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Edward "Whitey" Feightner, the Grim Reaper Ace



Association President's Message

Dear Aces, Friends, Survivors, and Honorees:

The Grim Reaper is an equal opportunity villain, and with the last flight of three of our WWII Aces, he has brought us inexorably below the seemingly impenetrable floor of 50. Gone: Luther (Del) Prater, USN, 8.5 victories, Navy Cross and Silver Star; Robert Milliken, USAAF, 5 victories in the P-38; and Frank McCauley, USAAF, a 5.5 victory P-47 Ace, at the age of 100, the oldest living Ace before his death. The USAF paid him the honor of a four-ship F-15 flyby at his funeral. Aces remaining: 47.

With the approval of the Marketing Committee and the Board of Directors, the Museum of Flight has instituted a major sale of the beautiful lithographs that Roy Grinnell has produced for the Aces. The entire U.S. art market has tanked in the last few years, and we were not immune. In order to generate revenue and reduce the large stock, the sale is 50% off every litho. The sale is being advertised and is featured on both the Aces website and the Museum website, among other venues. Now is a great time to acquire a litho done by one of the preeminent aviation artists in the world.

Ed Garland has expressed concern that few members have registered to date for the reunion and reserved a hotel room at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. Ed has made some fine arrangements for us, so sign up now. The cutoff date for hotel reservations is August 4th.

Did you know that new members can join the AFAA on-line now? Beat the bushes - we need new members.

Recently, there has been some correspondence alleging that the Aces memorabilia at the Museum had been shipped to storage space at Paine Field some 30 miles North. The rumor was not true. All Aces artifacts and papers are still stored in climate-controlled conditions on the main campus and are available on request for viewing or research. What has been moved is a collection of old Ace records, plus some old Museum records, to make room for a break room for Museum employees on their lunch hour, a reasonable administrative move. The Museum will be adding a permanent Congressional Gold Medal exhibit into the Personal Courage Wing at the beginning of the year that will include more Aces memorabilia to be publicly displayed

Respectfully,

General Charles "Chick" Cleveland, USAF (Ret)

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Rear Admiral Edward L. Feightner in 1970. (U.S. Navy)



Museum President's Message

Dear Aces, Friends, Survivors and Honorees:

It's summer time in Seattle and we are gearing up for the busy season! The museum had a successful opening of our new APOLLO exhibit which features a full scale unused F-1 engine as well as components from the original F-1 engines from the Apollo 12 and Apollo 16 missions that were recovered from the Atlantic ocean.

We are now accepting applications for 2017 AFAA Scholarships. This wonderful program assists to offset tuition costs for students, and, moreover, continues to increase the knowledge and understanding of the legacy of the American Fighter Aces well into the future. Please help us promote this incredible program. Applications are due August 31st, 2017!

With the 2017 AFAA Reunion in San Antonio around the corner, make sure you register soon. Ed Garland has been working tirelessly planning the affair and it's going to be a great event.

This summer, The Museum of Flight is hosting two events sponsored by the NW Chapter of Friends of the American Fighter Aces. On July 1st we will be joined by AFAA Honoree Col. Ken Cordier (USAF, ret.). Cordier was forced to eject on December 2, 1966 after his F-4C Phantom was struck by a surface to air missile. He was immediately captured and spent 2,285 days as a POW. On August 19th we will be joined by Bill Knudson, former Mariners Baseball executive. Knudson did not know about his father and WWII casualty, 2nd Lt William B. Cuthbert, until he was 18 years old. He will recount his journey to understand what happened to his father as well as talk about his work with the Honor Flight Network.

If you are in the Seattle area this August, please swing by the museum and help us celebrate the Blue Angels with our Annual Jet Bash Blast. Come see the Blues fly while enjoying outdoor family activities, live music, and fun eats and drinks.

I hope to see you all at the Reunion this September!

Sincerely,

Doug King
CEO and President
The Museum of Flight

June 2017





ACE BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST - OCTOBER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Lynn F. Jones	8/16/1920
John A. Zink	8/18/1921
James F. Luma	8/27/1922
Richard H. Fleischer	9/6/1919
James F. Low	9/10/1925
John B. Lawler	9/15/1921
Abner M. Aust Jr.	10/7/1921
Edward L. Feightner	10/14/1919



2017 Reunion in San Antonio, TX September 7-10

The 2017 Annual Reunion is almost here! Make sure to register for this fun event by August 4th to ensure you get a room and are able to participate in all of this year's activities.

To register go to
<http://www.americanfighteraces.org/news.htm>
Print out the form and mail to:

Edward Garland
5206 Sagail Place
San Antonio, TX 78249

To reserve your hotel room, call the Holiday Inn Riverwalk at 210-224-2500 and tell them you are part of the American Fighter Aces Reunion.

If you have any questions you can contact Ed Garland at 210-823-7149 or 210-558-7149 or AFAA-Reunion@museumofflight.org.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN FIGHTER ACES

(Auxiliary of the American Fighter Aces Association)

BASIC MEMBERS receive:

- Membership card, certificate, lapel pin and decal (pin and decal with initial year's membership only).
- Subscription to the quarterly American Fighter Aces Bulletin, featuring articles by the Aces and others.
- Free admission to the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington — "Home of the Fighter Aces"
- A 15% discount on all AFAA items sold through the Museum Store and AFAA website

All this for just \$40.00 a year (\$45.00 Foreign)

THE HIGHER LEVEL MEMBERSHIPS BELOW OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

BASIC II MEMBERS receive:

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\$1000.00 (one time payment)

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www.AmericanFighterAces.org

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___ New Membership Name _____
 ___ Renewal Street/PO Box _____
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Please enroll me as a _____ member.

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Circle brand of credit card: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

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