

NEWS



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CRUSADERS ENJOY OAK BROOK MEET



Roland Sabourin photo

J. Fred Thomas, 392nd's Group Vice-president for the 2AD with wife Elva; and Blanche Keilman, widow of the late Myron Keilman, 579th commander. Fred has assumed his United Airlines Captain's face, or else, as Roland Sabourin says, looks like someone told him he must now fly another 25 missions.



Seen at the hospitality room are Ernie Barber, 392BGMA archivist and a crew chief in the 578th; and Bill Cetin, a Squadron Bombardier in the 579th. Bill, before he entered the Air Corps, was once a sergeant in Troop "A" of the 105th U. S. Horse Cavalry.

A traveling library arrives at our meetings in Ernie Barber's pick-up, and the many books and other records are carefully looked over.

Over 50 Crusaders, including spouses and friends, overcame the ravages of age and found their way to the 2AD convention May 23-26.

Held at Oak Brook Hills Resort, near Chicago, it was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Second Air Division Association, and the founding site was, curiously enough, Chicago.

Evelyn Cohen, mother superior of the Association, always good at finding superior places to meet, outdid herself with this selection.

The 1999 meeting of the 2AD will be Memorial Day weekend at Austin, Texas.

At the annual meeting of the 392nd BGMA, the following directors were re-elected: Keith Roberts, Dave Greene, Howard Ebersole, and Carroll Cheek.

The 392nd, as is the usual practice at 2AD and 8AF meetings, maintained their own hospitality room, and it was full most of the time. It was well stocked with snacks and beverages, under the expert direction of Teddy Egan and Ernie Barber.

Attendees were: Laurin Austin, Ernie Barber, Vern Baumgart, Luther Beddingfield, John Bode, Joe Bonnano and Annie, Bill Cetin, Carroll Cheek and Mabel, John Conrad and Wanda, and

Ray Dunphy and Cile, Charlie Dye and Helen, with Tom and Marie Thomas as their guests, Teddy Egan, Robert Fleischmann, Lawrence Gilbert and Marjorie, and

Jim Goar and Virginia, Barney Glettler and Laura, Dave Greene and Renee, Blanche Keilman and son Geary, Oak Mackey and Maxine, Jim Marsteller and Karen, and

Art Olson and Lee, Warren Polking and Dette, Cecil Rothrock and Mary, Roland Sabourin, Bill Singleton and Thelma, Fred Thomas and Elva, Bob Tuchel, Roland Waters, and Joe Whittaker and Marie.

Also attending were guests Dave and Shelley Turner. Dave heads up Turner Publishing, the publisher of our anthology, Twentieth Century Crusaders.



Roland Sabourin photo

Crew get-togethers are an important part of Crusader meetings, and above is shown the 578th's Roland Sabourin crew: L to R: Walt Mateski, Bill Singleton, Ann Bonnano, Thelma Singleton, Joe Bonanno, Marge Mateski, and Roland Sabourin. Joe and Ann are honorary members.



Col Lawrence Gilbert, 392BGMA CEO and former commander of the 392nd, with wife Marjie. Most pilots who viewed the ice sculpture of the B-24 thought it an outstanding work of art, but doubted if it would fly.

BIRDIE LARRICK, ARC DIRECTOR, PERKY AGAIN

Attendees at the Chicago meeting of the 2AD this May were concerned to hear that Birdie Schmidt Larrick, the Red Cross club director at Wendling, was hospitalized and unable to attend.

Phone calls were made and a card sent, and now we hear that the cause was a disruptive medicine interaction, but now she's o.k.

She's so o.k. that she's planning yet another international visit, this time to India. That is, after she appears as an actress in a play in Orlando this winter.

So why wouldn't we know that there's no stopping Birdie. After all, she left a comparatively comfortable Wendling in 1944 to join a mobile entertainment troupe on the Continent.

(Editor's note: I ought to know- I taught her how to drive a 6x6.)

VISIT TO 392ND MEMORIAL AT AF MUSEUM, DAYTON

On the grounds of the USAF Museum at Dayton are many memorials to WWII units. Most have a tree and a memorial stone, and the 392nd is represented.

M/Sgt Allen Holtman, USAF (ret), is an associate member of the 392nd, having been too young to have served during WWII.

He recently visited the Dayton museum and placed flowers on the 392nd monument. He said just as he was placing the flowers, the museum opened and the public address system played the Air Force song. It was a memorable moment for him.

He lives near St. Louis, and regularly visits the graves of 392nd men who are buried at the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks.

He reported recently that the AF casualty who was once the Vietnam Unknown Soldier but was later identified, was disinterred from the Arlington National Cemetery and is now buried close to 392nd graves at Jefferson Barracks.

AIR ANNIVERSARY
Aviation Section of the Signal
Corps created by Congress-1914.

EARLY CASUALTIES GO UNKNOWN, UNREMEMBERED

The 392nd lost two men before the first mission was flown.

T/Sgts Walter F. Murphy and Hyman Schwartz, 579th AM's, were sent to Burtonwood, our base supply depot, to crew a new B-24 being ferried to us. The plane crashed on take-off at Burtonwood, and the two crewmen died.

In the hurly-burly of getting organized on our new base and the passage of over 50 years, the incident has been scarcely recorded or remembered.

But Cpl Joe Lewin, a 579th AM, remembers. In a letter to the NEWS, he told about the event and the pall it cast upon the line crews of the 579th.

In Bob Vickers' book Remembrance Of The Missing, there is an entry showing that T/Sgt Murphy died August 30, 1943 and is interred at the Cambridge Cemetery in England. No other information was available to Bob Vickers.

The NEWS has made inquiries about it, seeking further information, but with no success. The passage of time and the death of Crusaders who might have had some memory of it has defeated us.

SOMETIMES IT WENT THIS WAY IN THE AIR CORPS

Group CO to the newly assigned officer:

CO: "Welcome to the Group. You're going to be the Adjutant."

NAO: "But, Sir, I don't know anything about being an Adjutant."

CO: "That's all right. We'll send you to school, and you can learn how to be an Adjutant."

The NAO returns from school.

CO: "The situation has changed. You're going to be the Intelligence Officer."

NAO: "But, Sir, I don't know anything about Intelligence."

CO: "That's all right. We'll send you to school and they will teach you Intelligence."

The NAO returns from school.

CO: "The situation has changed. You're going to be the Executive Officer, and we're leaving for overseas tomorrow."

GROUP PHOTO SECTION AT WENDLING, '43



L to R., Manly Fox, Rennick, Gerald Glass, Joe Casalone, Nate Green, William Duffdale, Joe Mason, George Krovick, and Ed Mangrum.

(Editor's note: This photo was handed to me at the 2AD meeting at Chicago in May by a WAC from Division Hq. I thought I recognized Manly Fox, although he is now slightly more portly in build. I sent it to him, and sure enough he was able to identify those pictured. He said it was taken in October of 1943, and the goal was to plant a flower garden to spruce up the photo lab, which is the Quonset hut on the left. He said, "October seems a strange time to be planting flowers, but England is not Arkansas.")

'Fess up, you guys. Did one of you have something going with a WAC at Division Headquarters?

NOSE ART IN THE 392ND



Ian Hawkins photo

In the years 1943-45, many young American men found themselves on an airfield in England, flying 4-engine bombers over Europe. They endured intense cold and other discomforts of high-altitude flight in a flimsy, drafty airplane. Also, they encountered many German artillerymen and fighter pilots who intended to kill them. And, being red-blooded American men, they decorated their aircraft with paintings of scantily-clad women. This was known as nose art.

But higher headquarters, being sensitive to visiting Congressmen and the like, decreed that said scantily-clad women be just that, clad. If you will look closely at the sample of nose art pictured above, you will note that a brassiere has been added, for modesty's sake.

Pleasant Surprise, # 42-51268, was a 578th a/c, lost on Jan. 1, 1945 in Belgium. The crew was Kaiser, pilot; Casstevens, Hoffman, Martin, Brown, Krutys, Kilroy, McGregor, and Wilkerson. According to Bob Vickers' account, the a/c was damaged by AA fire and the crew had to abandon their ship. Some parachuted, some rode it down to a crash landing. Only one was slightly injured. The NEWS has attempted to reach the crew members, but with no success.

AERIAL PHOTOS, CONTINUED



Recently, T/Sgt Paul Wright has sent to the NEWS a striking collection of aerial photos. Wright was a photo interpreter in S-2 at Group Headquarters, from start to finish with the 392nd. These photos found their way into his foot-locker.

Some of the photos appeared in the May 1998 issue of the NEWS, and we plan to make a regular feature of these very interesting photos. Possibly the Smithsonian has a better collection, but these are uniquely ours. If any reader finds a personal connection with any of them, we would like to hear of it.

The NEWS is grateful, not only to Paul Wright, but also to Bob Vickers, whose two books, The Liberators From Wendling and Remembrance Of The Missing, are the definitive histories of the 392nd. It is from these books that we find the stories behind the photos.

The strike photo above was taken on mission #148 on 8 August 1944. The target was a French airfield. Following is Bob Vickers' account: "Air crews were briefed for this target in France at 0530-0630 hours. The 579th Squadron was assigned the lead with Capt Good the Lead Bombardier. All 24 crews briefed took off beginning at 1030 hours after fog had delayed launch time. All aircraft went over the target, releasing 288 500# Gps. The leading 579th hit the MPI precisely while the second squadron over dropped wide of the aiming point. (Editor's note: the bomb bursts portray this.) No fighters were encountered and flak was meager. Four of the planes received some flak damage. All landed back at the base about 1600 hours."



In this dramatic picture, taken on the Hamm mission 22 April 1944, the figure of a man can just be discerned. He has evidently exited his a/c and the chute has not yet deployed. The man could be a crewman from another Group, or he could be one of the 578th's Everhart crew. The Everhart a/c had 12 men on board that day, one of whom was an observer from another Group. The a/c was hit by fire from enemy a/c attack near Hamm and was badly damaged. The crew began exiting in the Hamm area, and the last left the a/c shortly before it blew up over Holland. All 12 survived and 11 were POW. The navigator, 1/Lt Harold Kornman, evaded.



This unusual photo was taken from a 44BG a/c, which was a part of the 14th Combat Wing along with the 392nd. The entire wing was attacking this target, a "No-ball" mission against a German missile launching site. The term "No-ball" came from our not carrying ball turrets on these missions. The date was 2 February 1944.

It is difficult to understand why the Germans launched this missile during our attack, because they were not ground-to-air missiles. Maybe Hans got so nervous with all those 2000-pound bombs exploding around him that he hit the launch button before he dived for a bomb shelter.

392ND WILL HAVE OWN HOSPITALITY ROOM AT 8AF MEET

Cliff Peterson was a 578th pilot, a shot-down, Purple Heart, POW, survivor of the Friedrichshafen mission.

But those are not Cliff's only credentials. He's president of the 392BGMA, and a past president of the 8AF Historical Society. As such, he brings much expertise to annual meetings. Using that expertise, he has arranged for the 392nd to have its very own hospitality room at the 8AF meeting this Oct. 13-19.

Cliff has other credentials; he once was in a movie. In "Strategic Air Command", he was one of the officers in a staff car who greeted star Jimmy Stewart when he arrived on the base after being recalled to duty. "I didn't have a speaking part", says Cliff, "but I slammed that car door hard enough for it to be heard on the sound track".

Col Lawrence Gilbert, CEO of the 392BGMA, has announced that there will be a 392 BGMA Board of Directors meeting at the 8AF convention. It is scheduled for 9 A.M. on Friday, Oct. 16. Immediately following, at 10 A.M., there will be a Membership meeting.

So come to the 8AF convention at Cherry Hill and renew acquaintance with Cliff and other Crusaders, some of whom whose only claim to fame might be winning (or losing, as the case may be) a hands-on bout with a Piccadilly commando.

GOOD NEWS FOR FLA. SNOWBIRDS

It has been announced that the annual meeting of the Florida chapter of the 2AD will be held this winter in Orlando on Jan. 23.

This meeting is always heavily attended by Crusaders who live in Florida or who do the snowbird thing and visit Florida in the winter. Crewed by Col Lawrence Gilbert, Cliff Peterson, and Teddy Egan, the one-day meeting will be at its usual Orlando site, the Clarion.

Stay tuned for further information.

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM - CUT OFF DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

NAMES (for nametags) _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ 1st 8AFHS REUNION? yes or no CHECK _____ IF LIFE MEMBER

8AFHS MEMBERSHIP # _____ WWII GROUP (for seating arrangements) _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

	PRICE PER	NO. OF x PEOPLE	=	AMOUNT
<i>Registration Fee</i>				
Mandatory Registration Fee includes Unit Rebates, Symposium, 8AFMMF memorial plans, postage, etc.	\$32.50	x _____	=	_____
<i>Meal Packages</i>				
Choice #1 Total Package (7 meals)	\$159	x _____	=	_____
Choice #2 Partial Package (5 meals)	\$117	x _____	=	_____
Please note Banquet Choice (included in both packages):				
London Broil # _____ or Spinach Stuffed Flounder # _____				
<i>Individual Meals (if not purchasing a package)</i>				
Friday Rendezvous Dinner (Chicken Marsala)	\$29	x _____	=	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$34	x _____	=	_____
Please note Banquet Choice (if purchasing separately):				
London Broil # _____ or Spinach stuffed Flounder # _____				
<i>Events Section (Options)</i>				
<u>Wednesday</u>				
City Tour	\$26	x _____	=	_____
Dinner Cruise	\$63	x _____	=	_____
<u>Thursday</u>				
Amish Country Tour	\$46	x _____	=	_____
<u>Friday</u>				
Brandy Wine Valley Tour (choose one of these two)	\$45	x _____	=	_____
Valley Forge Tour	\$24	x _____	=	_____
<u>Saturday</u>				
Peddler's Village (choose one of these two)	\$25	x _____	=	_____
City Tour	\$21	x _____	=	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.				\$ _____

Mail by 9/11/98 to: Armed Forces Reunions / PO Box 11327 / Norfolk, VA 23517 / ATTN: 8th AF

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THE 8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOTEL RESERVATION FORM - OCT. 13 - 18, 1998

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM WITH: _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____ 1 KING _____ or 2 DOUBLES _____

OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

Rate: \$79 + tax (currently 6%)

Cut off date: 9/11/98 - Reservations received after the cut off date will be processed on a space available basis.

Cancellation policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 72 hours in advance. Hotel phone 609-665-6666.

Please include first night's deposit by check (payable to Hilton at Cherry Hill) or credit card to confirm your reservation.

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CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

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AIR ANNIVERSARY
First Air Force Academy class of
306 cadets sworn in-1955.

AIR ANNIVERSARY
15th AF made first all-fighter shuttle
raid in Europe-1944.

THE 8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO REUNION '98 CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY OCTOBER 13 - 18, 1998

The 1998 annual reunion is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars now for a great time in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a suburb of the Philadelphia/New Jersey area.

Cherry Hill sits at the heart of the Northeast Corridor, with easy access to dozens of different sights. Within the Cherry Hill area you will find hundreds of shops to explore, as well as nationally-known department stores and picturesque town centers. Cherry Hill puts you just six miles from Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," which will allow you the opportunity to visit the historic shrines of America's birthplace Philadelphia is one of the oldest cities in the United States, the second largest on the east coast, and the fifth largest in the U.S. In October, temperatures average in the low to mid 60's, so the weather should be cool and comfortable. The room rate will be extended three days before and after the reunion, so you are encouraged to extend your stay.

HILTON AT CHERRY HILL

The Hilton at Cherry Hill is located at 2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 and overlooks the Philadelphia skyline as it sits alongside the scenic Cooper River. The hotel is conveniently located only 10 minutes from Center City Philadelphia and 20 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport. The Garden State Race Track (thoroughbred/harness racing) is directly across the street from the Hilton.

This beautiful fourteen-story high-rise hotel offers 408 deluxe guest rooms. Luxury accommodations will make your stay at the Hilton restful and relaxing. Each guest room features a hair dryer, voice mail, and iron/ironing board. The hotel has a gift shop, coffee makers in all guest rooms, and a complimentary USA Today Newspaper is delivered weekdays to guests.

The group rate at the Hilton is \$79 plus tax. Please use the enclosed reservation form to make your reservations. Hilton at Cherry Hill features non-smoking guest room floors and handicapped accessible rooms. Please request either of these types of rooms, if needed, when making your hotel reservation. There is plenty of free parking available. Check in time is after 4pm, check out is 12noon.

If you are in need of a hospitality suite, the rate is \$275 per night, which includes one sleeping room as well as the parlor. The hotel is holding five suites at this price, so please call as soon as possible to reserve yours (609-665-5555). The parlors feature a wet bar with refrigerator, dining table, seating area, and bathroom. Most of the parlors are equal to the size of two sleeping rooms. However, please specify this request when making your reservation.

In addition to the parlor suites, we have one meeting room reserved that can be used for hospitality purposes. The cost would be \$125 per day, and the approximate size is 600 square feet. The group would be allowed to bring in their own beverages and dry snacks, however, there is no refrigerator or storage facilities. If you wish to reserve this room, please call Donna Lee at Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. as soon as possible (205-864-0825).

For your dining pleasure the following are on-site:

- Bentley's V, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Hours are 6:30am until 11pm or midnight on weekends.
- American Bar, the hotel lounge. Hours are 11am until midnight.
- Room service is available between the hours of 6:30am and midnight.
- There are several restaurants within walking distance of the Hilton at Cherry Hill. A path by the river makes this an enjoyable walking excursion.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION HILTON AT CHERRY HILL (PHILADELPHIA AREA)

Tuesday, 10/13
2:00pm - 7:00pm Early Bird Registration

Wednesday, 10/14
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - Gathering Room open until Saturday, 5pm (exact hours to be determined)
9:00am - 'Mighty Eighth' Theater open until Saturday, 5pm (exact hours tbd)
9:00am - 4:00pm (Option) City Tour
1:00pm - 5:00pm 'PX' open
1:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion registration open
6:00pm - 10:45pm (Option) Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise

Thursday, 10/15
7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - 4:00pm (Option) Amish Country Tour
9:00am - 10:30am Unit Advisory Meeting
9:00am - 5:00pm 'PX' Open
9:00am - Memorialabilia Room open until Saturday, 5pm (exact hours tbd)
10:30am - 12:00pm Medical Advisory seminar by Dr. Walt Brown
11:00am - 12:00pm Chapter & Unit Development Meeting
1:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 10:00pm Theme Dinner at the Hotel with Entertainment

Friday, 10/16
7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - 10:30am Individual Group Meetings
9:00am - 4:30pm (Option) Brandywine Valley Tour
9:00am - 5:00pm 'PX' Open
12:15pm - 4:45pm (Option) Valley Forge Tour
2:30pm - 5:30pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AF Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - Rendezvous Dinner and 'Hangar Flying'

Saturday, 10/17
7:00am - 8:30am Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00am - 11:00am General Membership Meeting
11:00am - 4:00pm 'PX' Open
11:00am - 4:00pm (Option) Peddler's Village Shopping Trip
1:00pm - 4:00pm (Option) City Tour
1:00pm - 4:00pm Annual Symposium
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AF Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 11:30pm 8AF Banquet, Memorial Service, and entertainment

Sunday, 10/18
7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:30am - 9:00am Catholic Service, tentative
8:30am - 9:00am Protestant Service, tentative
9:15am - 8th AFHS Annual Board Meeting

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Two services are available for transportation from the Philadelphia International Airport. Both have identical fees, currently \$13/person one way. Sky Shuttle and Rapid Rover have desks located in the Baggage Claim area of the airport. Just go to the desk and request transportation to the Hilton at Cherry Hill. Both shuttle services offer 24 hour service.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- From Atlantic City and South Jersey: Take the Atlantic City Expressway to Route 42 north to I-295 north to Exit 34. Proceed on Route 70 west approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The hotel is on the left.
- From Baltimore, Washington and all points South: Take I-95 north to the Delaware Memorial Bridge to I-295 north to Exit 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 west). Proceed to Route 70 west approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The hotel is on the left.
- From Harrisburg and all points west: Take the PA Turnpike to Exit 24 (Valley Forge). Follow I-76 east (Schuylkill Expressway) to 676 east to the Ben Franklin Bridge. After crossing the bridge, follow Route 30 east to Route 70 east. Hotel is on the right (approximately 5 minutes from the bridge).
- From New York City and North Jersey: Take the NJ Turnpike south to Exit 4. Then take Route 73 north (one block) to I-295 south. Exit 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 west). Proceed to Route 70 west approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The hotel is on the left (approximately 85 miles from New York City).

NEARBY RV PARK

RVs may be parked in the hotel parking lot. However, should hookups be required, call The Timberlane Campground, Clarksboro, NJ 08020, (609)423-6677, for information, reservations, and directions. The campground is located off I-295, Exit 18B.

WHEELCHAIRS

Should you need a wheelchair while at the reunion, Cherry Hill Pharmacy rents standard wheelchairs for \$10 per day or \$30 per week. Reservations are required as well as a \$50 refundable deposit. Please call 609-667-8700 for information.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. See choices below and complete the Registration Form. Remit by check or money order made payable to **Armed Forces Reunions (NOT 8AF REUNION)** by September 11, 1998 (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Forms received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis only. Please complete the entire form (Member number, WWII group, etc.).
2. Your canceled check will serve as your receipt, although you are not expected to present it at registration. Confirmations will not be sent.
3. After you check into the hotel, report to our registration desk on the 1st floor to pick up your nametags, tickets, etc.
4. Full refunds will be given (less a \$3 processing fee) for cancellations received by September 24, 1998. After this date, the refund amount will depend on charges made for unused portion of services. Please call 757-625-6401 (9am-5pm EST) if you need to cancel.

MEALS / EVENTS CHOICES

CHOICE #1 TOTAL PACKAGE \$159

Package includes 7 hotel food functions starting with breakfast on Thursday. The Thursday evening dinner outing is available only in this package. Options are separate.

CHOICE #2 PARTIAL PACKAGE \$117

Package includes 5 hotel food functions starting with breakfast on Friday. Options are separate.

CHOICE #3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Friday Rendezvous Dinner \$29 and Saturday Banquet \$34 can be purchased separately, but are included in both packages above.

TOUR OPTIONS

Wednesday: City Tour \$26 and Dinner Cruise \$63. Thursday: Amish Country Tour \$46. Friday: Brandywine Valley Tour \$45 or Valley Forge Tour \$24. Saturday: Peddler's Village \$25 or City Tour \$21.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY - CITY TOUR

- 9:00 Board bus for the "City of Brotherly Love"
- 9:30 Begin a guided tour of historic Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell Pavilion. This glass enclosed building houses the bell which symbolizes our nation's freedom. Proceed to Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the United States Constitution was written. Originally built as the State House for the Province of Pennsylvania, it is now one of the most visited historic buildings in Philadelphia.
- 12:00 Free time and lunch on your own at one of Philadelphia's downtown shopping/dining complexes.
- 1:30 Reboard bus to continue the tour. Stop by Elfreth's Alley, the oldest residential street in America, where thirty houses date from 1728 to 1836. Then move on to the Betsy Ross House where the first United States flag was made. The final stop of the day is at Christ Church where patriots, loyalists, heroes, and traitors have worshiped since 1695. Sit in pews once occupied by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Betsy Ross. Guides from the church narrate the history of the building and its famous parishioners. Parts of the city tour require walking.
- 4:00 Back to the hotel.

\$26/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is not included.

WEDNESDAY - DINNER CRUISE

- 6:00 Board bus for the Philadelphia waterfront.
- 6:30 Begin boarding the Spirit of Philadelphia for a three-hour dinner cruise. Feast on a lavish three-course buffet, and then sit back and enjoy a performance by your servers. Take a walk on the open air deck and view the lighted city skyline, or dance the night away to live music.
- 10:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 10:45pm.

\$63/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise.

THURSDAY - AMISH COUNTRY TOUR

- 9:00 Board bus for a tour of the Amish Countryside and visit an Old Order Amish farm.
- 10:30 Begin a respectfully conducted lecture and tour through ten rooms of this authentic exhibit. You will learn the history, religion, customs, and way of life of the Old Order Amish. Embark on a self-guided tour of a typical Pennsylvania Dutch Farm - in operation!
- 11:45 Reboard bus and proceed with a guided tour of the Amish Country. Horse drawn carriages are a common sight, the bustle of modern life seems centuries away.
- 1:00 Enjoy an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch family-style meal featuring three country meats, four vegetable dishes including dried corn and mashed potatoes, fresh baked breads, and five desserts including the famous wet-bottom shoofly pie.
- 2:30 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4pm.

\$46/Person includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch.

THURSDAY - DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT AT HOTEL

- 6:00 Cash Bar.
- 7:00 "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" theme dinner begins. Enjoy a casual buffet including hot dogs, Philly Cheese Steaks and barbecue chicken. After dinner, relax while listening to the entertainment. Sweet Adelines and a men's chorus.

Price included in Choice #1 only.

FRIDAY - BRANDYWINE VALLEY TOUR

- 9:00 Board bus for a tour of the beautiful Brandywine Valley.
- 10:00 Discover 240 acres of history along the banks of the Brandywine River as you tour Hagley, the original du Pont mills, estate, and gardens. The museum offers a diversity of restorations, exhibits, and demonstrations. See a massive water wheel, a vintage steam engine, a machine shop, and more. Visit Eleutherian Mills, the charming Georgian-style 1803 residence of E.I. du Pont.
- 12:00 Reboard bus for Longwood Gardens. Enjoy lunch on your own in the cafeteria.
- 1:30 Begin your walking tour of the gardens. Explore American and European landscape garden styles, with over 11,000 varieties of plants displayed throughout outdoor gardens and twenty indoor conservatories.
- 3:30 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 4:30pm.

\$45/Person includes bus, guide, and admissions. Lunch is not included.

PROFILE

T/Sgt Edwin A. Tomaszewski, a/k/a Tomawski, was the flight engineer on the Clower crew in the 577th. They joined the 392nd in December 1944, after flying 8 missions with the 44th BG.



T/Sgt Edwin A. Tomaszewski as he appeared as Grand Marshal of the Raynham Memorial Day parade last May.

On the Lauts mission of Jan. 16, 1945, 3 aircrews were forced to bail out and 2 crash landed on the Continent due to enemy AA fire or fuel shortage.

The Clower crew crash landed near Luneville, with no casualties.

After the war, Tomaszewski started a machine shop, which he operated until his retirement.

His wife is deceased, and he has three children and four grandchildren. He lives at 438 S. Main St., Raynham, MA 02767.

PROFILE

Cpl Joe Lewin, an AM in the 579th, has a little different story to tell about his service in England. Most ground Crusaders joined at Tucson, Biggs Field, or Alamogordo. They went to England on the Queen Mary in July 1943, stayed at Wendling until June 1945, and came home again on the Queen Mary. After furloughs, they reassembled at Charleston, and were there when the Bomb dropped and soon after that were mustered out. Not all followed this course; some were transferred to the Infantry and fought with them on the Continent.

But this wasn't exactly the way it happened with Joe Lewin. He joined the 392nd at Biggs Field, went over on the Queen Mary, and was at Wendling with the 579th until about D-Day. Then he was transferred to the 492nd at North Pickenham, and shortly after that he went to the 490th, a B-17 Group at Eye. He arrived back in the States in October 1945, and was mustered out.

While in England he married an Irish lass who was working in Eng-

land, and she joined him in 1946.

In 1951 he graduated from Cooper Union Institute as a mechanical engineer, and had a career with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, retiring in 1985.

In 1977 he earned his private pilot's license.

He was born in Russia, and even though he left there with his parents at the age of five, he was able to revive the ability to speak the language, and became an interpreter

for the U. S. Government. He traveled extensively in Europe, spending three years in Geneva, Switzerland. Most of his work had to do with the nuclear disarmament negotiations going on then between the U. S. and Russia.

He told the NEWS that one of the great thrills of his life occurred in Norwich in 1995 during the 50th anniversary of D-Day celebrations. He rounded a street corner and suddenly came face-to-face with the

late Col Myron Keilman, his former Squadron Commander. He recognized the colonel and involuntarily came to a military salute. It says something for his respect and admiration for Col Keilman for that to happen after 50 years' civilian life.

His wife is the former Mellan O'Rourke, and they live at 32508 W. Golf Court, Leesburg, FL 34748. They have five children and grandchildren, and one and a fraction great-grandchildren.

LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTIONS

Sing in the shower • Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated • Watch a sunrise at least once a year • Leave the toilet seat in the down position • Never refuse homemade brownies • Strive for excellence, not perfection • Plant a tree on your birthday • Learn three clean jokes • Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank full • Compliment three people every day • Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them • Leave everything a little better than you found it • Keep it simple • Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures • Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know • Floss your teeth • Ask for a raise when you feel you've earned it • Be forgiving of yourself and others • Overtip breakfast waitresses • Say "Thank You" a lot • Say "please" a lot • Avoid negative people • Buy whatever kids are selling on card tables in their front yards • Wear polished shoes • Remember other people's birthdays • Commit yourself to constant improvement • Carry jumper cables in your trunk • Have a firm handshake • Send lots of Valentine's cards • Sign them, "Someone who thinks you're terrific" • Look people in the eye • Be the first to say, "Hello" • Use the good silver • Return all things you borrow • Make new friends but cherish the old ones • Keep secrets • Sing in a choir • Plant flowers every spring • Have a dog • Always accept an outstretched hand • Stop blaming others • Take responsibility for every area of your life • Wave at kids on school buses • Be there when people need you • Feed a stranger's expired parking meter • Don't expect life to be fair • Never underestimate the power of love • Drink champagne for no reason at all • Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation • Don't be afraid to say, "I made a mistake" • Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know" • Compliment even small improvements • Keep your promises (no matter what) • Marry only for love • Rekindle old friendships • Count your blessings • Call your mother

Editor's note: I received this with some other correspondence from a Crusader that we all know, and I thought it worth inclusion in the NEWS. To the best of my knowledge, the sender follows all of these instructions.

PROFILE

S/Sgt Clyde Davis was a crew chief in the 578th. He was an early joiner, meeting up with the 392nd at Biggs Field in April, 1943.

He was married in 1945, and started work for B&M, a food processing company. He retired from the same company in 1983, as plant manager.

His wife is Virginia, and they live at 21 Marion Ave., Norway, ME 04268. They have three children and five grandchildren.

PROFILE

S/Sgt Irwin F. Thompson was the ball turret gunner on the Scheltons crew in the 577th. He arrived at Wendling Jan. 2, 1944.

After he finished his tour, he was an instructor at Lowry Field, CO. During this period he married Marcella.

After discharge, he returned to his job at Pontiac Motors. He retired after 41 years, as assistant superintendent of product engineering.

He and Marcella live at 3052 Angelus Drive, Waterford, MI 48329. They have one daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PROFILE

Cpl. Roland D. Brown joined the Group at Biggs Field in 1943. He was an armorer and power turret specialist in the 578th.

He joined the National Guard after the war and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in Korea in 1952-53 with an Army anti-aircraft unit. He retired as Captain after 24 years service.

In civilian life, he was a construction project engineer for the state of Connecticut.

He now lives at 1605 Crane Dr., Titusville, FL 32796, and has two children and four grandchildren.

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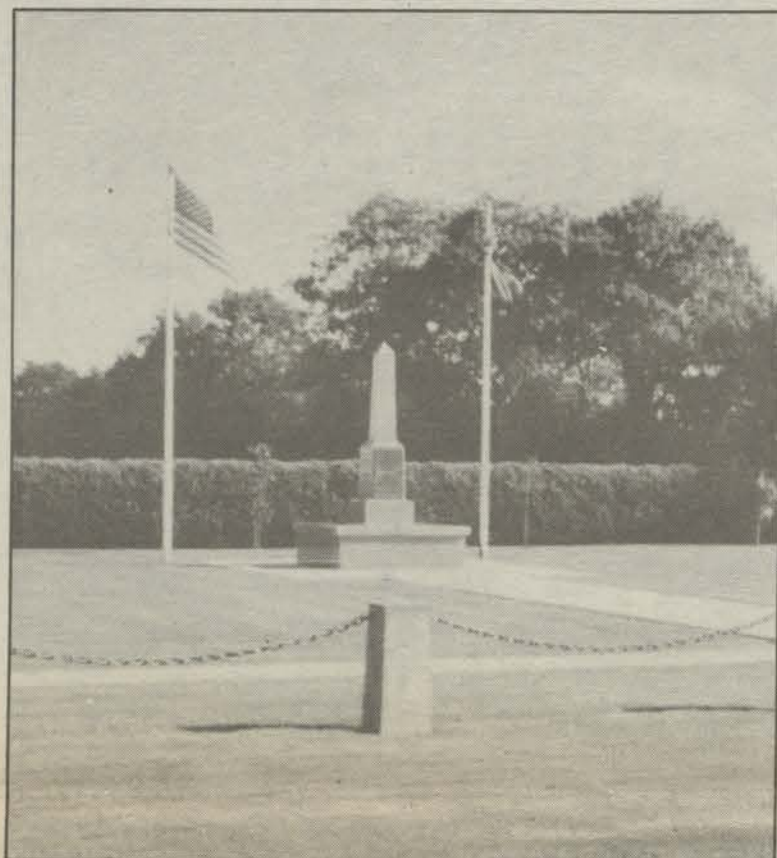
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-Prayer composed by 576th pilot the Very Reverend Robert C. Martin, retired Dean of the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

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PROFILE

1/Lt (later Lt/Col) Don R. Satterthwait was the navigator on the Wood crew in the 578th, later 579th. He joined the Group at Wendling Oct. 14, 1944.

He served in the Active Reserve, his last assignment as Contingency Augmentee to the Base Civil Engineer at Travis AF Base. He retired from the Service in 1983.

He graduated from the University

of Wyoming in 1948 with a B. S. in Civil Engineering. He worked for several public agencies in the design and construction of agricultural water distribution systems. He retired in 1986, and now enjoys

traveling in a RV.

He is married to Ernestine P., and they live at 10555 Keats Ave., Clovis, CA 93611-8802. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger

Do you remember the Snack Bar at Wendling, a small room with perhaps 5 booths, a juke box and a counter with an early middle-aged lady, a cashier in her early 20's, and a curly haired teen-ager? I no longer recall their names, only their friendliness and good cheer. I spent many a half-hour in the Snack Bar with friends. That's what mostly comes to mind, not the combat or the loneliness, but the companionship of friends. "Blest be the tie that binds"... A foretaste of future fellowship with all and with One.

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Clon M. Barber, 578, Mar. 16, 1998
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Chester Strickler, 579, May 17, 1998
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Charles J. Gordon, 578, Oct. 1995
Rollin W. Colc, 578, Nov. 1995
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Nick Kender, 578, Nov. 17, 1997
Peter A. Zahn, 579, Apr. 17, 1997
Audrey V. McCalley, 579, May 23, 1995

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James H. Doolittle named Aviator of the Decade by Harmon Aviation Awards Committee-1950.

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