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Legacy of the World War II Glider Pilots Association



SPECIAL EDITION



50TH ANNUAL REUNION

LUBBOCK, TX

October 6, 7 and 8, 2022

Venues

MCM Eleganté Hotel & Suites

Silent Wings Museum

Lubbock Woman's Club



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Special Edition 2022-Reunion

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You have received this quarterly briefing because you are a paid member of the National World War II Glider Pilot Committee which is a component of the Silent Wings Museum Foundation. The Foundation is an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization incorporated to support the Silent Wings Museum, and is not otherwise connected with the City of Lubbock, TX. The briefing content is created by our members who are not compensated for their research and writing. This content provides you with glider and other troop carrier stories, information, images, and history usually obtained

Letters

All,

Thanks for joining us again for this special edition of the *Briefing*! I hope to meet many of you at the reunion this October. I also want to take this moment to thank all of the people who are working so hard to ensure that the reunion is a special one!

A reminder that if any of our readers ever have feedback or comments about an article we feature, we encourage you to reach out to the editing team at:

briefingeditor.nwwiigpc@gmail.com

Please keep the body of your responses to 150 words or less and please share your city/state so that members can see how wide-spread our publication is! If selected, your letter will appear in the next Quarter's *Letters* section as:

Letter;

About an article.

*Signed Trevor S.
Oceanside, CA*

Best,

Trevor Shimulunas

Just a brief comment to the Briefing team that this is a very, very well-done publication. As the editor of countless newsletters in my career, your production values and high content standards are just outstanding. Well done!

Appreciatively,

Scott McGaugh

Author, The Brotherhood of the Flying Coffin

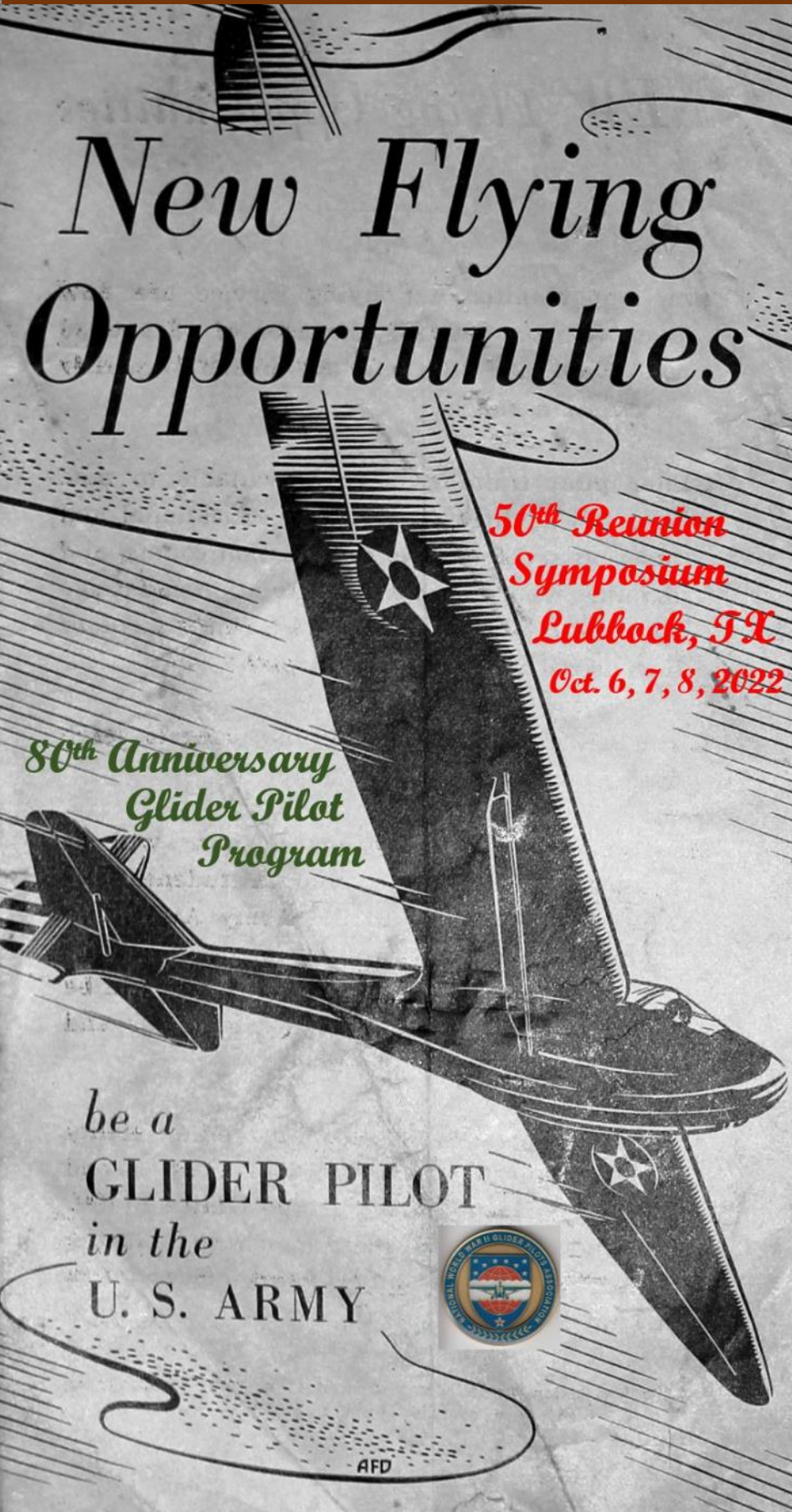
I received the latest Briefing. You keep pitching "Strikes! This last one is no exception and adds to the collectables for all of us interested in WWII Glider Activities.

As a former Troop Carrier Pilot, the article on readying of the C-46 for its first combat operation was doubly interesting for me as I was also an Aircraft Maintenance Officer and associated with other Troop Carrier type aircraft (C-47 , C- 54 and C-82). I can only imagine the buckets of sweat expended in that effort! Especially when there was a need for bundle mounts on the planes for the Airborne's extra equipment which hadn't been considered a requirement until after the fact! ...

Keith R. Smith, Jr.

Major USAF (Ret,)

50th WWII GLIDER PILOTS REUNION / Symposium



Mary Roemer, Reunion Chair

October 6 through October 8

Hotel information:
MCM ELEGANTÉ HOTEL & SUITES

Lubbock, Texas, 79401
801 AVENUE Q
855-516-1090

[Hotel Link](#)

The rate is \$95 per night plus tax, etc.

Venues:

MCM

Silent Wings Museum

Lubbock Women's Club

If you have not registered it is not too late! Register as soon as possible this will reserve your meal on Friday night.

Book your three nights at only \$95 a night. This low price is only available until September 21st. To register go to

our website at

<https://ww2gp.org/reunion>

The following events details are available anytime [here](#).

2022 National WWII Glider Pilot Committee 50th Reunion / Symposium Outline

Wednesday, Oct 5th – off site

1800/6:00 pm - Exec Council Dinner and meeting

Thursday morning and afternoon, Oct 6th - MCM ELEGANTÉ HOTEL & SUITES—Parlor Suite

11:00 am - Hospitality Room – 6th Floor

- ⇒ Reunion Check in Begins
- ⇒ Pick Up Reunion Registration packets
- ⇒ Sign up for Museum “Behind-the-Scenes”
Tours

1430 / 2:30 pm - Wing Commander & Research
Team combined meeting

1700 / 5:00 pm - Social Hour – Hospitality Room
– 6th Floor

Thursday Evening, Oct 6th - MCM ELEGANTÉ HOTEL & SUITES Petroleum Room

1800 / 6:00 pm - Dinner

Welcome and Introductions

WWII Glider Pilots & Families, 94th Flying
Training Squadron (FTS) Cadets, City of
Lubbock attendees, Silent Wings Museum
staff Silent Wings Museum Foundation
attendees

Blessing – Chaplain, Susan Pinter

Dinner is served

Presentations—see next page

2030 / 8:30 pm - Adjourn



Gary Stripling,
Executive Council Chair and Reunion
Master of Ceremony



Elizabeth Susan Pinter, Chaplain.

Thursday evening, Oct 6th - MCM Petroleum Room continued...

1900 / 7:00 pm
F/O Leroy SHIMULUNAS
1ST Air Commandos, BURMA
by Great Nephew, Captain Trevor
Shimulunas (USMC)



Trevor is an active duty Captain in the USMC. He currently serves as an artillery battery commander for India Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, stationed at Camp Pendleton.



Trevor earned a degree in English with an emphasis on Creative Writing from University of Wisconsin—Madison. He is the Chief Editor of our membership magazine, *“WWII U. S. Glider Pilot’s Briefing.”* Since May 5, 2020 Trevor has been a valuable member of the Leon B. Spencer Research Team.

He has done extensive research into the Pacific Theater, specifically BURMA. He is the Great Nephew of Flight Officer Leroy SHIMULUNAS who was killed in action flying a glider in the Broadway mission during Operation Thursday.

He hopes that his personal experiences will lend insight into the documents and materials he reads, as well as lend to his ability to relate to family members hoping for more information. He will be putting most of his focus into the CBI Theater.

1945 / 7:45 pm The 435th Troop
Carrier Group Glider Pilot’s prepara-
tion and execution for Operation
“NEPTUNE”

Presented by Dr. Jeff McGovern.

Jeff is a WWII Troop Carrier Historian: Specializing in the 435th Troop Carrier Group and Joint Troop Carrier and Airborne troops. Dr. Jeff McGovern is a member of the Leon B. Spencer Research Team and historian who has had the good fortune to be employed over the last decade as a US Air Force historian and as battle staff ride historian.



He is currently serving as the USAF's Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern) Historian. Jeff also was a battle staff ride historian.

Staff rides are classrooms in the field; you can't beat being "in place" when communicating lessons learned from history.

One of his particular foci is on the World War II history of 435th Troop Carrier

The accompanying photo was taken on Landing Zone N during a staff ride for Operation MARKET GARDEN.



Group. This was driven in part because he had the privilege and honor to serve for five years as the USAF historian for the European and African based 435th's modern iterations, the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing and 435th Air Expeditionary Wing.

His approach to Troop Carrier history is from a joint air and ground perspective.

Evening adjourn at 2030 / 8:30 pm

Friday, Oct 7th - Silent Wings Museum—Hangar Gallery

Quick view

10:00 am – WWII Glider Pilot Veterans Q&A panel discussion

11:00 am –Tour #1 "Museum Behind-the-Scenes and Presentation #1: "1st Lt Franklin B. Stickney" by daughter, Dr. Claudia Coggin

11:30 am – Tour #2 "Museum Behind-the-Scenes and Presentation #2: "F/O Verbon E. Houck" by son, Dr Peter Houck

12:00 pm - Box Lunch—Silent Wings

Museum—Hangar Gallery

1300 / 1:00 pm - Tour #3 "Museum Behind-the-Scenes" and Presentation #3: "1st Lt William E. Schumacher" by daughter, Joan Abrahamsen

1330 / 1:30 pm -Tour #4 "Museum Behind-the-Scenes" Presentation "4: F/O Christ Kalamatas by nephew, Jim Calams

1400 / 2:00 pm - FREE TIME at the Museum

Friday, Oct 7th - Silent Wings Museum Hangar Gallery

10:00 am Discussion Panel

see [Special Note](#)

WWII Glider Pilot Veterans Q&A panel discussion on the panel will be:



Capt. Bill CHEOLAS, (USAF ret.)

During WWII he was assigned to the 72 Troop Carrier Sqd / 434 TC Group as a C-47 power pilot. A couple days before the Rhine Crossing operation (he was training paratrooper drops), he was sent to the 86 TC Sqd / 437 TC Group to fly as a copilot in a CG-4A glider in the VARSITY operation. For years Bill has been a guest speaker at various schools, educating the children about WWII and particularly Troop Carrier and glider operations.

Major Frank TAFLEWITZ BRANDON, (USAF ret) was born on March 5, 1920. During the war he was assigned to the 97th Troop Carrier Sqd. / 440th TC Group. He flew a glider behind enemy lines in the Holland operation.

Eighteen gliders in serial 23 Sept. were released at the wrong LZ., six of these pilots are lost in action; Lt.

Hester E BARFIELD Jr., F/O Roy BAILEY, F/O Frank TAFLEWITZ, F/O John J KIRLIN, F/O Eugene H MEYER, and F/O Robert A PALMER. Efforts to locate them thru the 1st Airborne Army have been unsuccessful.

—97th TC Squadron Daily report September 1944.

2nd Lt. BARFIELD and F/Os BAILEY, KIRLIN, MEYER, PALMER and TAFLEWITZ are now being carried on the rolls as MIA, as of 7 October 1944.

—97th TC Squadron Daily report October 1944.

Within two months it was determined that he was in a POW camp.



1st Lieutenant Fred H. LUNDE, turned 100 on September 8th, 2022. He has for years been an avid ballroom dancer. He is rich in family and life. During WWII he was assigned to the 49th Troop Carrier Sqd. / 313th TC Group where he flew a CG-4A glider behind enemy lines in the Holland operation codenamed MARKET GARDEN. He was unexpectedly put on the line with the 82nd Airborne by General Gavin for three nights. Then upon evacuation his convoy was attacked.



All four tours "Museum Behind the Scenes" will be presented by Curator Sharon McCullar and Museum Staff

Friday, Oct 7th - Silent Wings Museum continued...

11:00 am: "1st Lt Franklin B. Stickney"
by daughter, Dr. Claudia Coggin



Claudia Stickney Coggin is the daughter of Lt Franklin Stickney who served as a member of the 87th Troop Carrier Squadron / 438th TC Group, as a combat glider pilot in WWII. As with many veterans, her father rarely spoke about his service in the US Air Corps as a glider pilot.

Only his grandson was smart enough to ask him questions. Thanks to a letter from Hans den Brok, she began her current journey to learn about her dad's service. Fortunately, Hans' letter came in 2012 just as she was retiring as an Assistant Professor at the University of North Texas School of Public Health. As a PhD, she was skilled in scientific research in public health topics, but she has experienced a steep learning curve to learn about historical military research which has been made easier with the assistance of the WWIIGPC Research Team.

Claudia does her research from her home in Fort Worth, TX where she also serves as the secretary for the WWIIGPC and serves as a member of the Silent Wings Museum Foundation. Between other volunteer activities, she enjoys her three children and their families.

11:30 am: "F/O Verbon E. Houck,"
presented by son, Dr. Peter Houck



F/O Verbon "Pete" E. Houck

Dr. Houck has been active in the care of refugees. Following medical school at the University of Washington and family medicine residency at the University of Colorado, he worked in India and Nepal.

He served 28 years in the US Public Health Service. His assignments included the Indian Health Service as a clinician on the Navajo Indian Reservation; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Epidemic Intelligence Service

Officer, preventative medicine resident, public health educator, and officer with the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine; and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he performed healthcare improvement studies. He has worked with Haitian refugees at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station; with Chinese migrants off the Mexican coast; with Middle Eastern refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos, at the northern Greek border, and in France at the refugee camps at Calais; in Colombia with migrants from Venezuela; and in Guatemala with local populations. He is an aviation medical examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration and a consultant in public health for civil aviation. His research and teaching interests include refugee health.

—Bio taken from the Dept. of Global Health, University of Washington

1300 /1:00 pm:
"Lt William E. Schumacher,"
by daughter, Joan Abrahamsen

Joan Abrahamsen, Executive Council Vice Chair, is the daughter of Glider Pilot William E Schumacher. She is the 9th of 10 children that Bill and his wife Betty were blessed to raise in the small town of Catskill, NY.

Many years after his death, Joan decided to look into his military career and joined the National WWII Glider Pilots Association (as it was at the time).

Her father recorded a travel log that was discovered by an older brother along with photos. She is thrilled to be able to share the story of his travels through North Africa.



Friday, Oct 7th - Silent Wings Museum continued...

1330 / 1:30 pm:
F/O Christ Kalamatas
presented by nephew, Jim Calams

Jim was born in Chicago Illinois to Timothy and Catherine Calams, the youngest of three children. From age 8 through college he was an avid baseball player. His professional passion was to become a police officer; to protect and serve. His "never quit, never" attitude gave him the drive to be successful throughout his 23-year career as a police officer.

Christ's presentation is about his uncle Flight Officer and Glider Pilot Christ Kalamatas, who always wanted to fly. Christ served in WWII and for many years the family did not know what happened to him. Jim hopes we will find his research interesting as it is time to honor this Hero - Flight Officer Christ Kalamatas.



Jim Calams

Friday Evening, Oct 7th - *The Lubbock Women's Club*

The Lubbock Women's Club

2020 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401

The Lubbock Women's Club would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our club which has been in Lubbock since 1945. Our historic Colonial Revival building has over 12,000 square feet of meeting and office space, and is beautifully maintained by our Historical Foundation. The Lubbock Women's Club was formed in 1945 as a not-for-profit organization to promote, maintain and support the common good and social welfare of the people of the Lubbock Community, and to bring about civic betterment and social improvements.



1700 / 5:00 pm – Social Hour at the Lubbock Women's Club

1800 / 6:00 pm - Dinner

Blessing, Chaplain Susan Pinter

Dinner is served

Registered choice of Honey Glazed Salmon or Beef Tenderloin

1900 / 7:00 pm –Presentation:

USAFA 94th Flying Training Squadron
by Cadet First-Class Brad Westhauser

1930 / 7:30 pm – Presentation:

“The Rhine Crossing - 1st Lt Paul W. Mousseau and the 314th Troop Carrier Group” by Col. Mark “PLUG” Vlahos (USAF Retired) and Monique Mousseau, daughter of Lt Col. Mousseau.

2030 / 8:30 pm – Adjourn

Friday Evening, Oct 7th - *The Lubbock Women's Club*

Presentations:

1900 / 7:00 pm
USAFA
94th Flying Training Squadron
presented by
Cadet First-Class Brad Westhauser



Cadet 1st Class Brad Westhauser is an instructor pilot in the 94th Flying Training Squadron at the United States Air Force Academy. He will be speaking about the 94th and his experiences.

1930 / 7:30 pm
"The Rhine Crossing -
1st Lt Paul W. Mousseau and the
314th Troop Carrier Group"

presented by Col. Mark "PLUG" Vlahos (USAF Retired)
and Monique Taylor, daughter of Lt Col. Mousseau.

Col. Mark "Plug" Vlahos retired from the United States Air Force in 2011. During his 29-year career, he served in a wide-range of operational flying and staff assignments including command of a C-130 squadron in

combat and Vice Wing Commander of the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base. He is a valued member of our Leon B. Spencer Research Team, a member "At Large" on the Executive Council and a regular contributor to our publication "The Briefing."

Mark's area of expertise and study is the 314th TC Group comprised of four squadrons (32nd, 50th, 61st, and 62nd) within the IX Troop Carrier Command, the 60th TC Group comprised of four squadrons (10th, 11th, 12th, and 28th) within the 12th Air Force and the history of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Greece and Balkan Troop Carrier operations.

During his career, Mark flew with 3 of the 4 original 314th squadrons and met many of the World War II Veterans at



squadron reunions. In 2019, he published a work entitled "[Men Will Come: A History of the 314th Troop Carrier Group, 1942 - 1945](#)" with Merriam Press.

Author of many historical articles, His first book-sized work [Winfield Scott's Vision for the Army: Mobilizing the North to Preserve the Union](#), was self-published in 2015.

His next major publication entitled ***Leading the Way to Victory a History of the 60th Troop Carrier Group 1940 - 1945*** will be released in Dec. by Knox press.



Bill Cheolas and Mark Vlahos 2019 Reunion hosted by the 82nd Airborne in NC

Mark attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and holds master's degrees from Webster University and the Eisenhower School for Strategic Studies, National Defense University.

His interests include tennis, U.S. Civil War, and World War II Army Air Forces history. He is a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America, The Air Force Historical Foundation, and the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association. He resides in New Braunfels, Texas.

Monique Taylor is the daughter of Lt Col Paul W. Mousseau who began his military career as a combat glider pilot in WWII. Like many veterans from that war her father did not speak in much detail about his time as a combat glider



pilot, and it was only when she was working on her Master's Thesis in History and settled on the topic of the CG4A Combat Glider and Pilot Program that Monique learned in detail of this fascinating aspect of WWII and her father's experiences. Since that time Monique taught history at the college level while accompanying her husband, Robert Taylor

through his military career.

After Robert's retirement she returned to education earning her Juris Doctorate and at that time met Mark Vlahos via David Wilson. Dave's father was Paul Mousseau's tow pilot and saw him safely to his LZ's. Mark was at the time working on his book Men will Come, and a friendship based on a common interest was formed.

Monique currently lives in O'Neal's California with her husband on a 40-acre ranch. The flying gene her father had skipped her and she focuses instead on her lifelong love and passion - horses. Her son Jonathon Taylor, however, did inherit the gene and learned at his grandfather's knee about planes and flying. He is currently an Osprey pilot in the U.S. Marines Corps.

Saturday Morning , Oct 8th - MCM ELEGANTÉ HOTEL & SUITES—University Room

Beginning At 9:00 am -

- ⇒ General Membership Meeting
- ⇒ Call to Order
- ⇒ Posting of the colors by the Estacado JROTC Matador Battalion. The Estacado High School JROTC program.
- ⇒ Pledge of Allegiance – WWII Glider Pilot Veterans
- ⇒ Invocation - Susan
- ⇒ Memorial Service - Susan
- ⇒ Taps by Jerry Serrano
- ⇒ Introduce Exec Council members and Guests
- ⇒ Officer Reports

Silent Wings Museum -Sharon; Secretary - Claudia; Treasurer - Chuck; Research Team - Gary; BREIFING—Trevor; SWM Foundaion - Don; Raffle & Silent Auctions for Sat night - Susan;

- ⇒ Location of next year’s reunion - Mary
- ⇒ Election of next year’s Exec Council – Bruce



Estacado JROTC Matador Battalion,
Estacado High School



Jerry Serrano on Veterans Day at the
Silent Wings Museum, 2019.

An election of officers will be held at the business meeting Saturday morning.

Up for re-election are the positions for Chair and Vice Chair. Gary Stripling and Joan Abrahamsen will run for re-election to a one year term. In addition, our current Treasurer, Cuck Hobbs, has indicated his intention to resign the remaining two years of his three year term at the end of this year. Colin Henderson has asked to run for this position.

Nominations from the floor can be made at the time of the elections. Descriptions of these positions are outlined in our Operating Procedures available in the Members Section of our web site. If you are considering running for or nominating another for any of these positions and have questions, please contact me at r.bruce.overman@gmail.com

11:30 am - Adjourn to Museum for Lunch

Saturday Afternoon, Oct 8th - Silent Wings Museum



1200 pm - Box Lunch at the Museum

1300 / 1:00 pm - 94th Flying Training Squadron glider static display The cadets will show you their sailplane, what this one in particular is used for and how it represents the connection with the WWII Glider Pilots' history.

1400 / 2:00 pm – Adjourn to set up Museum for dinner. Free time to visit the Buddy Holly Museum or other attractions in the Lubbock area. This is also a good time to talk individually with the WWII Veterans, families and those on the research team in the hospitality rooms.

1700 / 5:00 pm - Social Hour at Museum

Saturday Evening, Oct 8th - Silent Wings Museum AWARDS BANQUET - Hangar Gallery



The Silent Wings Museum, a public institution, preserves and promotes the history of the World War II military glider program by creating an environment for collecting, documenting, interpreting and exhibiting artifacts and information for public education and enjoyment.

Saturday Evening, Oct 8th - Silent Wings Museum AWARDS BANQUET, Hangar Gallery—continued

1800 / 6:00 pm - Awards Banquet Dinner

Blessing, Chaplain Susan Pinter

Dinner is served

1900 / 7:00 pm - Presentation: HOLLAND

Overview / Market story –

1930 / 7:30 pm - Presentation: Orange Lanyard
to Fred Lunde – Defence Attaché Holland,
Col Bertil van Geel

2000 / 8:00 pm - National WWII Glider Pilots
Award – Joan Abrahamsen

2030 / 8:30 pm – Quilt Raffle – Silent Auction
CG-4A models – Susan

2100 / 9:00 pm – Close Reunion with Toasts
to the Past, Present, and the Future -
Bruce

2115 / 9:15 pm – PHOTO Opportunities

Orange Lanyard will be presented to Fred Lunde and Major Frank T Brandon (USAF ret)



1st Lt. Fred Lunde,
born Sept. 8, 1922



Major Frank Brandon
born March 5, 1920

Col. van Geel will be presenting the Orange Lanyard to Fred Lunde and Frank Brandon for their participation in the Market Garden Operation.

FACTS ABOUT THE DUTCH ORANGE LANYARD AWARD

The following facts were provided through the courtesy of Captain P. B. Grozen, USN, Defense Attache, United States Embassy, The Hague.

The Order of William (Militaire Willemsorde) is the highest award in the Netherlands. It is manifested by the Orange Lanyard (Oranje Koord).

In the year 1815, after the battle of Freedom had been fought against the French rulers (1813–1814), King William I of the Netherlands decided to initiate the Militaire Willemsorde to be conferred on those who had distinguished themselves for gallantry and loyalty in battle.

Our WWII combat glider pilots who participated in Operation Market-Garden, as part of the greatest airborne assault in the history of the world, indeed can be proud of having been honored as recipients of this award for the roles they played in the liberation of the Netherlands, in September, 1944.

For those GPs who did not return from those assault missions, let the rest of us stand tall on the parade ground of our minds, and let us hear "Silver Taps" echo through the halls of time. Their sacrifice of their lives merits the ultimate award for valor.

R. I. P. – Forever.

Doug Smith, 82/436

First Awarded to glider pilots in 1982

Col. van Geel has flown fighters for over 23 years and is currently the Netherlands Air Attache / assistant defense Attache.

Strategy, AirPower and international affairs has his strongest affection.

Col. van Geel is currently representing the Netherland Air Force in the USA. The USA is the most important strategic partner of our Air Force, so lots of things to do and lots of opportunities.



Colonel Bertil van Geel,
Netherlands Air Attaché in
Washington DC

Saturday evening, Oct 8th - Silent Wings Museum AWARDS BANQUET, Hangar Gallery, continued...

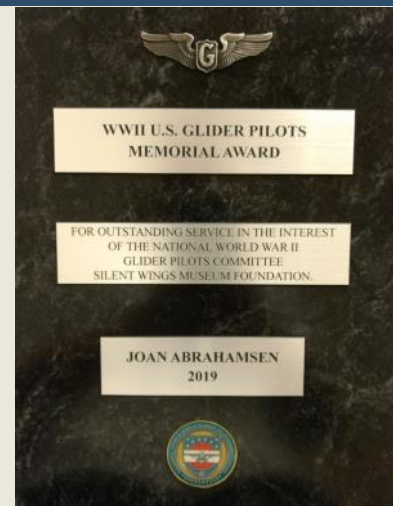
National World War II Glider Pilots Committee WWII U.S. GLIDER PILOTS MEMORIAL AWARD

Due to COVID, this year we will be presenting the WWII U.S. GLIDER PILOTS MEMORIAL AWARD for year 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Raffle and silent auction:
Quilt to be Ruffled! Created by Susan Elizabeth Pinter



Susan is the grand-daughter of A. Francis Arcier who is referred to as the father of the CG-4A glider. Susan designs and crafts a full sized bed quilt every year for the last 13 years. Each quilt honors World War II Glider Pilots. This year is the G-"is for Guts" Wing embroidered in the quilt. Buy lots of raffle tickets for the quilt, you could win!



CG-4A Glider models in the making!! Created by David Berry, brother of Beth Stripling and both children of glider pilot Chuck Berry. 439th Troop Carrier Group. These wonderful models will be center pieces for the dinner tables during the reunion. They will be auctioned on Saturday night.

All proceeds from the raffle and auction will be donated to National WWII Glider Pilots Committee treasury.

TROOP CARRIER MOVEMENT

“Keep Mobile!” See you next quarter!

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE AND HELP PRESERVE TROOP CARRIER AND COMBAT GLIDER HISTORY



ON THE CALENDAR

Upcoming missions:

HOLLAND

Sept 17 - 26, 1944

BASTOGNE

December 23-27,

BURMA

March 5, 1944

REMGEN

March 22, 45

RHINE CROSSING

March 24, 1945

NORMANDY

June 6-7, 1944

LA LONDE

June 10-13, 1944

LUZON

June 23, 1945

SICILY

July 9 & 13, 1943

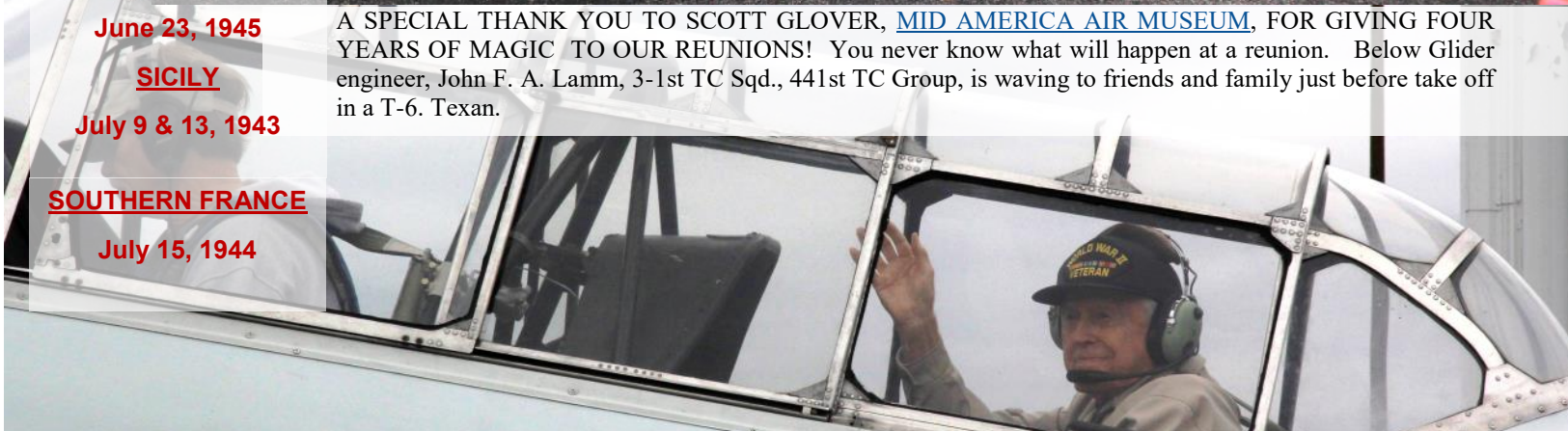
SOUTHERN FRANCE

July 15, 1944

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SCOTT GLOVER, [MID AMERICA AIR MUSEUM](#), FOR GIVING FOUR YEARS OF MAGIC TO OUR REUNIONS! You never know what will happen at a reunion. Below Glider engineer, John F. A. Lamm, 3-1st TC Sqd., 441st TC Group, is waving to friends and family just before take off in a T-6. Texan.



Special note: James Magee, Roger Smith, Curtis Cameron and others wanted to be with us at this reunion but could not due to physical limitations. Please keep them all in your hearts and prayers. We are so glad we have three attending veterans but also understand that they may have to change plans at a moments notice. We honor them all.

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