Wingman

<u>Stand & Be Recognized</u>

Veterans please think of the 2012 reunion as the ticker tape parade you have earned but never received. You never ask for recognition, as a group or as individuals, but it is time for those of you who are able to attend this event to allow the public to acknowledge the achievements the 506th Fighter Group made during World War II. Recognition, while the central theme of this event, will come in an assortment of ways.

By now, you probably know that a P-51 has been painted as one of the 457th mustangs. *Kwitcherbitchin* is scheduled to be unveiled at this event. That introduction will be documented in an article in the aviation magazine, *War-birds International*. The article about the plane will include information about the original plane's serving on Iwo Jima as well as lead-ins to the 506th being recognized by the magazine. Come and make sure the story is told correctly.

During the activities at the airport, there will be time set aside to sell the 506th book. That will include the veterans' being asked for autographs. While it might be embarrassing for some of you to sign the book, remember you are doing so, in part, for those who did not return form war or for those who are no longer around to attend the reunions.

Another event will be a "mission briefing". There will be a large contingent of young folks who are there to re-enact the war days. On Saturday and Sunday, they will be reliving the briefing held before your June 1st mission. They want the 506th veterans there to insure the accuracy of the briefing.

An activity that may be of more interest to the families than to the veterans is the opportunity to purchase a ride in a war-bird. At the event web site you can reserve a flight on a B-25 or on one of the 2 flying B-24s that remain from the 18,000 America produced. Or better, the only flying B-29 will be there offering rides for sale. For those who were unable to attend the 2011 reunion and want to fly a trainer, rides will be available in a PT-19 and a Stearman, plus the AT-6 Texan. And last, but not least, how about buying a ride in a P-51! While rides will be available all weekend, the best time will be on Friday. You should make a reservation, via the web site, for this opportunity to in fly a historic airplane.

Besides the activities at the airport, we will still have plenty of time together at the hotel to allow our veterans to retell the stories they told last year to another veteran, whose age has shortened his memory to a point he no longer recalls the story told last year, but enjoys hearing the yarn anew as if it were all true.

The key to this weekend will be participation by the veterans. This is the maximum effort reunion. Do all you can to attend. Bring your oxygen bottle, drive your wheel chair, grab your walking stick, but get there. And bring your family so they can better understand those days long gone. And families, if your veteran is no longer with us or is unable to attend, please come in his place. They need you to be here as their representatives. Please join us for the World War II weekend in Pennsylvania.

The Abraham Lincoln Hotel
A Wyndham Hotel
100 North 5th Street
Reading, PA 19601
610-372-3700

Booking Name: 506th Ftr. Grp.
Room Rate: $99/night
Parking Fee: $6 weekday &
$2 weekends
Room rate guaranteed if booked before May 1st.

Air Travel Options

PHL - Philadelphia Int. - 67 miles
ABE - Allentown- 30 miles
MDT - Harrisburg Airport - 60 miles

Travel from Airport to Hotel

Renting a car at the airport is the most reasonable ground transportation from the airport to the reunion as you will need it to get to the airshow each day. If you're traveling by yourself, it is suggested that you try to coordinate your arrangements to share in the car rental.

MID-ATLANTIC AIR MUSEUM'S
22nd ANNIVERSARY
WORLD WAR II WEEKEND
A GATHERING OF WARBIRDS
JUNE 1-2-3, 2012

There is so much activity during the weekend, spend some time researching the web site for information about the Museum, the restoration of the P-61 Black Widow and the airport activities that make up the gathering of warbirds.

The Mid-Atlantic Air Museum - http://www.maam.org/

Kwitcherbitchn on Iwo Jima

Kwitcherbitchn Today

2012 Dues - 506th Fighter Group

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
ZIP:	
Home Phone:	
Email Address:	

Just complete and return to:
506th Fighter Group
3571 Far West Blvd. #214
Austin, TX 78731

2012 Dues $20

2012 Reunion Registration - 506th Fighter Group

This information will be used to complete your nametag

Name of Those Attending	Home Town/State	Squadron

Reunion Registration Fee $95 ea.
(if paid by May 15, 2012 $125 if after that date)
Registration Fee will be Refunded if Canceled by May 15th.

If you wish to just pay your dues;
   Complete the top of the form and mail your $20 membership fee.
If you wish to attend the reunion;
   Make a hotel reservation *(group rate guaranteed only till May 1st.)*
   Complete both portions of this form and mail your $95 reunion registration fee.
      Registration includes evening meals at the hotel on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.
      Reunion registration does NOT include events at the airport!
   Decide if you wish to pre-purchase event tickets for the events at the airport.
      Background;
         Friday is an open house, selling warbird rides, event set up day
         Saturday and Sunday are the key event days and events are the same both days.
         (We expect many of our group, having participated Saturday, will head back home on Sunday).
      Pre-purchase Prices (call 610-372-7333 or go to the web site at http://www.maam.org/)
         Adult 3 Day Pass $62
         Adult 1 Day Pass $23
         Child 1 Day Pass $10
      Purchased the day of the event.
         Adult 3 Day Pass $70
         Adult 1 Day Pass $25
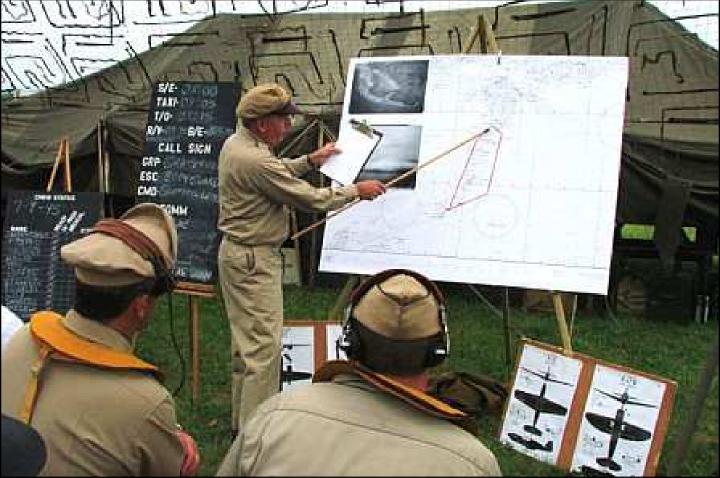   Child 1 Day Pass $12

Qty	Item	Each	Amount Enclosed
	Dues	$20	
	Reunion	$95	
		Total	

THE MID ATLANTIC AIR MUSEUM'S 22ND ANNUAL
WWII WEEKEND
JUNE 1ST - 2ND - 3RD, 2012

A Gathering of Warbirds

Complete the other side and mail back with your;

Reunion Registration
Or
2012 Dues
Or
Both!

PILOT - CAPT. LAWRENCE
CAPT. KINVIG
C/C S/SGT. WAGNER

SPEC. PROJ. NO. 96997 - R
U.S. ARMY P-51D-25-NA
SERIAL NO. AAF 44-72854

CREW WEIGHT 200 LBS.
SERVICE THIS AIRPLANE WITH
GRADE 100/130 FUEL. IF NOT
AVAILABLE T.O.06-5-1 WILL BE
CONSULTED FOR EMERGENCY ACTION

Capital Wing of the Airman's Preservation Society in the middle of a mission briefing like the one they will do during at our reunion weekend, but this time it will be the June 1st mission from Iwo Jima.

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The History of 506th Fighter Group, Iwo Jima 1945.

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