

1st Fighter Association Newsletter



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1st Fighter Wing Reunion

The 1st Fighter Association held yet another successful reunion at the Crown Plaza hotel in Hampton, VA on August 15-18, 2013. Forty members and 52 guests attended this year's event. We were privileged to have four World War II members attend.



World War II member attendees P.E. "Mac" MacAllister, Felix Pasteris, Bob Riley and Loyd Logenbaugh

Unfortunately, Association President Jim Hardenbrook was unable to attend after working so hard to make this event a success. Luckily Racquet is now up and good as new. We

owe a big debt of gratitude to Pete Marty who stepped up and did a great job filling in. This was the last event under Racquet's tenure as president as the Association elected a new board and squadron representatives at the business meeting Friday morning. Please see the board and business meeting reports in this newsletter and online for more details.

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Sailor's Remarks

Yes I miss the flying is my answer to people when they ask, but I think we would all admit that it was the members of the squadron that truly made the American dream we all lived so absolutely memorable. I believe we are the luckiest people in the world to have experienced the opportunity to serve our country with some of the finest human beings that walk the face of the earth today. The First Fighter Wing was my first home as a young 2nd Lt Mission Ready wingman, I went to war in the 27th. I cherish all the memories and this association in my opinion is one of the best ways for us all to stay connected with those that are still wearing the flight suit and those of us that have taken off our flying boots for the last time. Having said that, I must tell you how humbled I am to have been elected to now serve the men and women of the 1st Fighter Association. I will continue to foster a vision of bringing present and past members of the 1st Fighter Group/1st Fighter Wing together to preserve those wonderful memories and our distinguished heritage. At the same I support continued efforts to grow our membership over the next few years, by staying engaged with the current First Fighter Wing Warriors through our "Ambassador Program" and supporting them when it makes sense and it supports our vision. Finally we will continue to make every effort to have effective communication with our membership and engage you when appropriate as listen to your ideas as we build our flight plan for the future.

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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/1st-Fighter-Association-5155204>

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Sailor

President Emeritus

AN HONOR TO SERVE

When I reflect over the last 8 years, 4 as the VP for Frito Lay and 4 years as the President of this great Association, I am truly honored to have had your trust, confidence and support for all those years. We have arranged for 5 reunions, 3 at Langley and one each in Reno and Riverside respectively. We have seen many successes and some failures as we all have attempted to sustain the viability and future of the Association. Our success as an organization however is not due to one individual but to the many who stepped up when needed to make the difference when it really counted. First I must recognize Pete Marty who was constantly there keeping all our records straight, providing me with recommendations and council, taking time out of his schedule and money out of his pocket to put boots on the ground in Riverside to make sure all the details for the upcoming Reunion were covered and we were ready to execute on the start date. Pete was also responsible for creating our first functioning website that became a useable tool for the Association and became known around the world as we had hits from WWII organizations in Ibsely, UK and a resident military historian from Foggia, Italy. Pete also was responsible for instituting Constant Contact Communication system, within the Association, which allowed us to get the word out in a timely manner and he also organized our first Association wide survey that took the pulse of the membership on future initiatives. Lastly Pete stepped in seamlessly at the last Reunion and never missed a beat while I was laid up. We all owe Pete a debt of gratitude for all he has done and a thank you for agreeing to stay on as Sec/Tres for one more term to maintain continuity until the leadership transition is complete.

Bob Correia has been a constant supporter from the start. He has been the Association VP from the beginning of my term as President. Many of our members, I am sure, are not aware of Bob's knowledge of the early Association. He knew many of our founding members and has knowledge of how many of our traditions got started. Bob has brought his historical expertise to the table and helps both Pete and myself keep the proper perspective when leading the Association. Bob was, and continues to be, the resident Association historian who has continuously made his expertise felt in corresponding with various WWII organizations throughout Europe and ensuring that, when he can, records are substantiated or changed to reflect accurately what occurred on a particular mission or date. We should all thank Bob for a job well done and make sure that we all let him know that we appreciate him remaining on the Board as our resident Historian.

Our day to day business of keeping the Association functional was run by the three of us on the Board. However, the three squadron presidents, Jon Goldenbaum, Bubba Parker [Frank Pickart while Bubba was overseas], and Jumbo Wray were the backbone of our communication system, were mainstays in maximizing reunion attendance, and ensured thru various initiatives and threats that hospitality suites were consistently funded and well stocked. I could always count on Bubba to keep the banter flowing to all his squadron members on the latest happenings within the Association and Goldy to not only communicate to his folks but also to step up both with his personal time and finances to make things happen. As everyone should already know Goldy was personally responsible for the expertise, manpower and materials that resulted in the restored 94th Spad that was on display during the last reunion. Goldy's actions directly contributed to folks within the Wing

learning about the 1st fighter Association, had a direct impact on the morale of the enlisted volunteers who worked on the project and permitted the project to be accomplished by donating all the restoration materials. Duty above and beyond the call is all we can say about Goldy's actions, thanks for everything Goldy, you made my job a lot easier!

Needless to say I thoroughly enjoyed my time as your President. I am very pleased that we have nearly completed our leadership transition. I welcome Sailor Frankel as your new president, Bill Roege as VP, Pete Marty remaining as the Association Sec/Tres and I pledge my assistance when asked in the future. All three squadrons have turned over and I am pleased that Moose Moore, Pip Pope and Bill Goodrich have volunteered to take on leadership roles in the Association. I look forward to increased membership as the new squadron presidents start getting the word out to the Desert Storm and later generations of 1st Wing alumni who are currently not members.

Lastly, there has been a consistent lesson learned throughout my tenure as your President, and it is the lack of solid communication capabilities. I felt we were always in an uphill battle getting pertinent and timely word out to the members. Our primary means of accomplishing the task was thru the squadron presidents and down thru the membership. I believe this is a good means of communication but should not be the only means of getting the word out. I do not lay blame at anyone's feet on this, I believe it is a learning process that has to be matured. The very foundation of the organization, i.e. the bylaws, endowment and general fund spending rules, a published list of initiatives approved by the Executive Committee, etc. needs to be formalized and then published on the website, thru Constant Contact [if appropriate] and the newsletter so that we maximize communication

potential. Using efficient and modern media means to spread the word I believe would be more efficient in an all-volunteer, wide spread organization that relies on timely communication to satisfy both our social and growth goals.

I also recommend that we make a special effort to welcome and recognize new members when they join the Association. Some of the ideas we might consider are squadron and Association lapel pins presented by the Association leadership, a welcoming letter from the Association President and appropriate squadron president, copies of the by-laws, association roster and a list of the current initiatives that have been approved by the Board. Lastly, we should have a section of the website dedicated to our new members recognizing their membership, publishing a picture of the member and providing a brief history of their squadron and wing affiliation.

It has been an honor to be a member of this great organization; I look forward to assisting the Board as your President Emeritus and actively leading the F-15 Static display initiative and the Ambassador program. As with any organization people stick out in our minds caused by their enthusiasm, selfless dedication and all their contributions to the Association. First among those is my WWII hero Mac McAllister. Mac has been our unofficial chaplain for the last eight years. His invocations are collectors' items for many of us with the unique and appropriate remarks on the heritage and fellowship that are part of the Association. Mac has also been a major contributor of memorabilia to the wing and the Association, his recent donation of the 71st WWII diary is a recent significant contribution.

Thanks Mac for all you have done for me, the Association and our members.

Lastly, if any member was to be graded on enthusiasm, willingness to contribute in any way possible and take on any challenge when asked it would have to be Randy “Mopar” Dodge. Randy has willingly taken on a leadership position in our “Enlisted Recruitment” initiative and has done a great job thru social media to generate contacts among former enlisted members of the Wing. Randy was also instrumental in generating the interest in the Wing and the Association to continue the “Maloney Pony” tradition with the dedication of an F-22 to carry the tradition into the Raptor era. I know there are others who I did not mention who came forward to assist in one way or the other, to each of you my sincere thanks.

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Racquet

Notes from the Secretary

Over the past few months I have been involved in discussions concerning our financial funds. What are they and what are their purposes? The Association has two funds—the General Fund and the Heritage Endowment Fund. The General Fund is funded by membership dues and supports ongoing operations of the Association including the Website, publication and distribution of the Newsletter, support of the Ambassador Program, and Reunion Expenses. The Heritage Endowment Fund is funded by donations with the mission of preserving the heritage of the 1st Fighter Wing. The Fund has preserved memorabilia for display in the Wing, pledged funding for the F-15 Permanent Display at Langley AFB, and contributes to the 1st Fighter Association Annual Awards given to outstanding 1st Fighter Wing airmen. Contributions to both funds are tax deductible as charitable contributions. For those non-life members look for the Annual Membership Drive letter in the mail in early 2014.

Another question I have received is: “What is going on with the website?” If you have checked it lately you will have noticed that it is really dated. We have been without a Webmaster for quite a while. In the meantime, I have taken on the task of keeping up the Website. Unfortunately, due to changes in my personal life, I have had little time to devote toward keeping our Website current. The bottom line is that the Association really needs a member to step up and volunteer as Webmaster. Steve “Buick” Olds has volunteered to assist, but is busy running a company. If you have the time and talent to be the Webmaster, let me know. The Website is our window to the outside world. It brings in new members and allows us to bring our expertise to inquiries from around the world.

Pete

In Remembrance

Since the last newsletter we have received word of the following members passing:

Roy Mortensen (91) passed away on April 8, 2013.

Hewitt G. Youtz, a P-38 Pilot with the 27th in WWII, passed away on March 27, 2012.

Robert John Rehwaldt II (56), an F-15 pilot with the 27th, passed away on June 21st, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia. His obituary is at http://www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com/mgxroot/page_10783.php (search for Rehwaldt).

Michele Becchi from Italy notified the Association of research that has located the crash site of Lt. Robert L. McIntosh, MIA since 1944. She provided this link for more information:

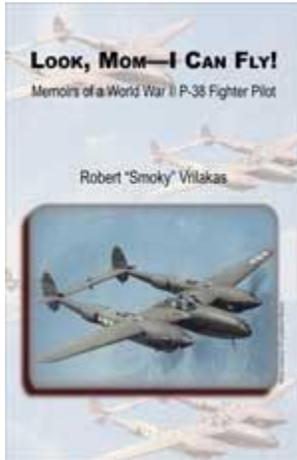
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Books

Look, Mom – I Can Fly! Memoirs of a World War II P-38 Fighter Pilot

By Robert "Smoky" Vrilakas

http://www.ampubbooks.com/authors/author_vrilakas.html



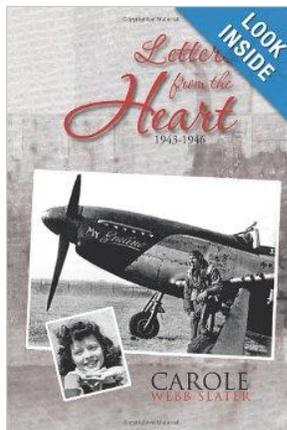
The book, wherever known, has met with great success as evidenced by some 26 reviews on Amazon, and many more that I have received directly from readers. It sells for \$16.95. I will pay postage on any signed copies to

members of the 94th Fighter Squadron, either past or active.

Thanks again for keeping track of us.

Bob "Smoky" Vrilakas, Happy Valley, OR

Letters from the Heart: 1943-1946



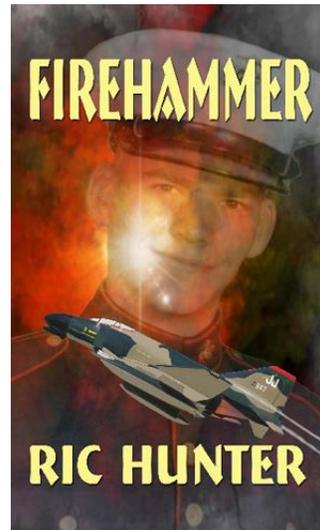
Moose Moore's sister, Carole Webb Slater, recently wrote a book about their father, Dana A. Webb, who served with the Bluenose Bastards, 328th Fighter Squadron (P-51s) in the ETO. You can find the book on

Amazon, <http://www.amazon.com/Letters-Heart-Carole-Webb-Slater/dp/1481727532>.

Read the link to learn more about how this book came to life!

FIREHAMMER

A novel by Ric Hunter (1st Fighter Association member)



Firehammer is based on a true story of two high school best friends who parted ways on graduation. Tim joined the Marines in the height of the Vietnam War. Randy went to college and later became a fighter pilot. When Tim is

killed at nineteen by a Vietnamese sniper, Randy vows to even the score. Firehammer is the nick-name of Tim's Zippo lighter that Randy carries during several combat engagements, including the last battle of the war when his flight of four Phantoms help rescue Marines trapped on bloody Koh Tang Island. Closure comes when Randy places the Zippo at panel 9E of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

Ric had a 7 minute radio station interview with WKYK in Burnsville, NC. The interview was centered on his recently published historical fiction novel, FIREHAMMER, and its launch on Friday, October 18th, at "Off the Beaten Path Book Store." He thought others might enjoy hearing an overview and some background. Thanks to all of you for your support! You can hear the interview at <http://www.ourlocalcommunityonline.com/pages/11119641.php>.

For a nice article on P.E. "Mac" McAllister see <http://historicindianapolis.com/pemacallister/>.

A Brief History of the 1st Fighter Association

By Bob Correia

Background:

In 1964 Fred Nichols a former WW 2 pilot from the 27th Fighter Squadron made arrangements at the Mountain Shadows hotel in Scottsdale, AZ for a reunion of former Airmen from the 27th Fighter Squadron. An Air Force flight of four F-106's from the 27th FIS at Loring AFB were in attendance.

In 1965 a West Coast mini reunion at Betty Hutton's Resort in Santa Clara was held by the 27th.

In 1974, WW2 members of the 1st Fighter Group attended a Lockheed P-38 Symposium held in Pasadena, CA that was hosted by Tony LeVier a former Lockheed test pilot.

1st Fighter Association:

In 1976, Bill Caughlin (27th) organized a reunion at the Torre Pines Inn, LaJolla, CA. The reunion was attended by airmen from the 27th, 71st and 94th Fighter Squadrons. It was during this reunion that a 1st Fighter Group Association was discussed, organized and its first officers elected. This is considered to be the first reunion of the 1st Fighter Association and Irv Styer (27th) was elected its first President. During this reunion it was decided to hold a reunion every two years. The following is a list of the reunion locations and Association Presidents.

1978 Harlingen, TX Charles McCann (71st)
 1980 Colorado Springs, CO Francis Harris (94th)
 1982 Scottsdale, AZ Charles Simpson (71st)
 1984 Hampton, VA Robert Riley (27th)
 1986 Reno, NV Cecil Queseth (94th)
 1988 Dayton, OH Charles Schreffler (71st)
 1990 Las Vegas, NV Clifford Laechelin (27th)
 1992 San Antonio, TX Joseph Foulkes
 1994 Colorado Springs, CO John Mullins (94th)

1996 Hampton, VA Frank Lawson (27th)
 1998 Dayton, OH Robin Hansen (71st)
 2000 Riverside CA Herschel Baird (94th)
 2002 Las Vegas, NV Guy Casey (27th)
 2004 Seattle, WA Jim Graham (71st)
 2006 Hampton, VA Al Eberhardt (94th)
 2007 Reno, NV William Lay (27th)
 2009 Hampton, VA Jim Hardenbrook (27th)
 2011 Riverside, CA Jim Hardenbrook (27th)
 2013 Hampton, VA Jim Hardenbrook (27th)

In addition to the reunions the Association has dedicated a number of Memorials to former members of the 1st and its squadrons. These are located at the Air Force Academy, the Air Force Museum and the Mission Inn, Riverside CA. In 2012 the Association provided assistance to the 94th FS in the restoration of its damaged Nieuport 28. This year we will be assisting in the dedication of an F-15A at Langley AFB.



1st Fighter Association Reunion (continued from page 1)

The reunion kicked off Thursday afternoon and evening with the members getting reacquainted at the hotel pool area for a barbecue dinner.



Friday started with the business meeting and then it was on to Langley AFB for a day hosted by the 1st Fighter Wing. The group spent some time watching F-22's and T-38's in the pattern and kicking the tires at some static displays (including the 1st Fighter Association refurbished Spad).



The 94th FS and T-38 leadership spent some time explaining today's realities and answering questions. Next the group saw the F-15 aircraft destined for the new static display. It looks ready to go! Before heading to lunch, we swung by the site where it will go. (See Racquet's article on the progress.)



The highlight of the day was the "Weapons and Tactics Conference." Mac MacAllister, Rob Riley, Stick Drummond and Bob Corson all talked about their experiences going to war. Quite a few active duty airmen joined us and it made for a great afternoon. Pictured is the presentation of a flag made by spouses of wing leadership during the first Gulf War to the 1st Fighter Wing. It was a very moving story and presentation.



Read some press about the Weapons and Tactics conference in the Hampton Daily Press (story by Hugh Lessig)

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/military/dp-news-first-fighter-wing-reunion-20130820,0,4702563.story>

and the story about the flag and tidbits from the symposium from Joint Base Langley-Eustis Public Affairs website at

<http://www.jble.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360404>.

The Squadron Dinners were combined this year and held Friday night at the hotel. This offered a great chance for more catching up and camaraderie.



Saturday saw a tour of Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown with lunch at the Kings Arms Tavern. The group had a great time checking out these historical parks.



Evening brought the Association Banquet at the Virginia Air and Space Center next to the hotel. The center has quite and extensive collection of aircraft and it was a great venue for this event. Lt Gen Burt Field was the guest speaker. We also heard from the new Association President Sailor Frankel. The banquet capped off another great reunion! Hope to see everyone at the next one in two years.



Additional photos on pages 13-15 and online at the Association website.

1st Fighter Association Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2013

Attendees:

Pete Marty, Secretary/Treasurer*
 Bob Correia, Vice-President*
 Bubba Parker, 27th President*
 Jon Goldenbaum, 71st President*
 Jumbo Wray, 94th President*
 Bill Roege, Newsletter Editor
 Bill Goodrich, 94th President Nominee
 * Voting Members

Jim Hardenbrook, President was absent do to a Medical Condition.

The Meeting took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hampton, VA. The following topics were discussed:

- Secretary/Treasurer Report
 - The Association is in good financial shape with \$17,615 in the General Fund and \$21,320 in the Heritage Endowment Fund.
 - There are currently 315 members on the roles of which 71 are Life Members
 - The Heritage Endowment Fund as a pending obligation of \$10,000 in support of the F-15 Static Display Project. Additionally, the total obligations for the reunion will not be complete until the end of August.
- Pete Marty reviewed the two Options for Reorganization of the Board as discussed during the January 29—30, 2013 Board Meeting.
 - The Executive Committee recommended adoption of Option 1.
 - The Board unanimously approved Option 1 as follows:
 - Executive Committee
 - President*
- President Emeritus*
- Vice-President*
- Secretary/Treasurer*
- Additional Board Members
- 27th Association President*
- 71st Association President*
- 94th Association President*
- *Voting Members
- The Board also unanimously appointed the following non-voting committee chairs/advisors to the board for the upcoming term:
 - Historian—Bob Corriea
 - Enlisted Advisor—Randy Dodge
 - Website Manager—Open
 - Newsletter Editor—Bill Roege
 - F-15 Static Display Initiative Chair—Jim Hardenbrook
 - Ambassador Program Chair—Jim Hardenbrook
- Pete Marty agreed to ask for volunteers to fill the Website Manager position and a volunteer assistant to Bill Roege for the Newsletter who would eventually take his place.
- The following Leadership Nominees for the next term were placed before the Board by the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved to bring forward as nominations at the General Membership Meeting:
 - Executive Committee
 - President — Mike "Sailor" Frankel
 - President Emeritus — Jim "Racquet" Hardenbrook
 - Vice-President — Bill "Gopher" Roege
 - Secretary/Treasurer — Pete "Pistola" Marty
- Additional Board Members
 - 27th Association President — Mike "Moose" Moore

71st Association President — Jon "Goldy"
Goldenbaum

94th Association President — Bill Goodrich

- Pete Marty reviewed the status to the F-15 Display Initiative
 - The 633rd Wing has appointed a staff POC
 - The exact cost is yet to be determined and will be matured with a ballpark estimate of \$25K-\$35k
 - The estimated completion date is in 8-10 months
 - We can expect a hi-profile dedication ceremony which the new board will need to deconflict with the 27th Association off-year reunion

Pete Marty opened the floor for discussion of the F-15 Display Initiative. The consensus of the Board was that while it unanimously continued to support the initiative there were concerns about cost. The \$10k commitment from the Heritage Endowment Fund is the only Association funds committed to the Project. No funds beyond the \$10k are approved. Additional funds, if needed, will be sourced through donations from Association Members and former F-15 pilots and maintainers assigned to the 1st Wing. Pete Marty reviewed the 1st Wing's commitment to the Project and agreed to relay to the Committee Chair the need to keep the cost down by maximizing the Wing's involvement in the areas of manpower, materials and equipment.

- There was no new business.

Pete Marty

Secretary/Treasurer

1st Fighter Association Membership Meeting

August 16, 2013

The Meeting took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hampton, VA. Pete Marty chaired the meeting in the absence of Jim Hardenbrook.

The following topics were discussed:

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- Pete Marty gave a brief overview of the F-15 Permanent Display project stating that a donation campaign would be used to fund the Project for Association supported cost beyond the \$10k committed from the Heritage Endowment Fund. He also stated that the F-15 itself and the proposed site for the permanent display would be seen as part of the Langley Excursion.
- Prior to breaking into Association Groups, Pete Marty asked the Squadron groups to seek volunteers for the Web-site Manager and the Newsletter Editor positions. The Meeting was then broken up into the Squadron Associations to review the board's nominations for the next term and to vote on the individual Association President positions.
- The Meeting was then reconvened. The Squadron Associations elected the following Presidents.

- 27th Association President — Mike "Moose" Moore
- 71st Association President — Pip Pope
- 94th Association President — Bill Goodrich
- Prior to voting each Board Position, Pete Marty asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. The following individual's names were placed in nomination by the Nomination Committee, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.
- Executive Committee
 - President — Mike "Sailor" Frankel
 - President Emeritus — Jim "Racquet" Hardenbrook
 - Vice-President — Bill "Gopher" Roeger
 - Secretary/Treasurer — Pete "Pistola" Marty
- Pete Marty asked for volunteers to fill the Web-Site Manager Position and the Newsletter Editor Positions. Steve "Buick" Olds volunteered to assist Pete Marty in the Web-Site Manager role. There were no volunteers for the Newsletter Position.
- There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.

Pete Marty, Secretary/Treasurer

New 94th President

94th "HAT-IN-THE-RING" Gang

By Bill Goodrich

Just a note to introduce myself to any of you I have not met. At the 1st Fighter Association Reunion, 15-17 August, I was elected to be President of the 94th Squadron members. I was the 94th SQ/CC in the early 80's and I feel it is an honor to represent the people who are part of, or have been part of, the 94th and I will do my very best to serve all of you. As I see it, my job is to keep you all informed of what is going on with the 1st Fighter Association, where your

dues are being spent and how to grow the 94th membership. Also, I will forward your suggestions and comments up the line.

The 1st Fighter Wing, along with the Fighter Squadrons, has one of the most prestigious resumes in U.S. military aviation history. I feel one of our goals is to keep that recognition alive, to tell its story, and to join together members from WW II to the present, with a shared camaraderie. The younger members learn and enjoy the stories of the past; and, the older members get to see and learn what the newest fighters are capable of from the pilots who fly them.

Jumbo Wray has done a great job the past four years and will be helping me get started. This year's reunion was a total success. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Two current projects are the F-15 static display, to be dedicated in about 8 or 9 months, and a Heritage Room with artifacts from all three squadrons, 27th, 71st & 94th. I will provide more on these projects later.

The most immediate task for me now is to be sure I have the current email address/ mailing address for all 94th members. I will be contacting everyone on the list I have. My list may not be complete, so if you don't hear from me, please contact me, using the info below.

My E-mail is 94thfighterpilots@gmail.com. Home address is 9441 E. Baymeadows Drive, Inverness, FL 34450, home phone 352-341-3992, cell 352-212-9694. We spend a lot of time in a second home in Virginia where we only have the cell phone.

Hope this finds all of you in good health,

Cheers, *Bill*

F-15 Static Display Initiative

In keeping with the Association's past traditions of dedicating memorials in key locations of importance to our history, I am pleased to report that the Association has received great support from the 1st FW and the 633rd ABW for dedicating an F-15 memorial at Langley. The bad news is that progress slowed during the federal government shut down but the pace of task accomplishment has increased since the government workers have returned to work. Accomplishments to date include:

- A/C demilitarization is complete
- De-mil paperwork has been submitted to the USAF museum for approval and was just received back from the Museum, approved.
- The 1st FW officially takes ownership of the historical aircraft A/C on 6 Nov, and this will open the door to start making movement and mounting plans.
- Plans are on the books to wash the A/C on 8 Nov, do paint touch up immediately following the wash and then the A/C will be ready to be pulled to the site when the pad is ready. A survey of the proposed towing route to the site has been accomplished with no show stoppers noted.



Here is an example of what the A/C may look like. The CE group, which is part of the 633rd ABW, is working on the official rendering and engineering diagrams for the project. Once that paperwork is complete then final project costs will be determined. I am hopeful that significant cost sharing will occur which will keep

Association costs within or lower than anticipated numbers. Once we have final cost figures any fund raising efforts needed will be put in place.

Bottom-line, after a slow start the pace of the project is picking up and I am pleased with both the Wing's and 633rd ABW buy-in to this project. I am hopeful that the pace will continue and we will beat our anticipated completion date of late spring 2014. Look for continued updates on the website.

Ambassadors Program Meeting



Racquet hosted a 1st Fighter Association Ambassadors meeting at Langley AFB in May. Pictured are many of those who have volunteered to be a part of this program that will help strengthen the bonds between the 1st Fighter Wing and the Association. Those wishing to volunteer as part of the program (a free shirt is part of the deal) contact one of the board members.

More Reunion Photos







Website: <http://www.1stFighter.com>



*“The first time I ever saw a jet, I shot it down.”
(General Chuck Yeager, USAF, describing his first confrontation with a Me262)*

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