



39TH FIGHTER SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

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TOGETHER BY LOVE OF COUNTRY AND EACH OTHER*

Including 40th and 41st Squadrons of the 35th Fighter Group and Successors.



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THE NEWSLETTER

2017 Report

Prez Sez....Hello Fellow Cobras!

Happy New Year to everyone, it is so hard to believe we are in 2018 already! I am excited about the year to come and the plans we are making for the next big Cobras in the Clouds reunion in September. Though we did not have a reunion last year, it was busy nonetheless. Our active duty squadron was honored and humbled to perform a T-38 missing man formation flyover at a memorial service for Col Frank Royal. The formation was led by our Squadron Commander Lt Col Kyle "Squeak" Goldstein, and joining him were Lt Col Benjamin "Beaver" Price, Lt Col Matthew "Mig" Alley, Lt Col Matthew "Burt" Reynolds, Lt Col Kevin "Stubby" Fenno, and Maj James "Dexter" White. In addition to the flyby, I was excited to see an article (link below) about a P-39 propeller blade, complete with a hole through it, which the Royal family presented to the National Museum of WWII Aviation. I am thrilled to know that members of the Cobras and their families have been successful in a quest to preserve our history for future generations to see.



Quick update on our Reserve squadron – we have GROWN!!!! Over the past several years, we have repeatedly proven the capability of the Reserve forces to augment the active duty pilot instructor training and introduction to fighter fundamentals missions, providing top-notch instructors with a wealth of experience. Our success and efforts have been recognized, and we have been rewarded with more positions to fill. Over the last two years, we have increased from approximately 60 to now over 90 instructor pilots. We have added some truly exceptional officers and aviators who have fully embraced what it means to be a Cobra. Cobra pride is as strong as ever, and our patch is respected and envied across Air Education and Training Command. Cobras Rule!

I look forward to continuing our plans for a September reunion and opportunity to get everyone together again. Until then best wishes in the New Year to the entire Cobra Family.

National Museum of WWII Aviation, October 2017, <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102286017538&ca=00b066cc-5c08-4acc-85e1-6c6c44077f51>

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Roll Call Memorial

We honor all those veterans who had taken their "Final Flight" since the 39th FSA last reunion in 2016. We have also included the names of spouses and a non-veteran member who has passed away. A Memorial Service will be held at the 2018 reunion and we will have a Roll Call at that time. The following individuals have been reported deceased since the last Reunion and are remembered by us all:

39th Fighter Squadron Association Honored Dead Reported in 2016 & 2017

William Johnson - 11 Oct 2013	James F Ryan - 18 June 2014
Robert J Eichenberg - 16 Aug 2014	Clarence J Schwartz - 25 Oct 2015
Francis R "Frank" Royal Sr - 19 Nov 2016	John J "Jack" Frost - 11 Mar 2017
Victor W Mihuta - 22 Mar 2017	William G Adair Sr - 28 Mar 2017
Lewis Lockhart - 4 Jun 2017	Richard "Dick" Clothier - 1 Nov 2017
Herbert A Hancock - 20 Dec 2017	
Deceased Spouses	
Mrs William (Lois) Johnson	Mrs Howard (Joanne) Neumann - 6 Jan 2016
Mrs Lewis (Thelma) Lockhart - 2 Apr 2017	Mrs William (Mary) Adair - 1 Jul 2017

2018 39th FSA Reunion

The 2018 39th FSA reunion will be held in Colorado Springs, CO. The date has been determined - Thursday, September 27th to Sunday, September 30th. Please note this is **one day shorter** than previous reunions.

We have settled on a hotel, Hilton Garden Inn on Briargate Parkway. The 2012 reunion was held at the same venue. A Reunion Flyer will be sent out around April with all the hotel information - room costs and the hotel registration details - as well as a tentative reunion activity schedule. The Reunion Registration Form with all the reunion details, including tour and banquet costs, will be sent out in the July newsletter.

Please contact Linne Haddock, by March 31st, to let her know if you are **interested** in attending the 2018 reunion. We are not asking for a firm commitment, at this time. However, getting an idea of how many people think they **might** come to the reunion, will help us to determine if we have blocked enough rooms. You can call her at 719.238.6915. You can eMail her at LHaddock@mac.com. You can send a "snail mail" letter to 446 Douglas Fir Dr, Woodland Park, CO 80863.

We would really like to know if you are interested! We look forward to seeing you in September!

Megan, Jan & Linne - Your 39th FSA Officers

39th FSA President, Major Megan Pasierb

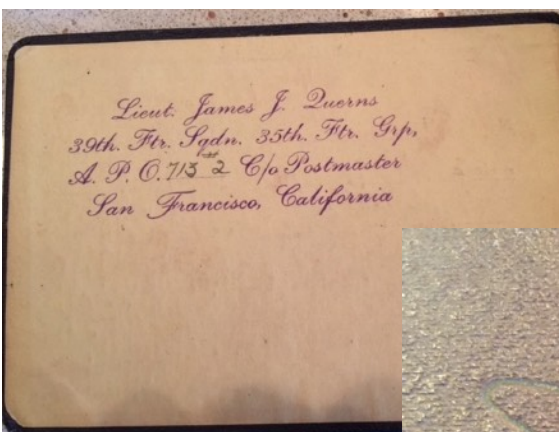


Major Megan Pasierb is originally from Tucson, Arizona and received her commission through Air Force ROTC at Northern Arizona University in 2001. She attended pilot training at Laughlin AFB, TX where she was one of the last classes to fly the T-37 "Tweet". She and her husband Mark, who is also an Air Force pilot, were married in 2002. Following pilot training she was stationed at Travis AFB, CA, where she flew the mighty C-5 galaxy during both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2006, Megan returned to Air Education and Training Command and Laughlin AFB to instruct undergraduate pilot training students selected for the airlift/tanker track in the T-1 aircraft. In 2011, she was assigned to 12 AF/Air Forces Southern at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, where she was the Chief of A8 Strategic Programs, working to develop operational requirements in the South American theater. In 2012, she left active duty to be at home with her two sons, Luke and Jake. In 2014, she joined the Air Force Reserve and became the executive officer for the best squadron in the Air Force, the 39th Flying Training Squadron!

A "Well Traveled" WW II Pilot Flight Log

In May 2017, I was contacted by Sheila from the US Post Office. She told me "a pilot flight log was found loose in the mail and would like to get it to whom ever it was being sent to," originally. She shared that the inside cover had Lt James J Querns, 39th Ftr Sqdn, 35th Ftr Grp. She asked if there was a member with that name in the 39th FSA. "Long story, short" she sent the log to me and I, in turn, sent it to the family of Robert "Bob" Querns. EREKA!!! The Pilot Log belonged to Bob's brother, James "Jim" Querns.

The log book was a big surprise to Bob when presented to him at his 96th birthday celebration last summer. It brought back many memories and lots of stories. Bob has decided to donate the Pilot Log to the 39th FTS and the donation will be done during the 2018 reunion.



Inside the cover of the Pilot Log is the information that led to it, finally, finding a home:

Lieut James J Querns
39th Ftr Sqdn, 35th Ftr Grp
A. P. O. 713 #2, C/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Jim Quern's Flight Log

Pilot Log cover embossed with a P-39 (below).



Brother Bob Querns riding a birthday gift from his children.

Decision Regarding the 39th FSA Future

Where Do We Go From Here?

Like many similar military Associations, the 39th FSA is running out of the WWII and Korea veterans that founded our Association and enjoyed the Reunions to keep in touch and relive their times while serving together. Many Associations like ours have already shut down due to declining participation as age takes its toll.

We have only a tiny handful of WWI and Korea veterans left that are able to attend our Reunions. However, the 39th FSA has some good reasons to remain viable, which other Associations may have lacked.

A rich and proud combat history which is well documented.

The current 39th Flying Training Squadron, which has become an integral part of the Association.

A strong interest in preserving our history through documents and significant artifacts.

While we no longer have many of the founding veterans in our ranks, we still have more than 100 members who are involved in our Association. There is plenty of interest to keep the Association viable, if we choose to do so!

However there is almost certainly a need for some type of transition. What that transition should be and how to make it happen successfully is the major question facing all of us. What do you, our members, want from the Association going forward?

This is not a decision that can be made by the officers alone. It is something that each member needs to think about and share in order to have a meaningful discussion. We need to decide what should be done to keep the Association viable well into the future. Only then can we determine how to proceed to move forward successfully. (needs work)

Here are some questions that may help you think about what the future might look like for the 39th FSA.

- (1) Should we continue to have reunions? If yes, how often?
- (2) Should we continue to publish a newsletter? If yes, what types of articles would be of interest to you?
- (3) Should we continue to maintain the 39th FSA "Cobra In The Clouds" web site? If yes, what enhancements, additions, and/or changes would you like?
- (4) Should we become primarily a historical Association! If so, how should it function?
- (5) What other thoughts do you have regarding the future of the 39th FSA?

Your comments are most important as we move through this process. Please contact Megan Pasierb (210.274.6813), Jan Myers (816.679.6591) or Linne Haddock (719.238.6915). Their complete contact information is on the first page of the Newsletter.



1987 - Colorado Springs, CO
Sam Teese, Carl Worley, Howard Neuman,
Bill Rogers, George Aycock

REMEMBERING PAST REUNIONS

1988 - Orlando, FL

Mrs George E (Mary) Morgan, Richard Tansing, Mary Morgan Martin



MORE PAST REUNIONS



1989 - Oklahoma City, OK
Frank Angier, Richard & Ruth Suehr



1990 - Las Vegas, NV
[?] Berry, Wayne Rothgeb, William Anderson, Ric Smith Jr, Bill Rogers



1991 - St Louis, MO,
A very large turnout with 69 veterans in attendance plus wives, other family and friends.



John Dunbar, Nick Fallier & Bob Sandlin
"Smile John, we are solvent!"

1993 - Colorado Springs, CO
NOTHING more to be said!



1994 - San Antonio, TX
Pat & Roy Seher



1994 - San Antonio, TX
Henry Chick & Bill Adair Sr



2001- Valdosta, GA, Everyone enjoyed being hosted by the 39th FTS.



AND MORE PAST REUNIONS

Everyone was always **WELCOME!**
Past to present! Sister squadrons,
family, & friends.

2002 - Reno, NV
The display tables are always a BIG hit.



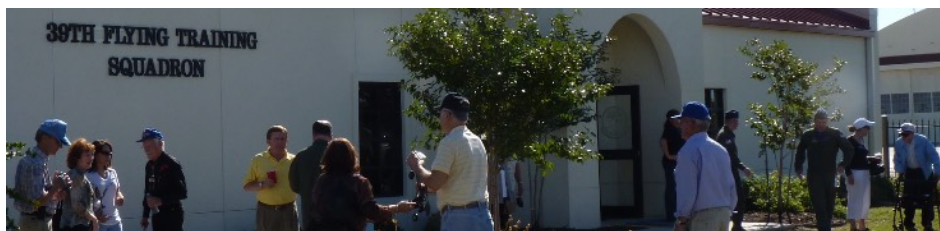
2004 - Austin, TX

WW II pilots & crewmen in front of Miss Connie. The only flying, at the time, P-39 Bell Airacobra. L to R: Frank Angier, Frank Royal, Martin Razus, Ralph Martin, "Sully" O'Sullivan, "Jack" Jones, Albert Anthony, Monroe Brock, Lew Lockhart, & Roy Seher.



2008 - Montgomery, AL

Korean veterans in front of a North American F-86 Sabre. From left to right, John Kanuk, Vic Mihuta, Clarence "John" Dellinger, Richard "Dick" Clothier, and Ed Kiczynski.



2009 - San Antonio, TX

Once again hosted by the 39th FTS at their new Randolph AFB headquarters.

2017 Pikes Peak Regional Air Show Heritage Flight

At each air show one of the highlights is the Heritage Flight to honor veterans, past and present. At the Pikes Peak Regional Air Show a Lockheed P-38 Lightning and a Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II were the aircraft that participated in the Heritage Flight.

The P-38 Lightning was a plane assigned to the 39th Fighter Squadron during WWII. It was last flown by Lt. Ken Sparks on December 29, 1943 when it sustained damage from ramming a Zero and ended up in an aircraft graveyard after the war. "White 33," so named because of the white 33 markings, was purchased by Jim Slattery and restored by WestPac Restorations. The picture to the right shows "White 33" prior to its restoration. "White 33" was flown by Steve Hinton from Chino, California.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" is the namesake of the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt "Juggernaut" also flown by 39th FS pilots during WWII. Captain Chad Rudolph, from the 357th Fighter Squadron, 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona flew the A-10 "Warthog".

The picture on the back page of the newsletter shows the P-38 "White 33" and the A-10 "Warthog" flying together.



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HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

39th FSA "Final Flight" Information

If you are aware of any 39th Fighter Squadron Association member who has passed away, please let us know. Our members are our best resource.

We wish to show respect to all of our departed 39ers by publishing their names in our Memorial listing.

Lyn and Linne Haddock, Editors

30th Anniversary Memory Booklet

An anniversary booklet was created to celebrate the history of the Association over the past 30 years. It was distributed to Reunion attendees and we would like to share it with others who are interested in receiving a copy. If you would like a copy of the booklet, please send Linne a check for \$7.50, made out to "39th FSA", to cover costs. Any questions, contact Linne at 719.238.6915. The Officers.

Missing Financial Statement?

As a reminder to those who might be looking for the financial statement, it was decided at the 2012 39th FSA Business Meeting, that the financial statement would no longer be published in the Newsletter. Instead, an annual financial statement will be provided to those attending the Reunion Business Meeting. It will also be included in the post-Reunion mailing to current members, along with the Newsletter and updated roster. The treasurer will supply current financials to any Association member upon request.

Dues note from treasurer **Linne Haddock**: Linne asks that you please locate your last **dues payment** date shown on the address label of the newsletter. If it shows 10, that is 2010. The \$20 dues payment is annual. Some members are only sending payment if they attend the Reunion. Your dues are needed to cover the rising costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and roster, as noted in the financial statements. Please mail your annual dues payment made out to the **39th FSA**, to Linne Haddock, 39th FSA Treasurer, at 446 Douglas Fir Drive, Woodland Park, CO, 80863.

Notes from the Newsletter Editors...

An updated **Roster** was mailed to you along with this Newsletter. We will also continue to distribute the Newsletter by **eMail**, along with frequently updated Rosters and news items to all with eMail addresses. If you don't have eMail, but have a family member or friend who can receive this for you, please send their eMail address. Also, please keep your contact information current by advising Linne Haddock of changes.

39th Roster - A hardcopy roster will be mailed with the Reunion Mailing later in the year. You can print it out from the file attached in the recent 39th eMail.

Maj Thad "Vane" Reddick is our new contact for the continuing efforts of 39 FTS to acquire and maintain historical information about the 39th throughout its long period of activity. He is especially interested in old photographs and associated captions. The military history avenues are lacking when it comes to collecting this type of medium. He would like to receive scanned photo (300 dpi) with associated captions via email. Alternatively, you can send your photos and captions to him, via snail-mail, for scanning and he will return the originals to you. The 39 FTS is also eager to accept any artifacts donors feel would be suitable for display inside the Squadron's display cases. Please contact him with any question via email at thad.reddick@gmail.com or his cell phone, 210.652.7120.

The ***A History of the 39th Pursuit Squadron, Volume One*** is available. It covers the 39th history from December 1939 to September 1945. The ***A History of the 39th Fighter Squadron, Volume Two*** is also available. It covers the 39th history from August 1945 to July 1953. Please contact Linne Haddock if you are interested in purchasing a copy of either book for \$20, plus \$5 shipping. She has copies available and can ship them quickly.

39th FSA Medallions - Interested in a 39th FSA medallion, please contact Linne Haddock directly. The cost is \$25.00 for a bronze medallion plus ??? shipping. Medallions are available and can be shipped quickly.

REUNION VIDEOS

*Bill Adair Jr has produced videos of prior Reunions
Available in VHS or DVD*

Order Now. \$25 per copy, postpaid.

Send check or money order to Bill at:

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39th Fighter Squadron "COBRAS"



The P-38 Lockheed Lightning "White 33" and the A-10 Republic Thunderbolt "Warthog" flying together!

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2. Heritage Flight Museum: <http://www.heritageflight.org>
3. Korean War National Museum, Library & Cultural Center: <http://kwnm.org>
4. Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA): <http://www.afhra.af.mil/index.asp>
5. 39th Fighter Squadron Association: <http://cobrainthecLOUDS.com>