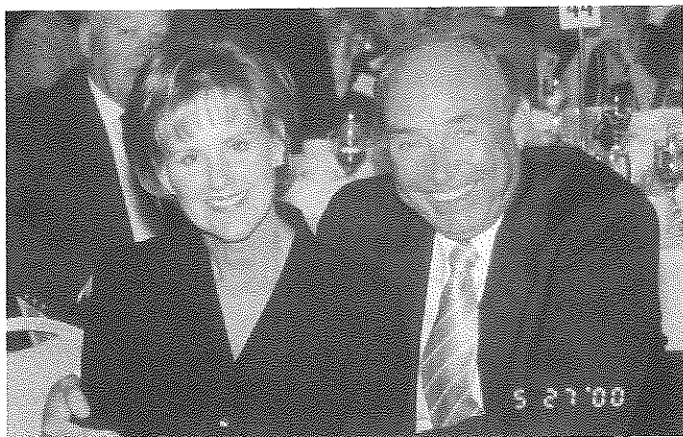


*Helen & Walter Freeman*

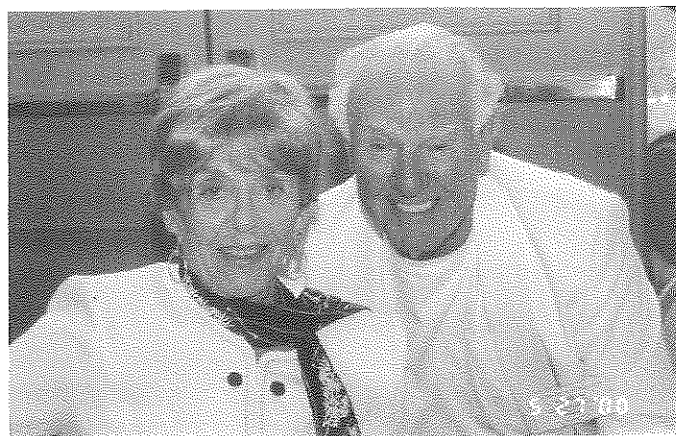


*Martie & Hap Smith with Hap's brothers*





*Warren Lewis' daughter Linda & happy husband*



*Cecille & Tristan Smith*



*Edith Bergen & Warren Lewis*



*Yvonne & Bo Reeves—nice tie!*



*Eva Amundson & Jerry Gettler*



*Winell & Tony Paplia*

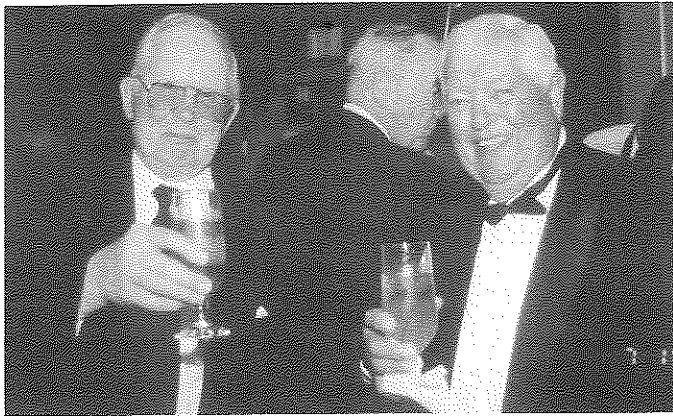


*Bert & Bette Roberts & Son*



*That Carol Gray again with Bo Reeves*





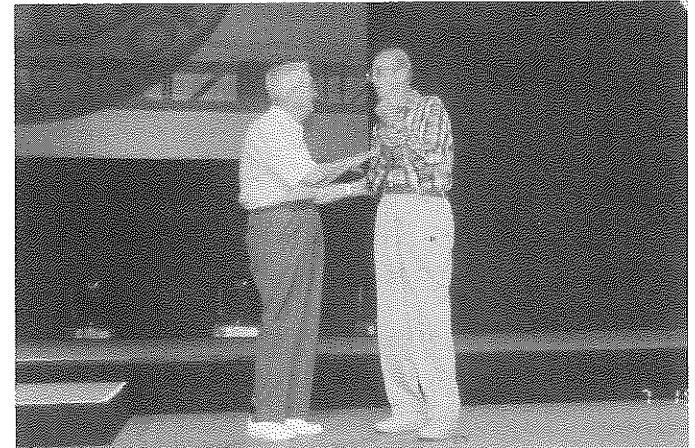
*"Fox" Olson & "Ox" Oxford—one for the road*



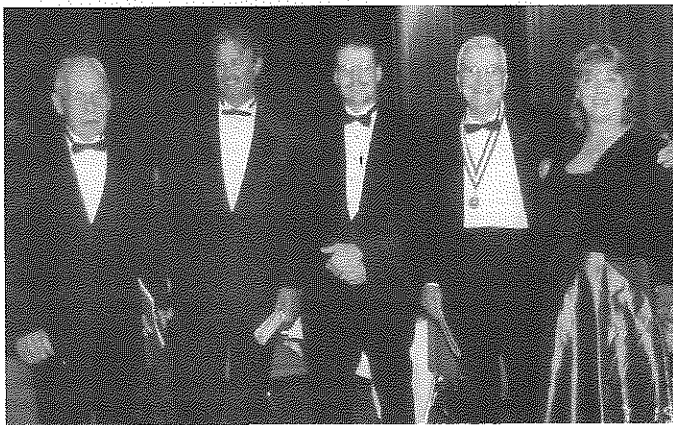
*Cliff Robertson telling Earlene what's up*



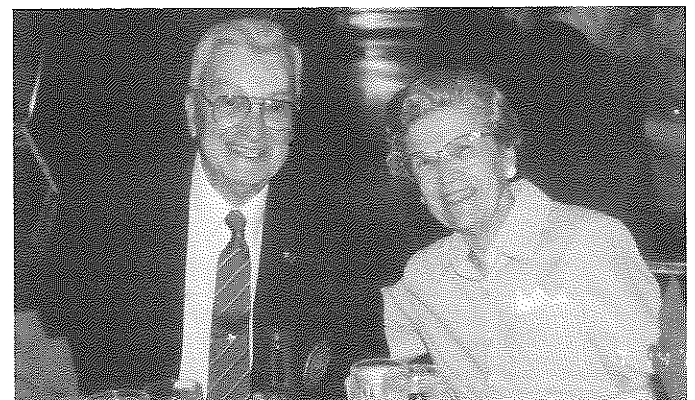
*Roger Palmer playing hurt with son Bil & Tim Epperhart*



*Ex fighter pilots—you're joking!*



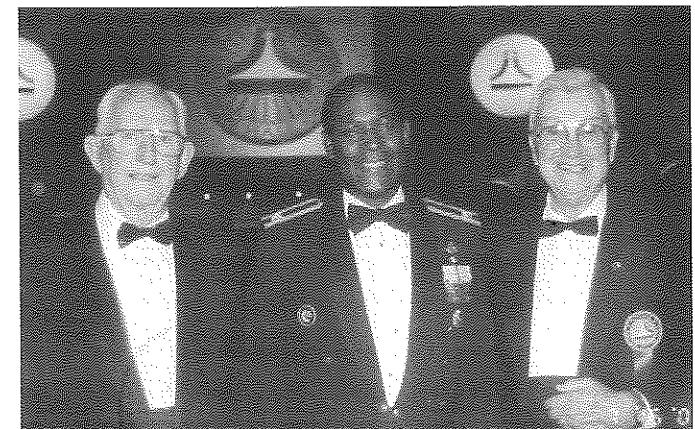
*"Penguins"—Jake, Bil, Tim, Jack & Sandy*



*The P38 National Association President Jack Purdy & wife Liz*



*Serious discussions*



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