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From the Cockpit

Greetings 315ers,

This is a short note to let you know about the upcoming reunion. As you may know, we joined forces with the National WWII Glider Pilots Assoc. as we joined with them to celebrate and remember our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and others during their reunion last year. We have joined with three other troop carrier groups to reunite every year. I realize that our past reunions happened every two years. The last couple of our past reunions only saw just a handful of our 315 family members in attendance. There was talk about dissolving our Association. I was one of the people who was against dissolving our group. It is our duty and responsibility to keep the memory of our heroes alive and in our hearts.

The 43rd Reunion will be held in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites near the Kansas City International Airport. It takes place from Thursday evening September 12 through Saturday, September 14, 2013. I realize that this email is getting you with little time to plan for your trip but we have special rooms that are set aside for us. The original date set for registering rooms to get the special room rate has passed but the Glider Pilots have given us 24 hours before the reunion date to reserve it. There is even better news. If you contact me at mdsandall@hotmail.com your rooms will be comped for the three day event. Again, just email me and your rooms will be free. There are meals that will be available as a group Thursday, Friday, and the banquet Saturday nights that you may pay through George Thies, the recording secretary of the GP Assn. You may call him at 719-3387-6467 or email him at ww2gp@aol.com. Just remember, email me for the rooms not George. I would personally love to see the second geners that I've come to love visiting with getting to know. If you can't afford this one, there are plans to have two mini reunions this next spring and summer – one on the west coast and one on the east coast. Please refer to the website - ww2gp.org for more information.

These three Reunions will be dedicated in the memory of Evelyn "Chappy" Kowalchuk. I miss her dearly and wish you will keep Peter and family in your thoughts and prayers. Our next paper newsletter will honor her with pictures and stories. She was one of a kind. I also think of all who have taken their last flight with Chappy. Lest we forget.....

Marc Sandall
President

