

NEWS



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392ND WEBSITE IS PROGRESSING NICELY

8AF MUSEUM AT SAVANNAH SETS ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum has embarked on a new program of collecting oral histories from veterans of the 8AF.

In charge of the effort is Mary Beth Barnard, a part of the museum staff since its inception.

She is the daughter of a 445th gunner and a past president of the 2AD Heritage League.



Photo courtesy 8AF NEWS

Mary Beth Barnard

If you attend the 8AF meeting at Savannah Oct. 26-31, make an appointment with Mary Beth to record your part of the history of WWII. Or, any other time that you are near the museum call her at 912 748 8888, extension 112, and arrange an appointment

SON AUTHORS BOOK ABOUT FATHER, KIA

2/Lt William C. McGuire was the navigator on the 579th's Sharpe crew and was KIA on the infamous Friedrichshafen mission March 18, 1944.

Now comes William C. McGuire II, whose book After the Liberators: A Father's Last Mission, A Son's Lifelong Journey, will be published in late October, 1999. Provisions will be made for it to be available from the 392BGMA PX.

The author pieced together his father's story after interviews with Crusader survivors and visits to Wendling, the St. Avold, France, cemetery where his dad is buried, and Ettenheimmunster, Germany, where the Sharpe a/c and two other bombers crashed.

Interviewees were Cliff Peterson, H. Malcom Hinshaw, Vern Baumgart, Bob Berger, John Bode, Ken Parks, Howard Bjork, Delmar Johnson, James Ross, as well as the late Col Myron Keilman, Mike Cugini, and Chester Strickler.

Each of the 14 392nd a/c lost or forced down in Switzerland, France, and German is described in some detail.

COL. GILBERT UNDERGOES KNEE OPERATION

Col Lawrence Gilbert, CEO of the 392BGMA, was operated on for knee replacement at Florida Hospital on August 3.

As this newsletter goes to press, he is doing nicely.

VETERANS, 2ND AND 3RD GENERATIONS FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE 392ND

The website has been in operation only a few months, but already some 2000 people have visited it. It is reported that it now receives about 50 "hits" per day.

It was developed by four second generation Crusaders: Bob Books, Jim Marsteller, Ben Jones, and Greg Hatton

Books is the son of 1/Lt Dallas Books, a 579th pilot KIA on the Fredrichshafen mission. He is a professional computer programmer.

Jim Marsteller is the nephew of S/Sgt Everette Morris, the engineer on the Books crew, also KIA.

Ben Jones is a Wendling area product who has been active in Crusader affairs since he was a teen-ager.

Greg Hatton's father was Sgt Hyman Hatton, waist gunner on the Ofenstein crew in the 576th. His ship went down on the Berlin mission of April 29, 1944, and Hatton was one of five crewmen who survived, to become POW's.

Hatton was struck in the back with a rifle butt by a German guard, and carried his injuries to an early death in his fifties.

(Greg Hatton has written two books covering the experiences of his father while in training, in combat, and while a POW. The works are an exhaustive story of how a young soldier trained for and fought the war and endured great hardships as a POW.)

The website developers are looking for Crusaders who kept some sort of diary during their stay at Wendling. Although this was forbidden, many people did keep a diary, and Books and friends would like use them to supplement the data already on the website.

They emphasize that they are not looking for someone to write a story as they remember it now; they want only material that was written during that time period. The diaries will be returned to the sender after the research team reviews it for possible inclusion to the site.

The website now includes 392nd information on the Memorial Association, overseas burials, mission summaries, casualty lists, a great deal of POW information, and the Wendling base. Many photos and drawings are included. More information is being posted to the site almost daily.

The site has a simple name which is easy to call up: B24.NET. If you have access to a computer, give it a look.

LETTER FROM BEESTON SCHOOL

Toni Weed, the 392nd's contact with the schools around Wendling, has forwarded to the NEWS a copy of the Beeston County Primary School newsletter.

In it, among other things, is a mention that Reverend Boston led the assembly, and that workers were

completing the work for inside toilets.

So: In rural English schools they have prayer inside and go to the toilet outside; in US schools we have prayer outside and go to the toilet inside.

Interesting.

8AF HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET AT SAVANNAH OCTOBER 26-31

Information about the meeting has been reproduced from the 8AF NEWS and is printed on this page. If you need further information see the June issue of the 8AF NEWS or contact Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., PO Box 11327, Norfolk, VA 23517. Or you can call Cliff Peterson, 392BGMA President, who is also the Group's link with the 8AF, at 407 647 7741.

The 392BGMA will also meet at the same time and place. We alternate our official annual meetings between 8AF and 2AD, and in 1999 our annual meeting coincides with the 8AF meeting.

Col Lawrence Gilbert, CEO, has announced that the 392BGMA Board of Directors will meet on Oct. 29 at 8:00 AM; and the annual meeting of the membership will the same day at 9:00 AM.

The 392nd will, as usual, maintain its own hospitality room. The cost of room rent and refreshments are not included in the fees collected by the 8AF, which means that the 392nd must fund the cost of its hospitality room on its own.

Therefore, when you send in your reservation to 8AF, send separately a check for \$25.00 per person to 392BGMA Reunion, c/o Teddy Egan, Treasurer, 2619 Lafayette Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. If you need to call her, her phone number is 407 644 5439.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION SAVANNAH MARRIOTT RIVERFRONT

Tuesday, 10/26/99

2:00pm - 7:00pm Early Bird Registration

Wednesday, 10/27/99

8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - Meet your friends in the Hospitality/Gathering Room & Memorabilia Room open through the week
9:00am - 2:00pm (Option) Savannah City Tour
1:00pm - 5:00pm 8AFHS 'PX' open through Saturday (exact hours to be posted)
1:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion registration open
1:30pm - Board of Directors Meeting
6:00pm - 10:00pm (Option) Old Fort Jackson Dinner Outing

Thursday, 10/28/99

7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 2:00pm Reunion Registration Open
9:00am - 12:00pm (Option) Low Country Tour
9:00am - 10:30am Unit Advisory and Chapter & Unit Development Meeting
10:30am - 11:30pm Medical Advisory seminar, "Pearls," by Dr. Walt Brown
1:15pm - 9:30pm (Option) 8th AF Heritage Museum Events, BBQ Dinner, & Entertainment

Friday, 10/29/99

7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration Open
8:30am - 9:30am Individual Group Meetings
10:15am - 4:45pm (Option) 8th AF Heritage Museum Chapel Dedication, Special Events and Lunch
2:30pm - 5:30pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Reception
7:00pm - Rendezvous Dinner and 'Hangar Flying'

Saturday, 10/30/99

7:00am - 8:30am Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00am - 1:00am General Membership Meeting
11:00am - 2:00pm (Option) Lunch Cruise
1:00pm - 4:00pm Savannah Blue Light Jazz Band Performance in the hotel atrium
2:30pm - 5:00pm (Option) Savannah City Tour
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Reception
7:00pm - 11:30pm 8AFHS Gala Banquet, Awards Ceremony, and entertainment

Sunday, 10/31/99

7:00am - 8:30am Extended Continental Breakfast
8:30am - 9:15am Worship Service, non-denominational
9:30am - 8th AFHS Annual Board Meeting

Until Next Year - in Salt Lake City

All meal functions/meetings are at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront, unless otherwise noted.

Driver and Guide Gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 24, 1999. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
P.O. Box 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 8th AF

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

PRICE NO. OF
PER x PEOPLE = AMOUNT

Registration Fee

Mandatory Registration Fee includes Unit Rebates, memorial plans, commemorative program, postage, etc.

\$33 x _____ = _____

Meal Packages

Choice #1 Total Package (6 meals)

\$126 x _____ = _____

Choice #2 Partial Package (5 meals)

\$102 x _____ = _____

Please note Banquet Choice (included in both packages):

Steak Teriyaki # _____ or Swordfish # _____

Individual Meals (if not purchasing a package)

Friday Rendezvous Dinner (Chicken Marsala)

\$32 x _____ = _____

Saturday Banquet

\$35 x _____ = _____

Please note Banquet Choice (if purchasing separately):

Steak Teriyaki # _____ or Swordfish # _____

Events Section (Options)

Wednesday

City Tour (maximum capacity 86 people)

\$31 x _____ = _____

Old Fort Jackson

\$52 x _____ = _____

Thursday

Low Country Tour

\$26 x _____ = _____

8th AF Heritage Museum w/ transportation

\$45 x _____ = _____

8th AF Heritage Museum w/out transportation

\$19 x _____ = _____

Friday

8th AF Heritage Museum w/ transportation

\$43 x _____ = _____

8th AF Heritage Museum w/out transportation

\$19 x _____ = _____

Saturday

Lunch Cruise (maximum capacity 180 people)

\$34 x _____ = _____

City Tour (maximum capacity 86 people)

\$25 x _____ = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT

Please do not staple or tape payment.

MEMBER NAME _____ 1st 8AFHS REUNION? yes or no

LIFE MEMBER? _____ 8AFHS MEMBERSHIP # _____ WWII GROUP _____

SPOUSE NAME _____ MEMBER # _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by 10/20/99 (less a \$3 processing fee). This includes the transportation fees to the museum. After that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies. CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm eastern time (excluding holidays). CALL (757) 625-6401 to obtain your cancellation code.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Savannah Marriott Riverfront guest rooms feature in-room coffee makers, hair dryers, and irons & ironing boards. The group rate is \$109 plus tax. Please use the reservation form at the bottom of this page to make your reservations. Handicapped and non-smoking rooms are available upon request. Please mention any special needs when making your reservation. Parking for attendees of the reunion is \$5 per day. Hotel check in time is 4pm and check out is 11am.

Group rates have been negotiated for suites. The Junior Suite (\$159/night) is an over-sized room overlooking the city. In addition to a standard king bed, this suite has a sleeper sofa and a dining table. The Executive Suite (\$199/night) is similar to the Junior Suite, but it's a little larger, it overlooks the river, and the balcony overlooks the indoor atrium. The One-Bedroom Hospitality Suite (\$289/night) is two separate rooms. The bedroom is standard with two double beds. The parlor has a sofa, wet bar with refrigerator, dining table, and a balcony. The parlor is approximately 1.5 times the size of a standard room. The Two-Bedroom Hospitality Suite (\$398/night) is like the One-Bedroom, with the addition of a king-bedded room adjoining the parlor.

For your dining pleasure the following are on-site:

River's Edge: Waterfront cafe overlooking the Savannah River. Hours are 6:30am-11am.

TGI Friday's: A nationally known eatery serves lunch and dinner daily. Hours are: 11am-12midnight.

The Atrium Lounge: Located in the hotel's soaring atrium lobby. Hours are: 3pm-10pm

For transportation to the hotel from Savannah International Airport, the following options are available.

You must call ahead for pickup for both companies. Fares are current and subject to change.

Yellow Cab - (912) 236-1133. \$15 first person, \$3 each additional passenger, one way.

Coastal Transportation - (912) 964-5999. \$10 per person one way.

The Shuttle - (912) 352-3484. \$10 per person one way.

Directions to the hotel:

From the North and South: Take I-95 to I-16 East to Savannah. I-16 dead-ends into Montgomery Street. Follow Montgomery Street approximately 7 blocks. At Bay Street, after going around Franklin Square, take a right. Follow Bay Street for .08 miles; the Savannah Marriott Riverfront will be on your left.

From the West: I-75 South to I-16 East towards Savannah. I-16 dead-ends into Montgomery Street. Follow Montgomery Street approximately 7 blocks. At Bay Street after going around Franklin Square, take a right. Follow Bay Street for .08 miles; the Savannah Marriott Riverfront will be on your left.

Should you need full service hookup for your RV. Rivers End Campground located at 915 Polk Street is approximately 14 miles from the hotel. Call Rivers End Campground at 912-786-5518 for more information.

If you need to rent a wheelchair, American Home Patient at 912-353-7400 rents wheelchairs for \$35 per week and will deliver to the hotel for \$25. You should call 24 hours ahead to reserve your wheelchair.

***** CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL *****
8th AIR FORCE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM - OCT. 26-31, 1999

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (____) _____ MARRIOTT HONOR GUEST CARD# _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEP. DATE _____

OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS _____

SMOKING _____ NON-SMOKING _____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS _____

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$109 + tax (currently 12%).

CUT OFF DATE: 9/27/99. Late reservations will be processed on space & rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6pm on your arrival day. Call 912-233-7722.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ CARTE BLANCHE _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

MAIL TO: Savannah Marriott Riverfront / 100 General McIntosh Blvd. / Savannah, GA 31401 OR FAX TO: 912-233-4885

3rd GENERATION MILITARY PILOT



1/Lt Christine Callahan-Weeks, shown with a T-18 at Sheppard AFB

Lt Callahan-Weeks is the daughter of Dennis Callahan, a USAF pilot who flew in Vietnam, and the granddaughter of Capt Willis Miller, pilot in the 577th Squadron.

She graduated from the Air Force Academy in May 1997 and from the fighter pilot training program at Sheppard June 18. At graduation she received her father's and her grandfather's first set of wings, thus commemorating three generations of military pilots. She was the only female pilot in the class, graduating second highest.

She is married to AF Capt Jeff Weeks, who is presently an Intelligence officer. Her first station assignment is Seymour-Johnson AF Base, NC, and they hope for a joint assignment there.

BOB VICKERS VISITS BEESTON SCHOOL



Bob Vickers presents a copy of his LIBERATORS FROM WENDLING to Debbie Houston, headteacher. Looking on is Di Walthen, infant teacher, and barely visible next to Bob are some Beeston students.

Bob Vickers, 578th pilot and the 392nd's chronicler, visited Wendling in May, after concluding an official visit to the Duxford museum. Besides visiting the Beeston elementary school, he also checked in at the Ploughshare and made a stop at the Memorial.

He reported that the Beeston students once a month go down to the Memorial and hold a moment of silent prayer for fallen Crusaders. They also have scholastic achievement awards based on accumulating enough "stars" and "stripes" to make an American flag. Bob was impressed, as we all should be.

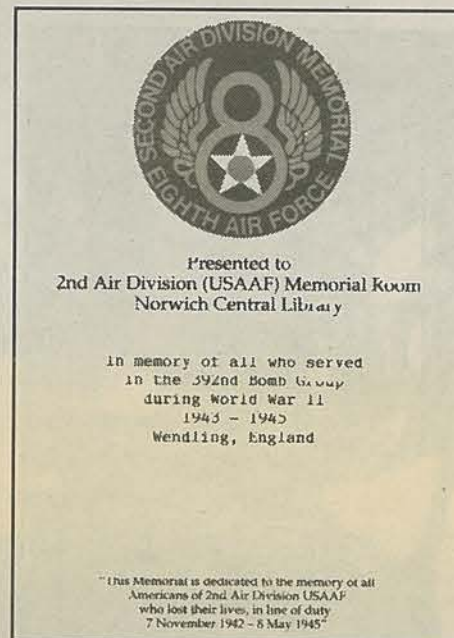
DUES NOTICE - - - DUES NOTICE
CHECK THE MAILING LABEL, SEE IF YOU'VE PAID

392nd PRESENTS BOOKS TO 2AD LIBRARY

In a recent letter to J. Fred Thomas, the 392nd's vice-president for the 2AD Association, Derek Hill, Librarian, reported that the 392nd's funds had purchased two books for the library.

They are: 14th Combat Bombardment Wing (H), a history edited by William B. Taylor, Lt/Col, AC; and Buckskin and Buffalo: The Artistry of the Plains Indians by Colin F. Taylor.

Reproduced below is the bookplate that is placed in books donated by the 392nd



8AF MEMORIAL MUSEUM FOUNDATION PRESENTS BOOK TO CG 8AF



Charles Dye photo

The 8AFMMF has produced a museum quality book, called the B-24 Legions Book, which depicts the part played by the B-24 in the 8AF in WWII. Shown above is Bob Vickers, vice-president of 8AFMMF, presenting the first copy produced to Lt/Gen Ron Marcotte, Commander 8AF, at Barksdale AF Base, Louisiana. Looking on is John Greenwood, CEO of the 8AFMMF.

Copies of the book will be presented to museums around the world to perpetuate the heritage of the Mighty Eighth Air Force.

STANDS VIGEL AT 392ND GRAVES

Allen Holtman, M/Sgt USAF (Ret), lives not far from the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Cemetery near St. Louis, MO. He is an associate member of the 392BGMA.

He reports that he stood vigil last Memorial Day at the graves of Crusaders Benson, Rudd, and Spencer.

He also noted that the pastor of his church, Hope United Church of Christ, included the 392nd Prayer in the church bulletin of June 9, following Memorial Day.

PROFILE

S/Sgt John F. D'Amelio was an assistant crew chief in the 579th. He was an early joiner, becoming a Crusader at Biggs Field in 1943.

After the war, he worked for Chase Brass & Copper Co., was a carpenter, and then became the manager of the Home Care Center for K-Mart. He is now retired.

He and spouse Assunta live at 612 Hill St., Waterbury, CT. They have a daughter and a grand-daughter.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 9, 1945: Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki by B-29 "Bock's Car".

392ND MINI-STANDALONE REUNION WITH



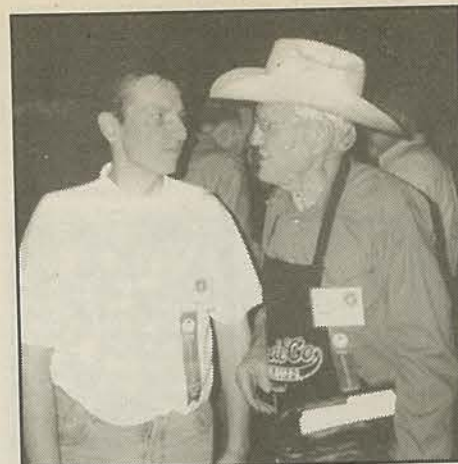
McLaughry photo

Col Gilbert presents Jim Goar, NEWS editor and long-time Director, with a recognition award.



Egan photo

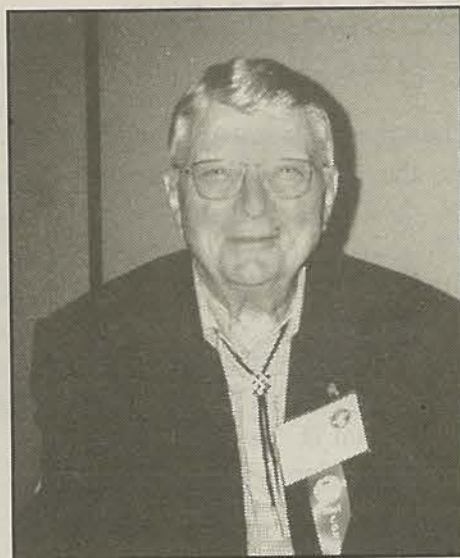
Col Gilbert introduces Evelyn Cohen, 2AD Hq. WAC and 2AD Ass'n vice-president for membership, guest at the stand-alone barbeque. She is generally referred to as the Mother Superior of the 2AD.



Col Gilbert explains the mystique of the Texas barbeque to Luc Dewez, associate member from Belgium.



Two past presidents of the 2AD, John Conrad and J. Fred Thomas. John is congratulating J. Fred for his re-election to the post of 392nd vice-president for the 2AD.



Egan photo

Willard Pennington, Executive Officer of the 577th.



Zyborst photo

578th pilot and Recording Secretary of the 392BGMA Howard "Ebe" Ebersole and wife Jeanne at the Texas barbeque.



Zyborst photo

578th pilot and 392BGMA President Cliff Peterson and wife Mary at the Group dinner. No, Cliff, that's not a ME 109 coming in at 3 o'clock.

The 392nd's mini-stand-alone was held on the opening day of the 2AD reunion held at Austin Texas May 29-June 1.

Speaker at the evening meeting, after a Texas barbeque, was Dr. Walt Rostow, who recounted the organization of the OSS team that recommended targets for the 8AF during WWII.

Some 75 attended the stand-alone, and among the attendees were the family of the late Freddie Small Jones, the first director of the Red Cross Aero club at Wendling.

Daughter Melissa Stevens, who was a carbon copy of her tall, smiling, pure Texas mother, was there with husband H. Adam and children Austin and Sarah.

Son Clinton Jones was accompanied by his wife Mary and daughter Ali.

2AD Association Reunion

The 2AD meeting, which kicked off the day of the 392nd's stand-alone and ended June 1, was also a great success, with some 600 attendees.



Egan photo

Birdie Schmidt Larrick, ARC, on the right with good friend and 392BGMA associate Sally Kauffman.



Col Gilbert and Marjie, with daughter Anne Brooks. Ann lives at College Station, TX, where her husband is a professor at Texas A & M.

392nd Membership Meeting

At the 392nd membership meeting held on May 29, the following was reported:

The Treasurer's report by Cecil Rothrock, 579th, indicated that we are solvent with some \$22,000 in the bank.

The anthology continues to sell, albeit slowly. Price is now \$47.50, and Col Gilbert will autograph and authenticate each volume. Order from the PX order blank, to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Gifts of \$500 to the B-24 restoration project at the American Museum at Duxford; and to the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum for the chapel, were reported.

Attempts are being made to place the 392nd Prayer in the chapel at the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum, and the sum of \$1,000 was authorized for this purpose.

The sum of \$1,600 was authorized to purchase a new computer for Mary Beth Barnard's use at the Mighty Eighth Museum.

\$500 was allotted toward the expense of the 392nd's web site. To date, all the expense has been borne



Egan photo

A jovial Cecil (Rocky) Rothrock, 579th gunner and 392BGMA Treasurer reports to the Group that we are solvent and have money in the bank.

2AD AT AUSTIN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

by its organizers, second generation Crusaders Bob Books, Jim Marsteller, Ben Jones, and Greg Hatton.

J. Fred Thomas was re-elected to the post of the 2AD's 392nd Bomb Group vice-president.

Group Dinner

At the Group dinner on May 30, recognition was given to Mary Rothrock for her help in her husband's Treasurer's office; to Henriette Thomason for her work with the PX; and to Teddy Egan and Ernie Barber for their management of the hospitality room.

A plaque was awarded to Jim Goar, "for his many years of dedicated service and continuing support for the 392nd Bomb Group Memorial Association".

Much to the surprise and unabashed emotion of the editor.

Attendees

Crusader attendees at the 392nd standalone and/or the 2 AD meeting were:

Ernie Barber, Bill Barry, Vern Baumgart, Mary Beth Barnard; Luther Beddingfield, Joe Bonanno and Anne; Bill Cetin, John Conrad

and Wanda; Luc Dewez, Charles Dye and Helen; Brad Eaton and Dorothy;

Howard Ebersole and Jeanne; Teddy Egan, Carroll Flewelling and Bea; Larry Gilbert and Marjorie, with daughter Anne and granddaughter Sara, with fiancée; Jim Goar and Virginia; George Judd and Ruth; Sally Kauffman; Blanche and Gary Keilman; Ray Kopecky and Norma Jean; Birdie Schmidt Larrick,

Ralph Linzmeier and Patricia; John Malloy and Peg; James Maris and Lucille; Jim McLaughry and Nancy, with guests Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCarthy from the 467th; Willard Pennington; Cliff Peterson and Mary; Milton Planche and Bunnie; Rocky Rothrock and Mary; Joe Sauter,

George Schutze; Robert Smith and Hilda; Wilbur Stanford and Ruth; James Taylor and Lois; Bob Tays, J. Fred Thomas and Elva; Henriette Thomason, Joe Whittaker and Marie; and Stanley Zyborg.



Zyborg photo

Blanche Keilman, widow of Col Myron Keilman, 579th commander, with son Gary listening to the reports at the Group meeting.

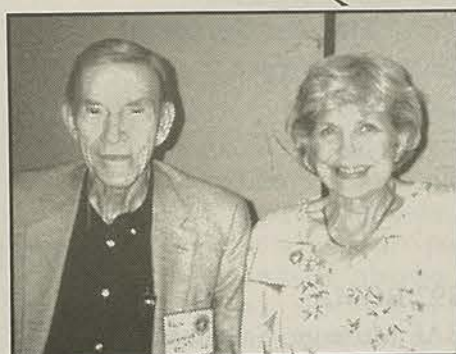


Melissa Stevens is the daughter of Winifred (known to us as Freddie) Small Jones, the first director of the Red Cross Aero club at Wendling. Shown with her is her brother Clinton with his daughter Ali.



Zyborg photo

Teddy Egan and Ernie Barber, managers of the hospitality room. They have traveled the country so much attending 392nd functions that the Group as started calling them "Bonnie and Clyde."



Egan photo

Ralph Linzmeier, 579th, with spouse Patricia.



Egan photo

M/Sgt John "Molly" Malloy, 578th crew chief, with wife Peg, whom he met at Fransham, a village close to Wendling.



Egan photo

T/Sgt Joe Bonanno (not the crime boss), radio operator on the 579th Scharf crew, with wife Anne.



Ernie Barber photo

S/Sgt Stan Zyborg, flight engineer in the 577th, shot down and wounded Aug. 6, 1944 on the Hamburg mission (Stan left a leg in Germany); and 1/Lt (later Lt/Col) Charles Dye, station ammunition officer, with wife Helen, former Navy nurse.



Egan photo

Sgt Wilbur Stanford, 10SC, control tower clerk, and spouse Ruth.



Egan photo

I/Lt George Judd, navigator on the Sommer crew in the 576th, with spouse Ruth.



Egan photo

James Taylor, 578th, with wife Lois.



Egan photo

Carroll Flewelling, 578th, with mate Bea.



Egan photo

Brad Eaton, 578th, with wife Dorothy.

ANOTHER LANE FAMILY

VISIT TO WENDLING

Maj Bob Lane, 578th Executive Officer, and 1/Lt Marilyn Haglund, ANC, were married at the Beeston church on May 11, 1945.

From that union came five daughters. Four of them have been able

to make the pilgrimage back to where their parents were married.

Shown below are Sharon Marcrauder and Bette Garfield, the last two to make the visit, in front of the Memorial.



Now Available at 392nd PX
At Reduced Price



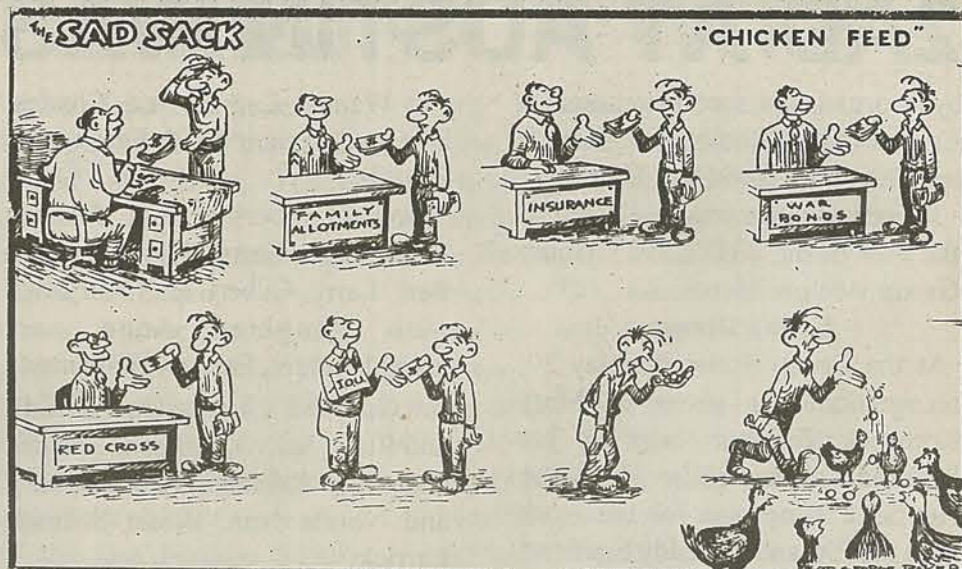
The publisher has reduced his price to \$47.50, post paid.

Over 100 authors, including Ian Hawkins and Ernie Barber, have contributed to this new anthology, edited by Bill and Marge Braddock. There are personal stories of bombing missions, aerial dogfights, air-sea rescues, aircraft crashes, life-saving parachute bail-outs, captures by the enemy, evasions, escapes, resistance-fighters assistance to downed airmen and airmen returning to England.

\$47.50 postpaid, order from PX order blank contained in this paper.

Also, a new video containing all of 392nd's memorabilia photos.

\$17.50 postpaid, order from PX order blank in this paper.



Courtesy the late Capt Charles Taylor, 576/8 Ass't Eng O

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 18, 1942: First American heavy bomber mission during WW II flown in Europe.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 20, 1942: 12th AF activated in preparation for invasion of North Africa.

392BGMA ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

At the Austin reunion in May 1999, Crusaders asked that the NEWS publish a directory of addresses for E-mail, Fax, and Websites. This will be a regular feature; if you want to be listed please contact the editor by mail at 2201 Redbud Blvd., Frankfort, IN 46041, or at the E-mail or Fax addresses listed below.

E-MAIL

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Dewez, Luc
DuBois, Phyllis
Goar, Jim
Greene, David
Jones, Ben
Jones, Mervyn
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WOMAN SEEKS INFORMATION ON DEAD HUSBAND

Audrey V. McCalley was, his widow thinks, a member of the armament section of the 576th and later the 579th squadron. He joined the Group at Alamogordo and served with us until December 1944 when he went to the Continent to serve in the infantry. He was wounded April 10, 1945, while serving in the 26th Division. He died May 23, 1995.

While at Wendling he was visited by his father, who was a paratrooper. His widow thinks that the picture below, taken at Wendling, appeared in Stars and Stripes.



Post-war, McAlley was a successful lawyer in Richmond, MO.

Mrs. McCalley, an associate member of the 392BGMA, is interested in finding out all she can about her husband's service with the 392nd. She has given us the names of two of his 392nd friends, Bob Pitzer and Sam Alston. Neither name appears in the 392nd Directory.

Mrs. McCalley, whose address is 1103 N. Thornton, Richmond, MO 64085, telephone 816 470 2139, would be glad to hear from any Crusader who has any recollection of her husband.

DENIS DUFFIELD RECALLS WRECK IN DEREHAM

Denis Duffield, who grew up in and around the base at Wendling, has been the 392nd's unofficial representative for years.

He recently wrote to the NEWS,

citing a photo of Maj Percy Caley, Group S-2, which appeared in the February issue. He said that in the winter of '43 or '44 he was just out of school and driving a horse and cart delivery for a local grocer. Maj Caley's jeep and Denis' cart had a collision in East Dereham, and

fortunately no one, including the horse, was hurt.

(Editor's note: As Group Transportation Officer, I can testify that this was not the only wreck that occurred around the base while we were there. By a long shot.)

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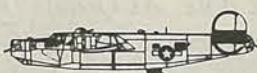
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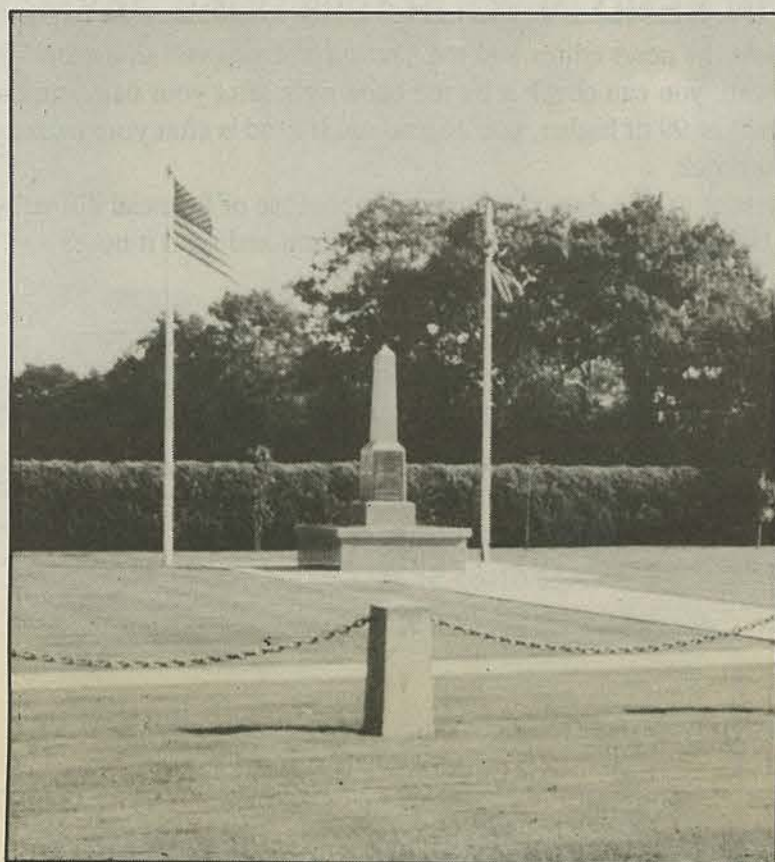
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Almighty God, Who has blessed us with the will and courage to do our duty, we praise You for our comrades whose death kept freedom living. We praise You also for giving us the years we have lived since their departure. We pray that You will strengthen and sustain our devotion to truth and justice, so that we may be faithful beneficiaries of their sacrifice. Continue Your mercy to our comrades; keep them in Your care; and bring us all at last into Your presence there to rejoice eternally. Amen.

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

Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger

Interest in the new millennium is certainly high. Some wonder when it actually begins (January 1, 2000 in one sense). For Christians, of course, the millennium began some four or six years ago, if we use Jesus' actual birth date as our point of reference.

Perhaps all this reminds us of the arbitrariness of time. "What is time? St. Augustine of Hippo asks in a famous passage, "I know until someone asks me; then I discover I know nothing with respect to time".

The One who created time is beyond time, and it is measurement that is important. We await His Kingdom that is coming, when all things in time will find their consummation.

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PROFILE

Sgt Carroll F. Flewelling was a gunner on the 578th's Franklin Hinshaw crew, joining the Group at Wendling in December of 1944.

Postwar, he was a production manager.

He is married to Bea, and they live at 3150 S. Pinewood Creek Ct., #308, New Berlin, WI 53151. They have two children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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my brother...

William Shakespeare
Henry V

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Aug. 2, 1909: The Wright Flyer formally accepted as Army's first airplane.