



# Wingman



Winter

506th Fighter Group Association

2014



## California Recap

Reunions for the last two years have centered around a large regional airshow. The primary reason for the location choice was to visit P-51 Mustangs that have been painted to represent air-planes used by the 506th Fighter Group on Iwo Jima. In 2012 we went to eastern Pennsylvania where Tom Duffy's 457th mustang *Kwitcherbitchin* was on display at the Reading Air Show. In 2013 we traveled to the west coast. Chino California is home to the Planes of Fame Museum where they have painted one of their mustangs as *Dolly*, a 462nd plane.

Joining the 6 veterans attending the '13 reunion we had about 40 family and friends which led to a very successful gathering. It was terrific to have west coast resident Omar Skiver of the 457th and his extended family join us at the airshow. Special recognition must go out to Robert Grant who made the arrangements for the reunion.



## 2014 Reunion - August 7-10

We will continue the airshow theme. The group will be traveling to the Midwest for the Thunder over Michigan Airshow, and visit to the Henry Ford Museum. Arrangements are still being completed, but the date is set so mark your calendar and make plans to join us.



**Veterans Attending:** Bill Ebersole 462nd, Bill Peterson 458th, Jack Rice 462nd, Abner Aust 457th, & Ralph Gardner 457th.

**506th Fighter Group Magazine Article**

The newly published *Mustangs* magazine (spring 2014 edition) published by *Warbirds International* has a terrific color article about the Iwo Jima Mustangs which includes a number of photos of the 506th airplanes. The magazine should be available at major bookstores, but might be hard to find, so consider going on line and ordering a copy.



Omar Skiver 457th & Jack Rice 462nd exchange stories.

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## 2014 Reunion

**Date:**

Thursday August 7th  
to  
Sunday August 10th

**Location:**

Detroit Michigan

**Activities:**

Henry Ford Museum  
Thunder over Michigan Air Show

### Save the Date

*Details are still being worked out,  
but will be published in the next  
newsletter which should come out  
the end of May.*



#### **Airshow Items of Interest**

- Thunderbirds
- Warbirds
- Re-enactors

## 2014 Dues

The dues pay for keeping our members informed of the 506th Fighter Group Reunions. Anyone with an interest in helping preserve the history of this group is encouraged to join.



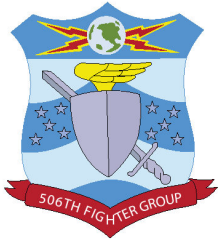
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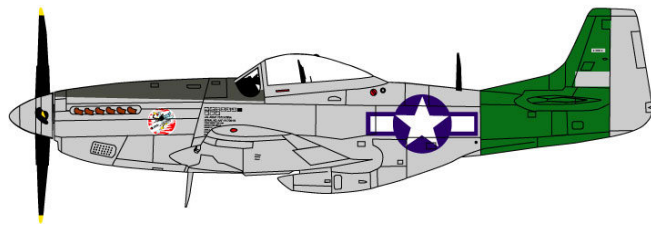
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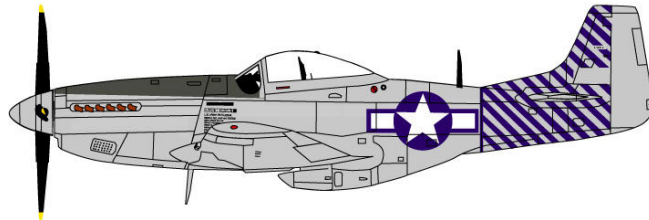
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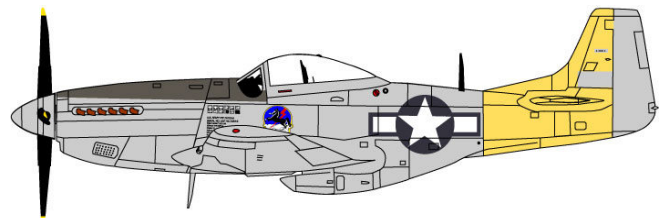
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