



# Wingman



Spring

506th Fighter Group Association

2013



## California Dreaming

This year we are heading west. The 506<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group has held a number of reunions in the south, southeast, and central US, but has seldom ventured to the west coast. Last year we had a successful adventure to Pennsylvania to visit P-51 *Kwitcherbitchin* at the Reading Air Show. Just to be fair, we need to visit our other coast and our other Mustang, *Dolly*.

Part of what makes visiting *Dolly* of special interest is that she is based at one of the most significant warbird museums in the country in Chino, California. Ed Maloney, the founder of the Planes of Fame Museum, was one of the first to recognize the significance of acquiring, restoring, and preserving the planes that represent our heritage. To showcase their collection they join forces with other warbird collectors for one of the best areal displays of our flying history. Surrounded by these great planes, it will be a terrific place to combine our reunion with their air show.

The 506<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group will be joined by a few other veteran groups being honored as guests at this air show. We will be using our own vans to travel from the hotel to the Chino airport. There will be a large canopy under which some group may wish to casually review the activities. Each evening of the reunion we will be having a meal at the hotel and plenty of time to retell our adventures of years gone by.

In case a flight in a warbird is of interest, it is common practice at shows like this to sell rides the day before the show. Check the Planes of Fame web site for availability, and make a reservation. There may be some new Mustang pilots by the time our reunion is over. This is a reunion not to be missed. Round up the whole family and join us.

# Reunion Hotel Information



## Ontario Airport Hotel

Coast Hotels & Resort

700 N Haven Ave  
Ontario, CA 91764

**909-980-0400**

Booking Name: 506th Ftr. Grp.

Room Rate: \$104/night plus tax

**Free Shuttle from Ontario Airport**  
**Room rate guaranteed if booked**  
**before April 1st.**



### Who Should Attend the Reunion?

A question that is asked prior to every reunion is "Should I go?". If you are a veteran, the answer is YES! If you are surviving spouse, the answer is YES! If you are a child or grandchild of a 506th veteran, the answer is YES! If you are a friend of the family, the answer is YES! If you are interested in the Iwo Jima Mustangs and want to meet the crew, the answer is YES! If you just want to help preserve the memory of the veterans who answered their country's call, the answer is YES! If you can find more of our veterans and their families, please suggest to them that they should attend this reunion.



### Bill & Barb Lawrence on Bill's 91st Birthday

Our historian, John Benbow just located Bill Lawrence of the 457th. Now we need to encourage Bill to attend his first 506th Fighter Group Reunion. Maybe we can find a few more veterans while we still have time.



The Planes of Fame Air Show is a 2 day event held annually at the Chino Airport. The 506th Fighter Group will be attending the event on Saturday as a group, but if you wish to stay for Sunday, please feel free to do so.

This air show is one of the largest gatherings of warbirds in the country & will feature the P-38 Lightning. There are less than a dozen of these planes that are currently flyable, and if we are lucky, we may see 4 or 5 in the air at one time.

We are currently working with the air show folks for some discounted admissions for our members. Expect to pay a small fee to attend the show each day.



# PLANES OF FAME

May 4-5, 2013

## Air Show



### Lightning Strikes



## 2013 Dues - 506th Fighter Group

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

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

**2013  
Dues  
\$20**



## 2013 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  
\$150 ea.**  
(if paid by April 15, 2013  
\$175 if after that date)  
**Registration Fee  
will be Refunded if  
Canceled by  
April 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>.*)

Complete both portions of this form and mail your \$150 reunion registration fee.

Registration includes evening meals at the hotel on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday plus transportation to the Chino Air Show.

Qty	Item	Each	Amount Enclosed
	Dues	\$20	
	Reunion	\$150	
	<b>Total</b>		



While the reunion fee is higher than recent years, your meals for the most part are included. Breakfast is included with your hotel stay and each evening we will be dining together.

## Tentative Reunion Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
5/2/2013	Thu	16:00	Reunion Registration	Walnut Room
		18:30	Welcome Dinner	Tahoe Room
		20:00	Return to Meeting Room	Walnut Room
5/3/2013	Fri	7:30	Breakfast	Hotel
		8:30	Depart for Airport	Hotel Lobby
		9:00	Preview of Tomorrow's Air Show	Chino Airport
		12:00	Lunch on your Own	Airport
		16:00	Return to Hotel	
		18:30	Dinner	Tahoe Room
		20:00	Return to Meeting Room	Walnut Room
5/4/2013	Sat	7:00	Breakfast	Hotel
		8:00	Depart for Airport	Hotel Lobby
		9:00	Air Show	Chino Airport
		12:00	Lunch on your Own	Airport
		16:00	Return to Hotel	
		18:30	Dinner	Blu Room
		20:00	Return to Meeting Room	Walnut Room
5/5/2013	Sun		Hotel Checkout	

Want to see who we have as members & where they live? Maybe you have a neighbor who shares your interest in the 506th.

Visit the member's page on the web.

<http://506thfighter.org/506thmemberlist.asp>

ID: 506th Password: Fighter



*With Great Sadness, We Must Report*

**Ed Linfante**

462nd Fighter Squadron

Died February 15, 2013

*Blue Skies & Tailwinds, Dear Friend*

*Complete the other side and mail back with your;*  
**Reunion Registration**

Or

**2013 Dues**

Or

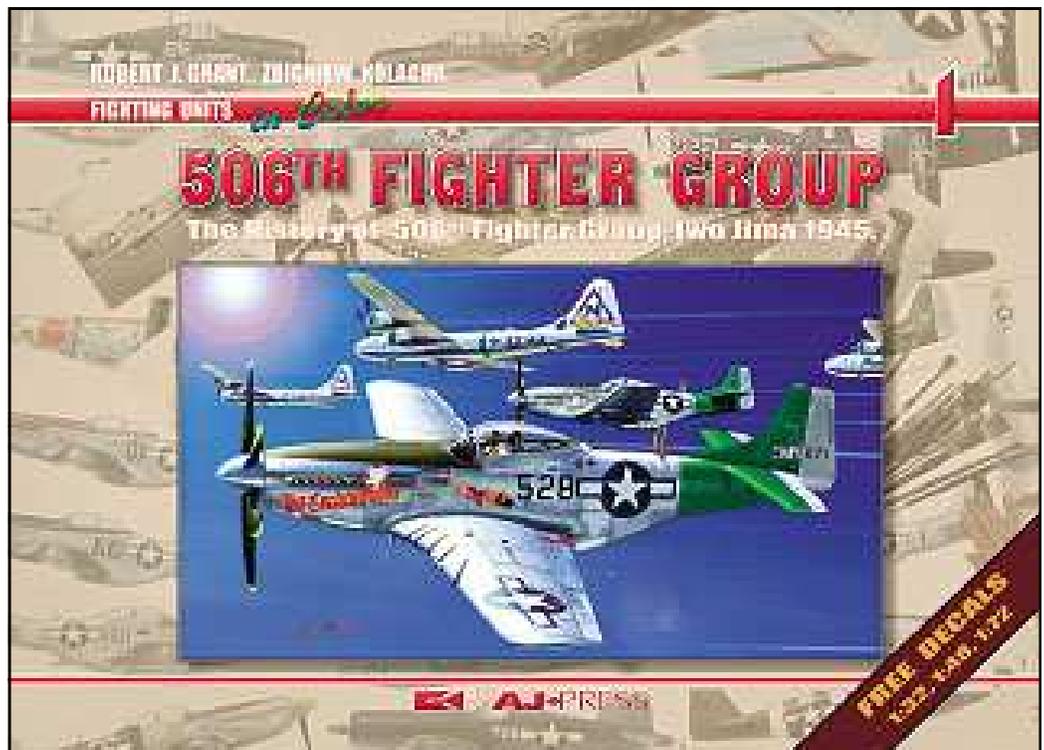
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**506th Fighter Group**

Receives long overdue publicity in a

**New Book!**

Available at the 506th web site.





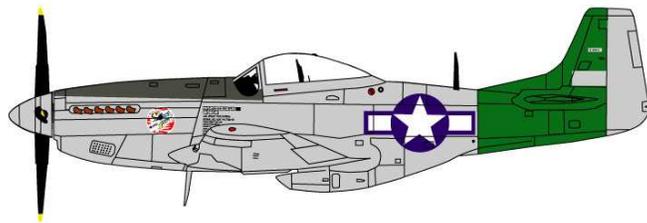
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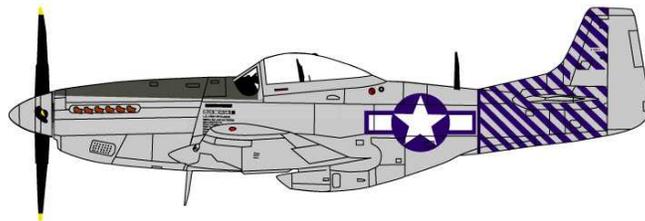
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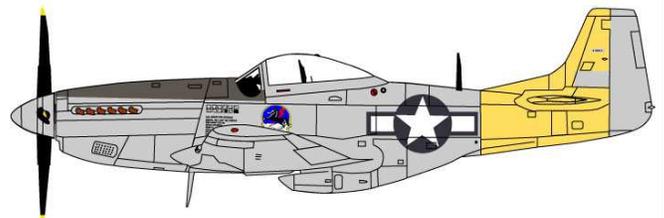
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458th Fighter Squadron



462nd Fighter Squadron



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