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Spring

506th Fighter Group Association

2014



2014 Reunion - Detroit Michigan

Thursday, August 7th to Sunday, August 10th

For the 3rd year in a row, the 506th reunion is scheduled around a key airshow which features historic warbirds. For 2014, we will be visiting the Detroit Michigan area. The Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel, conveniently located near the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, will be our base of operations. We will be dining each evening at the hotel, starting Thursday night for a welcoming dinner. We have vans reserved to transport us each day, so you will not need local transportation.

The plan for Friday is to visit the Henry Ford Museum a few miles away in Dearborn. This is a large complex with both indoor museum displays and an outdoor "Greenfield Village". Of potential interest to our group of aviation buffs is the Wright brother's bicycle shop and home that Mr. Ford had transported from Dayton Ohio.

Saturday we will be attending the Thunder Over Michigan air show at the historic Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti Michigan. Willow Run was home to Ford's production of B-24 Liberators during World War II. At the height of production a new B-24 came off the assembly line every 63 minutes - 24 hours a day. A key to the arsenal of defense.



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Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport

8000 Merriman Rd
Romulus, MI, 48174
Phone: (734) 729-2600

Group Name: 506th Fighter Group
Rate: \$99/night - King or Double
Book on line at:

[https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/
Book/506fighterwing](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/506fighterwing)

**Book hotel room before
July 5th to guarantee the
discounted room rate.**

Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel

is conveniently located minutes from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). The hotel offers complimentary, convenient airport shuttle service, as well as close proximity to local attractions & restaurants, Detroit casinos and shopping via Interstates I-275 and I-96.



Henry Ford Museum

Friday our schedule has us visiting the Henry Ford Museum. The museum began as Henry Ford's personal collection of historic objects, that he began collecting as far back as 1906. Today, the 12 acre site is primarily a collection of antique machinery, pop culture items, automobiles, locomotives, aircraft, and other items of historical interest. As this is an extensive collection and our group has a variety of interest, we will be on individual self-guided tours.





Thunder over Michigan Air Show

The Yankee Air Museum in Ypsilanti, MI will be hosting the annual Thunder Over Michigan Air Show and they have invited the 506th Fighter Group to be among the honored guest. On Saturday our group will travel via vans from the hotel to the airshow. In the morning we should be allowed to get up close to the warbirds attending the event with the afternoon airshow highlighted by the USAF Thunderbirds.



2014 Dues

The dues we collect allow us to 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.



2014 Dues - 506th Fighter Group

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

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
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Home Phone:	
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**2014
Dues
\$20**



2014 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
\$200 ea.**
(if paid by July 25, 2014
\$225 if after that date)
**Registration Fee
will be Refunded if
Canceled by
July 25th.**

If you wish just to 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 July 5th*)

Complete both portions of this form and mail your \$200 reunion registration fee.

Registration includes evening meals at the hotel on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday plus transportation to the Ford Museum & Thunder over Michigan Air Show.



Qty	Item	Each	Amount Enclosed
	Dues	\$20	
	Reunion	\$200	
	Total		

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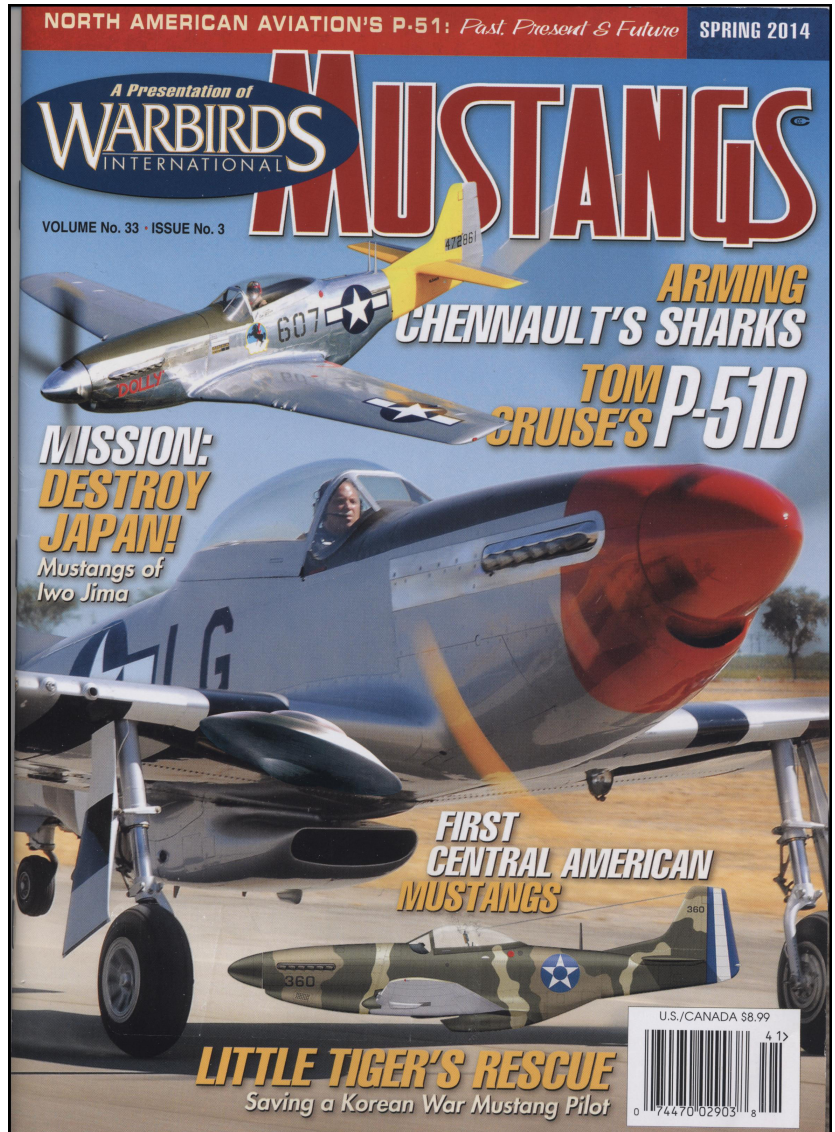
Jack & Naomi Cronk

With great sadness we report the passing of Jack and Naomi Cronk. As regular reunion attendees, they epitomized the greatest generation. Jack, a pilot with the 457th Fighter Squadron passed away in December of 2012. Naomi died in August of 2013.



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.



Who should attend the reunions? YOU!

Every reunion sparks interest from subsequent generations. Many of them are younger than our veterans who went off to World War II, yet they muster up the interest and fortitude to investigate attending an upcoming reunion. They recognize the magnetic pull of wanting to know more about the unit their dad, uncle, or grandfather served with, but some are unsure if it is appropriate for them to participate. They hesitate because they think they might not fit in, might be a distraction, or it just might not be a productive use of time in their busy life.

But those who do venture to their 1st reunion always come away with the wish they had started years earlier. **Come join us!**

Help Preserve the Memory of the 506th Fighter Group.



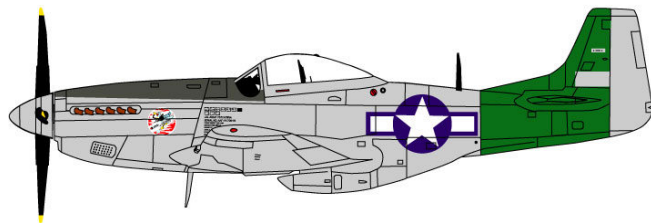
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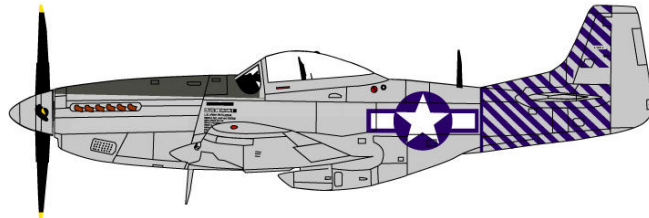
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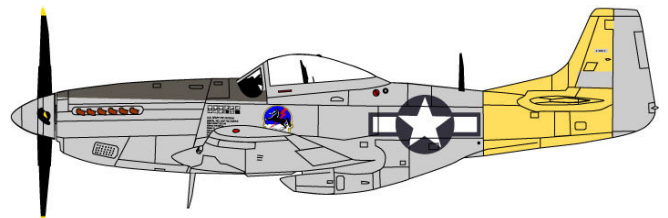
457th Fighter Squadron



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462nd Fighter Squadron



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