

NEWS



392nd BG Memorial Association

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GENESIS AS SEEN BY INTERNET WIT

It seems that a lot of the NEWS' copy comes from the internet. We see a lot of it, and pick up on items that might apply to us old folks.

On the first day God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty years and I'll give back the other forty."

And God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give back the other ten."

And God agreed.

On the third day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span."

The monkey said, "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do, okay?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years."

Man said, "What? Only twenty years? No way. Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty cow gave back, and the ten dog gave back and the ten monkey gave back. That makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay", said God. "You've got a deal."

So that is why for the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten year we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit in front of the house and bark at everybody.

EGAN CREW GETS SQUADRON CO'S COMMENDATION

The 577th's Bob Egan crew was the first in the squadron to finish their tour.

A picture of the crew appeared in the December 2001 of the 8AF NEWS, and it attracted the attention of 392BGMA associate member Mrs. Janet Englemann, who was married to Maj Clinton Schoolmaster, the 577th's commander. Maj Schoolmaster was lost soon after the Egan crew finished while monitoring a mission formation.

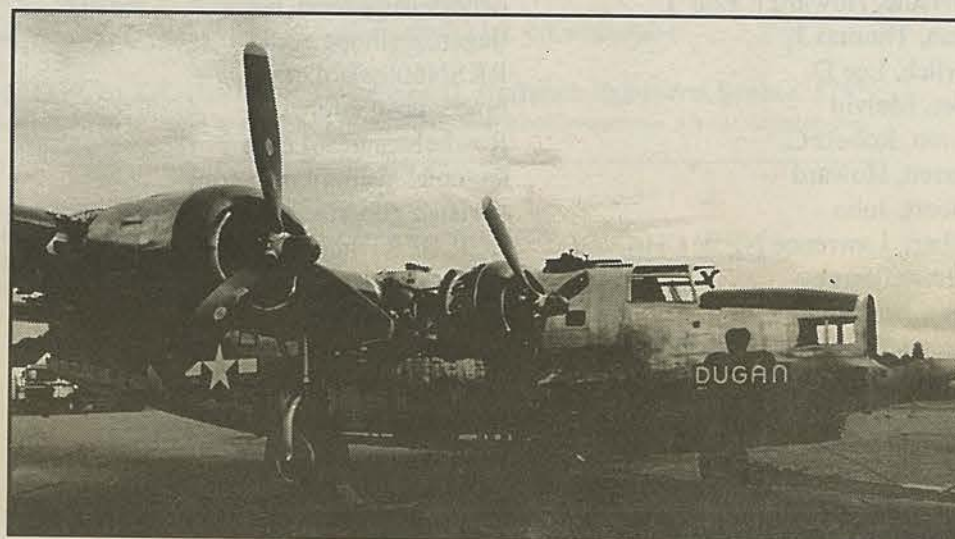
The picture triggered something in Mrs. Englemann's memory and she referred to Maj. Schoolmaster's letters to her from England. This is what she found in a letter dated March 31, 1944:

"The boys went over France today-just a little one- it was a good mission for one of my crews; they finished their tour, first of the 577th. They sure were happy, too. So was I, and I lost a good crew, but I don't mind losing them like that".

Bob reports that the only other members of the crew still living are Olson Stogner, WG, Mississippi; and Billy Kennedy, TG, Texas.

Bob recently moved to 8008 Bass Lake Road, Apt. 521, New Hope, MN 55424.

RESTORED B-24 AT DUXFORD OUT OF REPAIR HANGAR; MOVING TO MUSEUM AND TO BE DEDICATED SEPT. 27
IS MARKED "DUGAN", A 578TH AIRCRAFT



Imperial War Museum photo

"Dugan", the restored 578th a/c at Duxford

The restoration took thousands of man-hours, four years of painstaking work, the financial support of the Ford Motor Company, and the donations of thousands of the Duxford Museum's supporters.

To make room for the Liberator in the museum, the reconfiguration of the exhibits must be completed. This entails an enormous amount of expensive work, including dismantling and rebuilding the glass front wall of the museum.

With that in mind, the 392nd has been asked to contribute to the effort. The fact that the B-24 will carry the markings of the 392nd could possibly encourage Crusaders to join the undertaking. Arrangements have been made to funnel contributions through the 392BGMA treasurer, who will then forward them to the Museum. Already the sum of \$4,945.00 has been reported.

If you desire to donate, furnish the information asked for below and send it with your check to Charley Dye.

I'LL HELP GET THE B-24 OUT OF THE HANGAR AND ON THE LINE IN THE DUXFORD MUSEUM

Name _____ Sqdn _____ Assoc _____

Address _____

Send to: Charles Dye, Treasurer 392BGMA, 4949 San Pedro NE, #87
Albuquerque, NM 87109

392BGMA ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

The Electronic Directory is a regular feature in the NEWS; 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.

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8AF Museum, Savannah

www.b24.net
www.mighty8thmuseum.com

IN DEFENSE OF WE SENIORS

Col Gilbert sends us this clip from his flying school newsletter:

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We take responsibility for all that we have done and do not blame others. But we would like to point out that it was not the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,
The pride out of appearance,
The romance out of love,
The commitment out of marriage,
The learning out of education,
The service out of patriotism,
The religion out of school,
The Golden Rule out of rulers,
The civility out of behavior,
The refinement out of language,
The dedication out of employment,
The prudence out of spending,
The ambition out of achievement.

PROFILE

T/Sgt Harold E. Dohm, "Dutchy" to his crew, was with the Lishka crew in the 578th. He joined the 392nd at Tucson, soon after we were formed. He found the Memorial Association through our web site.

He reports that he was the first in the Group to receive the Purple Heart, being wounded on the diversion mission of Oct. 4, 1943. We lost three crews that day, including Maj Donald Appert, CO of the 579th.

Before retiring he was in the "hot lead" business, heading up Dohm Enterprises, agent for hot metal printing equipment manufacturers. Before the age of computers, most typesetting was done on machines that set the type in lead slugs. Using a laborious system, the type was then transferred to the press.

He is married to Lillian, and their summer address is 115 SE Rogue River Highway #109, Grants Pass, OR 97527. In the winter they live at 39-511 Hidden Water Pl, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

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WORD FROM THE MEMORIAL TRUST OF THE 2AD

A letter from Derek Hills, Trust Librarian of our library in Norwich, says:

"Thanks to the 392nd's establishment of a book endowment program, we are able to purchase additional books for our patrons, as well as memorialize friends, military comrades, and loved ones. This is a wonderful program, and it provides the Norwich community with a growing collection of books on all aspects of the United States, including histories, biographies, travel books, cookbooks, art books, and books on current events. We have also been purchasing books that support the local schools' teaching of contemporary American history, on topics such as the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, and other topics not well covered in other libraries in the region.

We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in establishing an endowment, and in your continued interest in the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library."

Following are the current additions from the 392nd endowment:

Davis, William C.

The Wild West Trilogy

Rosa, Joseph G. and

Sturtevant, William C.

The American Frontier, Age of the Gunfighter, The Native Americans

Barrett, Wayne

Rudy!; An Investigative Biography of Rudolph Giuliani

Poster seen in a hospital critical care unit, attributed to President Teddy Roosevelt:

DO WHAT YOU CAN
WITH WHAT YOU HAVE
WHERE YOU ARE

Which pretty well defines the way the man conducted himself, and not a bad credo for ordinary folks as well as critical care medics.

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AIR ANNIVERSARY

B-29S made first supply dropping mission to WWII POWs in China-1945.

PX ITEMS

Anthology, "20 th Century Crusaders. \$36.50 postpaid.	\$
Book, "Remembrance of the Missing", by Col. Bob Vickers, \$35.00 postpaid	\$
Book, "392 nd War Stories", by Col. Myron Keilman, \$21.50 postpaid.	\$
Book, "The Liberators From Wendling", by Col. Bob Vickers, \$28.00 postpaid	\$
Book, "Crew Dog", by Maj. John Matt, 579 th , \$28.95 postpaid.	\$
Book, "Country Boy Combat Bomber Pilot", by Col. Bob Tays, \$13.50 postpaid	\$
Book, "My Combat Diary", by Walt Cranson, \$13.50 postpaid	\$
Book, "A Pilot and His Wings", by L/C James Maris, \$30.00 postpaid.	\$
Cap, black, 392 nd Bomb Group w/gold braid, summer, \$10.50 postpaid.	\$
Cap, black, 392 nd Bomb Group w/gold braid, winter, \$10.50 postpaid.	\$
Directory, \$10.00 postpaid (ALL DIRECTORIES ARE NOW WITH CURRENT DATA	\$
Jacket, white nylon, w/ 392 Bomb Group and Crusader patches, \$29.00 postpaid	
(Circle size wanted) M L XL XXL	\$
Patch, 392 nd Bomb Group logo, \$1.50 postpaid	\$
Print, "The Flying Crusader", reduced to \$16.50 postpaid	\$
Video, 392 nd 's memorabilia photos, \$17.50 postpaid	\$
TOTAL	\$

Send with check to Charles Dye, 4949 San Pedro NE, #87, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Book, "After The Liberators, A Father's Last Mission, A Son's Lifelong Journey", by Bill McGuire II, son of 579th navigator Bill McGuire Sr., KIA Friedrichshafen mission.

Order direct from publisher, Parkway Publishers: PO Box 3678, Boone, NC 28607, \$20.95 postpaid

(Mention 392BGMA newsletter in your letter and you can take 10% off the total bill)

Book, "Joey, Joe, and Joseph" by William A. Damerst, 576th navigator.

Order direct from publisher, Publish America: PO Box 151, Frederick, MD 21705-0151. \$18.95 postpaid

Book, "Stalag 17B, Prisoner of War", by L/C (USAF, Ret) Richard H. Hoffman, ball turret gunner, 579th.

Order from publisher, Xlibris Corp, phone 888 795 4274 or on line at www.xlibris.com/html/bookstores. Also at Amazon.com

Video, from Albuquerque Reunion Symposium, "The Early Days", \$17.50 postpaid

Video, Symposium above, "The Ground Support Teams Prepare For A Mission", \$17.50 postpaid

Video, Symposium above, "The Tough Missions, Pt. 1: Bremen, Keil, Gotha, Friedrichshafen both parts \$27.50 pp

Video, Symposium above, "Tough Missions, Pt. 2: Politz, Berlin, Bernberg, Bingen, Wesel, both parts \$27.50 pp

Video, Symposium above, general scenes from the reunion, 2 parts, \$27.50 postpaid

Order videos direct from Dan McGovern productions, 5307 Cantante, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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You can check your dues status by the code right after your name on the label of the newsletter. If it is LM (for Life Membership) or 02 or higher, you're paid up. If Frnd is after your name, you're our guest. If there is an error, contact Charles Dye.

The Board of Directors has ruled that no Crusader will be denied membership because of financial difficulty, so if you are in straitened circumstances check the Hardship Waiver box. Fill out the form and send it now!

Name _____ Ground ☐ Air ☐ Sqdn _____ Assoc ☐

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Dues for 2003, \$12
(This will get you the rest of 2002, also)
Hardship Waiver ☐

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age 61-65 \$120 ☐

Age 66-70 \$96 ☐

Age 71 and over \$78 ☐

Send with check to Charles Dye, 4949 San Pedro NE, #87, Albuquerque, NM 87109



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2AD MEETS AT BALTIMORE AUG.31-SEPT 3

8AF MEETS AT NORFOLK OCT1-6

The NEWS regrets that this information will reach most of you after the deadlines to sign up.

But we here reprint the material that appeared in the 2ADA JOURNAL and the 8AFHS NEWS so that at least you will see what is planned at the conventions.

The 392nd will be represented well at both meetings. As of this date some 45 have signed up for 2AD at Baltimore.

And of course if you really want to attend, it is possible that a cancellation could make that possible. Contact Evelyn Cohen at 215 632 3992 for 2ADA and Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. at 242 West 22nd St., Norfolk, VA 23517.

HUMOR FROM THREE THEATERS OF WAR

The editor's good friend T/Sgt Howard Hoehn served in WWII with an Air Depot Group in Trinidad, North Africa, and Guam. It seems that wherever they needed someone to work on an airplane, they called on T/Sgt Hoehn.

A local humorist of note, Hoehn submits the following:

According to a recent survey, men say the first thing they notice about women is their eyes. And women say the first thing they notice about men is that they're a bunch of liars.

I asked Mom if I was a gifted child, and she said they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.



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55th Annual Convention of the 2nd Air Division Association

August 31 - September 3, 2002

The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland

NOTICE OF HOTEL CHANGE / CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to move our 2002 convention to the **HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, INNER HARBOR, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**. Construction at our original hotel, the Hyatt in Cambridge, MD, ran into problems and it would not be completed in time for our arrival.

2002 Schedule of Events

Friday, August 30: Registration, Early Bird Party. Saturday, August 31: Registration, Cocktail Party, Buffet Dinner, Film. Sunday, September 1: Buffet Breakfast, Tour of Washington, D.C., Cocktail Party, Group Dinners. Monday, September 2: Buffet Breakfast, Business Meeting, Cocktail Party, Banquet. Tuesday, September 3: Buffet Breakfast, Departure.

COST: Single Room \$600.00 Double Room \$420.00 per person Triple Room \$360 pp Quad Room \$330 pp
This cost includes all items listed above with the exception of the tour. It also does not include the cocktail parties — these will be cash bars, as many of our members do not drink and asked that this be done. The cost includes hotel room for three nights, 8/31 - 9/2. All extra nights and incidentals must be paid to the hotel upon check-out.

PARKING: The 2ADA will pay for self-parking. Valet parking is \$20.00 per day, charged to you. Take your ticket when parking and you will receive a voucher at the registration desk.

EARLY DEPARTURE: Should you have to depart the hotel early, there will be a \$50.00 per night charge.

AIRPORT: The shuttle is \$13.00 per person one way. Taxi will be approximately \$20.00.

ROOM SHARING: If you wish to share a room, please advise and I will try to arrange this.

HOTEL: The Hyatt Regency, Inner Harbor, 300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, phone (410) 528-1234.
Your confirmation notice will include directions to the hotel.

TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.: This will take place on Sunday, September 1st. You will board a luxury motor coach at the hotel for an impressive day in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. En route, a knowledgeable guide will entertain you with fascinating facts about life "inside the Beltway."

Guests will begin their exciting day as they step off the bus at their first visit, Arlington National Cemetery. Visitors may choose to visit the Eternal Flame at the gravesite of JFK and witness the moving ceremony of the changing of the guard. Once back on the motor coach, you will visit the Lincoln Memorial and the Roosevelt Memorial before going on to the renovated grandeur of Union Station, where you will have time for *lunch on your own*. After lunch, the afternoon continues with visits to the Vietnam Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and a drive-by tour of other unforgettable landmarks.

You will depart Baltimore at approximately 9:30 AM and return at 3:00 PM.

This tour is at an **additional charge of \$45.00 per person**.

BOMB GROUP			
44th	445th	458th	491st
93rd	446th	466th	492nd
389th	448th	467th	
392nd	453rd	489th	



FIGHTER GROUP		
4th	56th	355th
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361st	479th	
OTHER GPS AND ATTACHED UNITS		

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REUNION 2002

8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA OCTOBER 1-6, 2002

Plans are well on their way for the 28th Annual Reunion, to be held on Norfolk's downtown waterfront. Mark your calendars now for a great time of renewing old friendships and seeing everything that Norfolk has to offer.

For those of you who haven't been to Norfolk recently, you're in for a big surprise. No longer is it the city where dogs and sailors are told to stay off the grass. After years of poor relations between the Navy and Norfolk, the two have long since reached a great deal of harmony. The downtown area has recently undergone a huge revitalization. It's now home to world-class shopping and dining, along with museums, art galleries, and much more.

In addition to the largest Naval Base in the world, the entire Hampton Roads area is home to Naval Air Stations, Langley Air Force Base, and Army Bases. In addition to the modern military, you will find a wealth of early American and Civil War history. Within a stone's throw of each other are Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. You'll find the oceanfront at Virginia Beach only a short drive in the opposite direction.

The reunion is planned for a perfect time of year. Temperatures are typically in the low 70s in early October with very little rain. You may want a jacket for cool evenings. Be sure to come early and/or stay late to enjoy all that the Norfolk area has to offer. The hotel will extend the rate three days before and after the reunion, based on availability.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

See choices below and complete the Registration Form. Remit by check or money order payable to Armed Forces Reunions (NOT "BAF REUNION") by August 30, 2002 (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Forms received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis only. Hotel reservation forms should be filled out completely and mailed directly to the hotel by August 30, 2002.

MEALS / EVENTS CHOICES

CHOICE #1 TOTAL PACKAGE \$168

Package includes 7 hotel food functions starting with breakfast on Thursday. Options are separate.

CHOICE #2 PARTIAL PACKAGE \$116

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

Breakfast menus: The continental breakfasts on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday include juice, breakfast breads, yogurt, cold cereals & milk, fruit, coffee, and tea. The breakfast-buffet on Saturday includes juice, assorted breakfast breads, eggs, pancakes, breakfast meats, potatoes, fruit, coffee, and tea.

CHOICE #3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Friday Gala Rendezvous Dinner \$32 and Saturday Banquet \$38 can be purchased separately, but are included in both packages above.

TOUR / EVENT OPTIONS

Wednesday: Colonial Williamsburg \$54, Welcome Reception \$6, Fisherman's Wharf \$41. **Thursday:** Virginia Marine Science Museum \$23, Navy Base / Naval Museum \$26. **Friday:** Lunch Cruise / MacArthur Memorial \$34. **Saturday:** City Tour \$15, Virginia Air & Space Center \$21.

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REUNION 2002

8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION OCTOBER 1 - 6, 2002 SHERATON WATERSIDE HOTEL - NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

7:30am - 8:30am Reunion Registration open
8:30am - 3:30pm COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG
9:00am - Tbd Hospitality/Gathering Room & Memorabilia Room opens
1:00pm - Tbd 8AFHS 'PX' open through Sunday
1:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration open
2:00pm - 8AFHS Board Meeting
5:30pm - 6:30pm VIRGINIA PATRIOTS WELCOME RECEPTION
6:45pm - 9:30pm FISHERMAN'S WHARF DINNER

Thursday, October 3

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration open
8:30am - 10:00am Unit Advisory and Chapter & Unit Development Meeting
10:15am - 3:15pm VIRGINIA MARINE SCIENCE MUSEUM
10:30am - 2:45pm NAVY BASE / NAVAL MUSEUM
3:30pm - 4:30pm Medical Advisory Seminar by Dr. Walt Brown
2:30pm - 5:30pm Reunion Registration open
6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 9:00pm Southern-style dinner and Hoe-down

Friday, October 4

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast
8:00am - 10:00am Reunion Registration open
8:30am - 10:00am Individual Group Meetings
10:00am - 11:00am Special Seminar: Planned Giving
11:15am - 4:00pm LUNCH CRUISE / MacARTHUR MEMORIAL
3:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - Rendezvous Dinners and 'Hangar Flying'

Saturday, October 5

7:00am - 8:30am Full Breakfast Buffet
9:00am - 11:00am General Membership Meeting
11:30am - 3:30pm CITY TOUR
12:45pm - 4:30pm VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration open
6:00pm - 7:00pm 8AFHS Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 8AFHS Gala Banquet

Sunday, October 6

7:00am - 8:30am Continental Breakfast
8:30am - 9:15am Separate Protestant and Catholic Services at the hotel
9:30am - 8AFHS Annual Board Meeting

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REUNION 2002 8th AFHS 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, INC. 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 August 30, 2002. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
242 West 22nd Street
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 8th AFHS

OFFICE USE ONLY
Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Name/Tag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/30/02

	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION FEE	\$35		\$
MEAL PACKAGES			
Choice #1 includes 7 hotel meals beginning with breakfast on Thursday.			
Choice #2 includes 5 hotel meals beginning with breakfast on Friday.			
Choice #1	\$168		\$
Choice #2	\$116		\$
Please select your entrée choice(s) for the Banquet:			
Roast Prime Rib of Beef		#	
Char-Grilled Salmon		#	
SEPARATELY PRICED MEALS (if not purchasing a package)			
Friday: Rendezvous Dinner (chicken)	\$32		\$
Saturday: Banquet (please select your entrée)			
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$38		\$
Char-Grilled Salmon	\$38		\$
TOURS / EVENTS			
Wednesday: Colonial Williamsburg	\$54		\$
Wednesday: Welcome Mixer	\$6		\$
Wednesday: Fisherman's Wharf Dinner	\$41		\$
Please choose one of the following two tours:			
Thursday: Virginia Marine Science Museum	\$23		\$
Thursday: Navy Base / Naval Museum	\$26		\$
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REUNION 2002 SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL

The Sheraton Hotel is located downtown at 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510, adjacent to the Waterside Festival Marketplace, featuring lots of restaurants and eateries. The Norfolk International Airport is about fifteen minutes from the hotel. If you are driving, please call the hotel for directions. The hotel has over 400 guest rooms. Guests have a view of the working harbor or Norfolk's skyline. Each guest room is equipped with an iron/ironing board, hair dryer, and coffee maker with complimentary coffee. Handicapped accessible rooms and non-smoking floors are available. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservations. The hotel has an outdoor pool, which is open seasonally, and an exercise room. A gift shop is located on the first floor. The Riverwalk Cafe serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Alexander's Bar serves dinner and drinks. Valet parking is currently \$12 per night, and self-parking in the adjacent First Union parking garage is currently \$8.00 per day. Check-in time is 3pm; check-out time is 12 noon.

There are a few suites blocked for hospitality purposes. The parlor suites consist of a parlor room (about the size of a normal sleeping room) and connecting bedroom. The reduced rates for these suites are \$200 per night for city view and \$300 per night for harbor view. We suggest you call the hotel for more information and to make these special reservations.

Brown Airport Shuttle Service provides shuttle service to and from the hotel. Call (757) 857-3991 for reservations. The current rates are listed below:

• Green and White Checker Cab service is also available. Currently their rates are approximately \$20.00 per cab. For cab service, call (757) 855-6611.

One Way Fee
\$15 for one person
\$20 for two people
\$25 for three people
\$7 per person if four or more

Roundtrip Fee
\$25 for one person
\$37 for two people
\$45 for three people
\$13 per person if four or more

• RV parking is available. Upon arrival, the valet will be able to assist you. For full hookup services, consider one of the following: Chesapeake Campground - (757) 485-0149 or KOA Campground - (757) 428-1444

• Med Emporium rents wheelchairs. Call Med-Emporium at (757) 588-1487 for information.

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CUT OFF DATE: 8/30/02. Reservations received after 8/30 will be processed on space & rate available basis. CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6pm on your arrival day.

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EDITOR VISITS 577TH SQDN EXEC PENNINGTON

By Jim Goar

The 392nd was in the forefront of the flood of newly formed and trained Bomb Groups that were deployed to England and the 8AF. The War Department in its wisdom determined that the Groups' squadrons were officered by very young men, mostly in their early twenties. So somewhat older and wiser heads were furnished by assigning more experienced officers to the squadrons as Squadron Executive Officers.

The 577th's was Maj Willard "Penny" Pennington. He received early military training in the CMTC (The Citizens Military Training Corps, from the alphabet-ridden days of the Great Depression) at an army post on Sullivan's Island near

Charleston, SC. Penny says that this is where he became acquainted with crusty old Regular Army sergeants and the manual of arms.



Ruth and Penny Pennington
He graduated from the University of Georgia, where he earned a

commission as 2/Lt in the ROTC. He was called up in 1941 and this gave him the seniority required for the post of Squadron Executive Officer.

Penny is the only one living of the four original Squadron Executive Officers. Bob Lane, the 578th's, was promoted to that post after the lamented leave of the original Squadron Executive.

After the war Penny held various executive positions, mostly in sales, in Scott Paper Company.

He lives with wife Ruth in Houston, where I visited him recently. As I backed out of his driveway and turned to wave goodbye, I beheld a tall, erect, elderly gentleman rendering the military salute. It is a vision so poignantly etched in my memory that it will probably remain there for the rest of my days.

2AD LEADERSHIP ASKS FOR INPUT

President Walter J. Mundy is asking all Group vice-presidents to poll their membership in an effort to gather ideas for encouraging more Group participation in 2AD Association activities.

If you have any ideas, please communicate them to Jim Goar, 2ADA vice-president for the 392nd. Write him at 2201 Redbud Blvd., Frankfort, IN 46041, call him at 765 654 4456, fax to him at 765 654 4457, or e-mail him at goar@netusa1.net. Note that the 1 in the address is an arithmetic one. If all else fails, build a fire and apply a blanket.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

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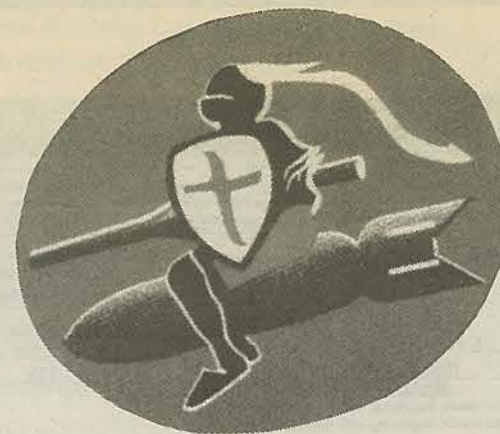


All copies will be autographed by Col. Lawrence G. Gilbert, our final Commander.

Order from the PX order blank contained in this newsletter.

Over 100 authors, including Ian Hawkins and Ernie Barber, have contributed to this 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.

392nd Bomb Group Leather Patches



Ben Jones has undertaken the task of supplying the 392BGMA with the leather Crusader patches that started appearing on the Group's A-2 jackets in 1944.

Ben says: These patches are handpainted on genuine fine leather to meet the specifications of WWII. As the war progressed, various hand painted Group patches started appearing on A-2 jackets. As there was no standard size among the various Groups, Hq. USAAF authorized the use of a 5" circular leather patch on which the unit logo could be painted.

The Crusader is drawn on a USAAF-approved 5" circular leather patch. Each patch is unique with no two being identical, as with mass-produced copies. You can choose between a distressed look or a freshly painted look.

The logo is painted on the leather, then coated with a sealant that protects it. Like any leather, it is suggested that it not get wet.

The cost is \$20 plus shipping and handling.

Ben says also that there will soon be available polo shirts with the Crusader emblem.

So if you're interested, contact Ben Jones at 15115 Jones Beach Rd., Kent, NY 14477-9780, or e-mail him at limeybj@frontiernet.net.

Let him know if you want the "distressed" or "freshly painted" look.

PERSONALS

Old-time small town newspapers carried a feature called "Personals" in which the every day goings on of its readers were recorded. If you have anything to contribute to subsequent editions, let us know.

Jack Bode, the colorful gunner in the 576th, suffered a heart attack in a grocery in his home town. The paramedics cut up his treasured A-2 jacket rendering first aid. Now fully recovered, Jack sent word that he needed to replace the jacket and the Crusader patch. The word was relayed to Stan Zybort and Ben Jones and help is on the way.

Jack will be remembered by Crusaders as showing up at one of the reunions rigged out in a bear-claw necklace. He characterizes his duties in the 392nd as: "I'm the one who waves good-bye as we take off down the runway."

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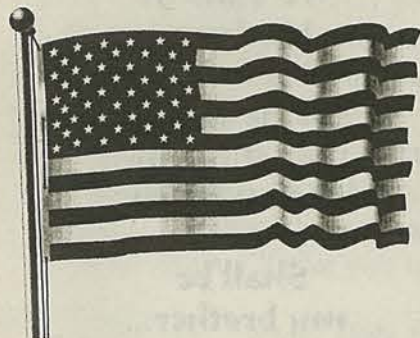
Bob Lane, 578th Executive Officer, spends a lot of time behind the wheel. He has daughters in Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Birmingham, and Melbourne.



Bob Lane

He has recovered nicely from a serious abdominal operation last summer. On the way from Louisville to Chicago, he stopped by the editor's house. We shared barracks while we were both in the 578th, so we had plenty to talk about.

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Colonel L.G. Gilbert (USAF Ret'd)

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Dear Colonel Gilbert

As I write, the school is empty of children, who have begun the long summer break and teaching staff are busy clearing rooms, sorting resources and stripping walls for the decorators. We have a very busy term ahead of us because we are being inspected and want to be sure that we look our best and perform really well.

I wanted to write and thank you and the Association for your very generous offer of sponsorship of 1000\$ for our School House Renovation Project. Your continued support of this school is exceptional and so very gratefully received. We are proud to be a part of your lives and the children look on all of the veterans as friends. They have learned a great deal about the huge sacrifices you made during WW2. Thank you too for the donation of books this term. We selected some beautiful volumes for use as a reference source in our library.

On behalf of all the children and staff, I wish you a happy and healthy summer and look forward to meeting more members of the Association before too long.

Yours sincerely

Ani Martin (Head Teacher)

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THE 392nd MEMORIAL AT WENDLING

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, Ph. D
Christians have a dual citizenship. We are citizens of our dear United States; and we are patriots of the Kingdom of God. It isn't always easy to keep these two loyalties in harmony, and it is agonizing when they conflict and we must choose. "Purity of heart is to will one thing", wrote the Danish thinker Kierkegaard. That one thing is God's will, and our daily prayer should be that His will and the national will are mutually supportive.

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Japan surrenders unconditionally-1945.

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12th AF activated in preparation for invasion of North Africa-1942.

Folded Wings

Pat Graham, Apr. 22, 2002

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Jay T. Brown, 578, June 21, 1992

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Radio controlled bombers first used in missions flown against V-1 rocket sites-1944.

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B-29 "Enola Gay" dropped atomic bomb on Hiroshima-1945.

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But we..shall be remembered;

**We few,
we happy few,
we band of
brothers;**

**For he to-day
that sheds his
blood with me**

**Shall be
my brother...**

William Shakespeare
Henry V