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National WWII Glider Pilots Association 40th Reunion

LUBBOCK, Texas (October 5, 2010) – Thirty-nine families of Glider Pilots who served in World War II will travel to Lubbock from all over the country to attend their 40th annual reunion October 7th-October 9th at the Silent Wings Museum, 6202 North I-27.

This is a monumental event for the glider pilots. Many of the pilots graduated from Lubbock and feel that the Silent Wings Museum is the perfect place to reflect on life as a pilot. Many of the attendees are reaching the golden years of life, and this might be the last time the reunion is held.

The Lubbock County Historical Commission will present the Silent Wings Museum with a marker commemorating the South Plains Army Airfield, the largest glider pilot training facility in the United States, on Saturday, October 9th at 2:30pm. Immediately following the marker dedication, Philippe Esvelin, author of *Forgotten Wings*, will give a presentation centered on WWII Glider Pilots and their contribution to the War. The event is open to the public and is \$5 for general admission, \$2 for children and \$3 for senior citizens.

For additional information, contact Otto Lyons at 806.782.8242 or the Silent Wings Museum at 806.775.2047.

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