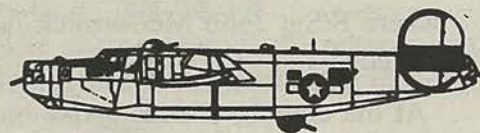


NEWS



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DUTCH RE-ENACT WALKER CREW CRASH IN FEB '45

THE NEWS EDITOR HAS MOVED!

CREWMAN JOINED DUTCH RESISTANCE, WAS KILLED BY GERMANS ON APRIL 29

The new address is: 1555 N. Main St., #106
Frankfort, IN 46041

All other numbers are the same: Telephone: Office (I'm there nearly every week day) 765 654 4456, Residence 765 654 4609; e-mail goar@accs.net; Fax 765 654 4457.

Also: The combination of a marriage, a move, and an operation which left some debilitation meant that I just couldn't produce a May issue. So, here's the August issue. Many thanks to Annette Tison and others who helped.

Jim Goar

FUND DRIVE CONTINUES FOR "FIGHTIN' SAM", B-24 EXHIBIT AT 8AF SAVANNAH

One complaint often heard from B-24 types is that the Liberator is not sufficiently emphasized at the Mighty Eighth Museum at Savannah.

That complaint is being addressed with the planned exhibit of a B-24 nose section depicting "Fightin' Sam", a legendary 389th a/c. It will serve as a focal point in the exhibition prominently placed within the Museum's Combat Rotunda.

Highlights of the proposed design include a simulated Type T2 hangar surrounding the nose section, a large format screen displaying original B-24 combat footage, and the placement of a human figure outfitted as a bombardier inside the nose. Casework located within the hangar will contain painted A2 and B15 jackets from B-24 crewmen and a patch from the "Witchcraft" crew.

In keeping with the use of new technologies in museum design, interactive components include an educational touch screen program and a B-2 flight simulator that will educate and engage visitors of all ages. Photo enlargements and text panels will provide supplemental information and graphics in addition to those appearing on the touch screen. Together, these elements will present visitors with an interactive-based experience that enlivens the Combat Gallery with the complete story of the B-24.

The exhibit will cost \$125,000. Judy Walker, Director of Development at the Museum reports that \$56,256 has been raised as of Aug. 1. The three

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LINGLE FAMILY TRAVELS TO HOLLAND FOR RE-ENACTMENT CEREMONIES

By Annette Tison

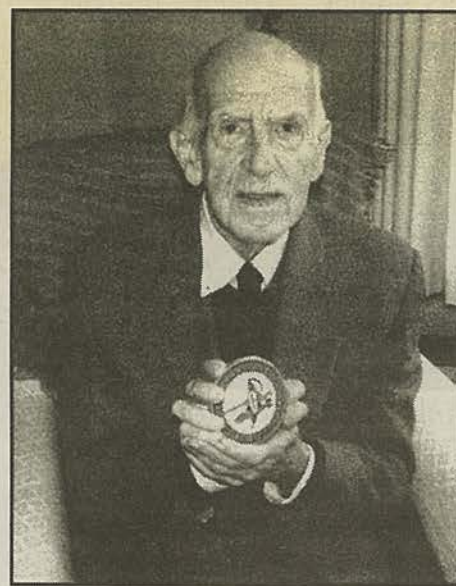
As has been previously reported in the NEWS, the 392nd's S/Sgt John McCormick was killed on practically the last day of WWII. He had joined a Dutch resistance group and they were attacked by a German occupation force.

It was on Feb. 22, 1945 when the 578th's Walker crew ran low on fuel while returning from a mission to Norheim, Germany. Walker brought his ship, the Jolly Duck, down to a belly landing after clipping a dike with his nose wheel. Four of the nine men in the crew were captured right away; the other five, including S/Sgt McCormick, evaded with the help of the Dutch Underground.

On the 60th anniversary of the crash, a memorial was unveiled at the Jolly Duck's crash site. It was erected by Dutch military re-enactor Ad Moest and other members of his group. A letter from Col Lawrence Gilbert, the 392nd's last commander and CEO of the 392nd's Memorial Association, was read at the ceremony near Zoetermeer, Holland. The letter had been translated into Dutch and a copy was given to all attendees.

Col Gilbert noted, "What hap-

pened at this place 60 years ago did not just affect the nine Americans who crashed at this farm. It also involved the Dutch people



Dr. J. Kentgens, now 80 years old, displays the 392nd Bomb Group coaster he was presented by Ad Moest, the re-enactment organizer. Kentgens was the leader of the resistance group joined by our S/Sgt John E. McCormick, and he was wounded in the same firefight in which McCormick was killed.

who lived in this community. Four were killed when the RAF strafed Jolly Duck on February 26 in an

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attempt to destroy it before the Germans stripped it of valuable items. Many more Dutch patriots sheltered our five airmen, risking not only their own lives but also their families' lives. And when Sgt. McCormick was killed, you honored him as if he were one of your own countrymen."

The memorial lists the names of the nine American crewmen, 1/Lt Joseph Walker, 2/Lt Ralph Casstevens, 1/Lt John Donahue, S/Sgt Harold Shea, Sgt. Francis Nagle, S/Sgt Allan Hicks, S/Sgt John McCormick, S/Sgt John Lingle, and S/Sgt Elmer Duerr. It also lists the four Dutch victims and an unknown German soldier, all killed in the strafing.

Lingle Family Represented

On May 7 and 8, 2005, Mr. Moest and other re-enactors set up a WWII "living history site" in Zoetermeer called "Camp McCormick". They depicted the firefight on April 29, 1945, in which S/Sgt McCormick, Dutch refinance



Andy Blevins (behind driver), John Wall, (next to driver) and two Dutch military re-enactors get ready for the parade.

fighter Jacob van Rij, and some German soldiers were killed and several others wounded.

Present at this re-enactment event were family members of S/Sgt John Lingle, now deceased. They were Glenda Ball and Sue Wall, daughters; John Wall, grandson; Jennifer Blevins, granddaughter, and Andy, her husband.

They spent a memorable four days in The Netherlands, not only at the re-enactment but also on Dutch Remembrance Day.

They gathered with hundreds of

Dutch people in Zoetermeer for a solemn walk through the streets, past the Dutch Reformed Church where S/Sgt John McCormick is buried.

At the church, Glenda spoke on behalf of the Jolly Duck crew and the Lingle family. In her speech, she read the names of the Jolly Duck crew, including Francis Nagle, the only member still living.

The family participated in a parade of over 60 authentic WWII military vehicles that lasted more than eight hours. Glenda recollected, "We drove through small Dutch towns where thousands of people lined the streets, gathered in windows, and stood along the route. I smiled and waved until I thought my entire arm would fall off. But I waved, not only for myself, but for every soldier who fought on that soil, whether they could ride in jeeps through the streets and receive arm loads of lilacs and bright red lipstick kisses on their faces, or whether they died in battle, or were gravely wounded and fighting for recovery. It was the high honor of my life and I will cherish the memory of that day forever!"

Glenda summed up her four days in Holland by saying, "I brought

back a new perspective on WWII. Here, people might say my husband or my brother or my father was killed. There, I heard people say 'my child was killed, my wife was killed, I was terrified of the Germans, I survived by eating tulip bulbs'. I had not truly realized until this trip just how much the people in The Netherlands suffered. But that is the very reason they are so grateful to everyone who helped liberate their country."

Editor's note: The Lingle family's trip to The Netherlands and their participation in the events described above is a shining example of the second generation's involvement in the 392nd's memorial efforts.

Glenda Ball queried the 392nd's web site asking for information on her father, S/Sgt John Lingle. Within hours, second generation member and the author of the above article Annette Tison replied with specific information on her father's crash in the Jolly Duck. Having been in contact with the organizers of the re-enactment, she asked Glenda if she would like to visit The Netherlands when special events commemorating the Jolly Duck would occur. And the result was the Lingle family's memorable trip to Holland where they represented the 392nd Bomb Group.



L to R, a Dutch re-enactor, Glenda Ball, John Wall, a Dutch re-enactor, Sue Wall, and Andy Blevins on parade day.

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PERSONALS

Col Lawrence Gilbert, the 392nd's last commander and CEO of the Memorial Association, has had it tough these past few months.

He was suddenly stricken just days before the 2ADA reunion in San Antonio with an extremely painful and debilitating minute fracture in the lower vertebrae. He is now somewhat better and in less pain, but "laid up" just the same.

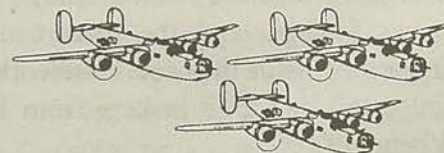
Ernie Barber, 578th crew chief who for years carted our memorabilia from reunion to reunion in his trusty pick-up truck, also is not doing so well. Emphysema keeps him on the oxygen bottle a great deal of the time, and now in addition he is having serious eye trouble.

We've all heard that saying, "Old age isn't for sissies".

Some others of us have "executed a strategic withdrawal to previously prepared positions" i. e., retirement homes. Your editor, as reported on the front page, is living in a retirement village in Frankfort, IN.

Bob Lane, 578th Executive Officer, has sold his beachfront condo and is living at The Fountains, 4461 Stack Blvd., Apt. 1304, Melbourne, FL 32901. His phone number is 321-725-5115.

Willard Pennington, 577th Executive Officer, has moved to 858 Woodway, #2303, Houston, TX 77063. His phone number is 713 780 8487.



AIR ANNIVERSARY

8AF bombers attack Regensburg Messerschmitt works and Schweinfurt ball bearing plants. Lose 60 out of 376 bombers in daylight attack-1943

AIR ANNIVERSARY

B-29's made first supply dropping mission to POW's in China-1945

PRESIDENT BUSH VISITS U. S. NETHERLANDS CEMETERY

As told to Annette Tison by Peter Adrianns

Recently the NEWS carried a story about how the Dutch people adopt a grave, and how Peter Adrianns cares for a 392nd one. Following is more about it.

An enthusiastic audience of more than 10,000 people greeted President Bush when he visited the Netherlands American Cemetery on May 8. He was welcomed by Queen Beatrix and Prime Minister Peter Jan Balkenende.



Visitors gather at the Netherlands American Cemetery prior to President Bush's visit. Each grave has been decorated with an American and Dutch flag.

Among President Bush's remarks were these words:

"We come to this ground to remember the cause for which these soldiers fought and triumphed. At the outset of the war, there were those who believed that democracy was too soft to survive, especially against a Nazi Germany that boasted the most professional, best equipped and trained military forces in the world. Yet, this military would be brought down by a coalition of armies from our democratic allies and freedom fighters from

occupied lands and underground resistance leaders. They fought side by side with American GI's, who only months before had been farmers and bank clerks and factory hands. And the world's tyrants learned a lesson: There is no power like the power of freedom, and no soldier as strong as a soldier who fights for that freedom."

The chairwoman of the grave adoption program, Mrs. J. A. M. Opreij-Bendermacher, reported that many more volunteers had come forward to adopt a grave.

Following is a list of 392nd Crusaders who are buried or memorialized at the Netherlands Cemetery.

NAME	RANK	SER NO	UNIT	STATE	DATE OF DEATH
COPLIN GUY R	S SGT	35647687	378 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	KY	19 MAY 44
CAMPBELL GEORGE L JR	T SGT	32424712	557 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N Y	26 NOV 43
BARTON HAROLD T	SGT	17070107	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IOWA	21 FEB 44
BAUM WILLIAM J	SGT	15337666	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	W VA	21 FEB 44
BECKER JOHN L	2 LT	0-805240	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IOWA	21 FEB 44
FAAS JOHN E	2 LT	0-693655	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N J	07 JULY 44
GORKA WALTER T	SGT	15353872	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OHIO	21 FEB 44
HAGLUND GUY L	2 LT	0-679502	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MINN	24 FEB 44
HAWKINS GROVER H	T SGT	14048852	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	S C	20 DEC 43
HELBING RICHARD H	S SGT	15019671	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OHIO	24 FEB 44
MILCHAK ELMER A	SGT	33706583	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	PA	24 MAR 45
MILLER HERMAN H JR	2 LT	0-677547	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OHIO	21 FEB 44
ROBINSON JAMES W	S SGT	33158520	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	VA	21 FEB 44
RYAN JAMES L JR	2 LT	0-801091	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	CAL	13 NOV 43
SAMBANIS GEORGE	SGT	31181659	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	R I	20 DEC 43
SWANSON ARTHUR W	SGT	32566314	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N J	21 FEB 44
ZIMMERMAN SEYMOUR	S SGT	11115346	576 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MASS	21 FEB 44
BARNETT JOSEPH V	2 LT	0-672297	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OKLA	24 FEB 44
BOLICK HENRY P JR	1 LT	0-735739	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	S C	26 NOV 43
LUNIEWICZ THEODORE E	SGT	16139269	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	ILL	09 FEB 45
PAYTON JOSEPHINE B	T SGT	35493497	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	KY	24 FEB 44
PFEIFER AMBROSE R	S SGT	37225487	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	KANS	04 JAN 44
SANDERS LEWIS L JR	2 LT	02069216	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	LA	09 FEB 45
SHERE FRED C JR	2 LT	0-745956	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OREG	29 APR 44
WADE BURTON L	2 LT	0-709867	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	TEX	09 FEB 45
WALLA MITCHELL A	S SGT	32317543	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	PA	24 FEB 44
ZEIGLER RICHARD H	2 LT	0-779280	577 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	PA	09 FEB 45
BALDWIN WILLIAM L JR	2 LT	0-718989	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MD	04 NOV 44
BISHOP ROBERT R	2 LT	0-682775	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	ILL	29 APR 44
BONNASSIOLLE JOHN P	SGT	19140409	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	CAL	29 APR 44
CASTANEDA JOSE A	S SGT	38440725	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	TEX	07 OCT 44
CHIODO MICHAEL A	SGT	35530766	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OHIO	29 APR 44
DAWSON JENNINGS B	2 LT	0-716379	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	W VA	11 SEPT 44
HARRINGER JOHN J JR	SGT	35541614	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IND	29 APR 44
HESS DONALD W	2 LT	0-814314	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IOWA	29 APR 44
HOGANSON HARVEY G	S SGT	36653188	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	ILL	11 SEPT 44
HUGHES CLAUDE H	SGT	35095221	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IND	19 MAY 44
KARASO JOSEPH J	S SGT	33477790	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	PA	29 APR 44
LANG ROBERT J	2 LT	0-683555	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MONT	19 MAY 44
LUCE ARTHUR W	2 LT	0-809012	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	CAL	29 APR 44
MAYNARD CLAIBORNE R	T SGT	34609640	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N C	11 SEPT 44
MC DONALD RALPH L	S SGT	14043603	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	GA	29 APR 44
MODLIN RICHARD E	S SGT	19121450	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	CAL	11 SEPT 44
RUDNITSKY BUD E	S SGT	12139763	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N Y	19 MAY 44
SKAGGS ROBERT L	2 LT	0-692833	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MO	19 MAY 44
SOKOL ALEXANDER R	S SGT	12182357	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	N Y	19 MAY 44
VAN ALSTINE NATHAN G	S SGT	17096735	578 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	IOWA	07 OCT 44
APPERT DONALD A	MAJ	0-424875	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MINN	04 OCT 43
BUCHHEIT EDWARD L	S SGT	39315106	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OREG	04 OCT 43
CLIFFORD WILLIAM W	1 LT	0-678174	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	KY	09 OCT 44
D Aoust WALLACE W	1 LT	0-797484	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	MINN	05 NOV 43
DERRICK PETE E	S SGT	20828430	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	OKLA	04 OCT 43
DOTY AMOS E	S SGT	34506780	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	TENN	19 MAY 44
ETHERIDGE MART T	2 LT	0-676236	579 BOMB SQ 392 BOMB GP/H/	KY	05 NOV 43

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The Board of Directors, faced with declining membership, increased the dues in 2003 by a modest \$3, to \$15. They remain the same for 2005. Also, if you feel that you are in a position to help the Treasury with an extra donation, there is a provision for it below. It is possible that Life Members might feel that the Lord has been good to them and that they have lived beyond their actuarial years and an extra payment might be in order. Your dues status can be found right after your name on the mailing list. If the number is 05 or higher, you're current. LM means Life Member, and Frnd means that you are our guest.

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!

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

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**8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION
SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 2, 2005 SHERATON NATIONAL HOTEL
ARLINGTON, VA (DC AREA)**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Early Bird Registration open

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Reunion Registration open 9:00am - Tbd Hospitality/Gathering Room & Memorabilia Room opens
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY CITY TOUR
8AFHS 'PX' open through Sunday
Reunion Registration open
8AFHS Board Meeting
SHEAR MADNESS SHOW

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Continental Breakfast
Reunion Registration open
Unit Advisory and Chapter & Unit Development Meeting 1
STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER
SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE
Reunion Registration open
Medical Advisory Seminar: PEARLS, by Dr. Walter Brown
Seminar: "The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum - The Future and You."
Cash Bar Reception
Group Dinner & Entertainment

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Continental Breakfast
Reunion Registration open
Individual Group Meetings
WWII MEMORIAL
WWII MEMORIAL / THE MALL
Session for Unit Historians & Archivists
Next Generation, Looking Ahead -- First Annual Meeting
Reunion Registration open
8AFHS Cash Bar Reception
Rendezvous Dinners and 'Hangar Flying'

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Full Breakfast Buffet
General Membership Meeting
CITY TOUR
Norman C. Grant Symposium: LITTLE FRIENDS
Reunion Registration open
8AFHS Cash Bar Reception
8AFHS Gala Banquet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Continental Breakfast
Separate Protestant and Catholic Services at the hotel
8AFHS Annual Board Meeting

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**8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 2, 2005**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if available) _____ TELEPHONE # () _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM DEP. DATE _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH ROOM _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Wheelchair accessible room _____ Nonsmoking room _____ Smoking room _____
King Bed _____ Two Double Beds _____ Bed types are not guaranteed.
Conference-style suite _____ Living Room suite _____

RATE: \$89 (1-2 people) + tax (currently 10.25%). Suite rates are \$179/night and includes the parlor & sleeping room (plus tax)
CUT OFF DATE: 8/25/05. Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 24 hrs. in advance of arrival date. Record your cancellation number. Call (703) 521-1900.

GUARANTEE: Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.
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Mail to: Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204 Attn: Reservations

Hotel will send you a confirmation letter once the reservation has been made.

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY / CITY TOUR

Wednesday Sept. 28. Tour the Arlington National Cemetery aboard Park Service Trams. See Arlington House, home of Gen and Mrs. Robert E. Lee. Visit the Tomb of the Unknowns where you will see the changing of the guard. **9:00 am board bus, 12:00 back at hotel. \$32/Person includes bus, escort, and tram ride.**

CITY TOUR

Wednesday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 1. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and Federal buildings. A brief stop will be made at the WWII Memorial.

Lunch on your own and shopping will be at Union Station, which houses 125 stores and restaurants.

Wednesday: 10:00 am board bus, 3:00 pm back at hotel. Saturday: 11:15 board bus 4:15 back at hotel. \$33/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

SHEAR MADNESS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Kennedy Center is home to the entertaining show, *Shear Madness*, Washington's hilarious whodunit murder mystery. Note: the dress code is casual. Amphitheatre-style seating in the Theatre Lab and a cash bar will be available. **7:00 pm board bus, 10:30 back at hotel. \$53/Person includes bus, escort, and show.**

STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

Thursday Sept. 29. This new museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, is dedicated to the preservation and display of historic aviation and space artifacts. Located at Washington International Dulles Airport, the facility has large aviation and space exhibits. The museum currently has over eighty aircraft and dozens of space

artifacts on display. You may tour the exhibits at your own pace, but there is a lot of walking, so please wear comfortable shoes.

10:00 am board bus, 3:00 back at the hotel. \$32 Person includes bus and escort. Lunch is on your own.

OR

SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, Sept. 29. Enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise with live entertainment and a bountiful lunch buffet on board the Spirit of Washington. You will cruise the historic waters of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. See the Washington Monument, Ft. McNair, Washington National Airport, General's row, and Old Town Alexandria. **11:00 am board bus, 2:45 back at the hotel. \$68/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**

DINNER BUFFET AND ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday Sept. 29. Spend the evening with your comrades and friends at the hotel. After dinner watch and listen to a trio of ladies who will remind you of the Andrews Sisters, complete with military attire, tight harmony, and the songs of yesteryear. **6:00 pm cash bar reception, 7:00 dinner. Cost is included in Package #1.**

WWII MEMORIAL

Friday, Sept. 30. The highlight of the reunion is probably the visit to the National World War II Memorial. Established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Memorial honors all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms. Pending Park Service permission, the Society will have a wreath laying ceremony. On the way back to the hotel, buses will stop at Pentagon City Mall for lunch and shopping. **10:15am board bus, 2:15 back at hotel. \$25/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.**

8AFHS REUNION IN ARLINGTON, VA SEPT 27 - OCT 2

OR

WWII MEMORIAL/THE NATIONAL MALL

Friday Sept. 30. First a visit to the World War II Memorial, as shown above, then to lunch at Union Station. Then, busses will shuttle between two stops on the National Mall for about two hours. Some can visit the National Air & Space Museum, while others will want to spend time at the Lincoln, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials. **10:30 am board bus, 4:00 pm back at hotel. \$33/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch on your own.**

RENDEZVOUS DINNER

Friday Sept. 30. Gather in your respective banquet rooms with your individual Groups for dinner. Groups with approximately 50 or more people in attendance will have a private room. **6:00 pm cash bar reception, 7pm dinner. Cost is included in both meal packages or \$35 separately.**

NORMAN C. GRANT SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, Oct. 1. Symposium will focus on the "Little Friends". We will feature several legendary fighter pilots and ground crew for what promises to be a most memorable and emotional afternoon. **1-3:30 at the hotel. Cost is included in your registration fee.**

8AFHS ANNUAL GALA BANQUET

Saturday, Oct. 1. Assemble in the ballroom for the Posting of the Colors and Memorial Service. After dinner, we will proceed with the awards ceremony and guest speaker. **6:00pm cash bar reception, 7:00 banquet. Cost is included in both meal packages or \$42 separately.**

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Gen Nathan F. Twining became first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-1957

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Capt Joseph W. Kittinger, Jr. parachuted from 102,000 ft, a world record-1960

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 25, 2005. 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.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 8th AFHS

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Check # _____ Date Received _____
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CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/25/05			
	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION FEE			
Includes Unit rebates, Saturday's Symposium expenses, and other reunion expenses.	\$40		\$
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	\$182		\$
Choice #2	\$130		\$
Please select your entrée choice(s) for the Banquet:			
Roast Prime Rib of Beef		#	
Salmon w/ lemon butter sauce		#	
SEPARATELY PRICED MEALS (if not purchasing a package)			
Friday: Rendezvous Dinner (chicken)	\$35		\$
Saturday: Banquet (please select your entrée)			
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$42		\$
Salmon w/ lemon butter sauce	\$42		\$
TOURS			
Please choose one of the following two tours:			
Wednesday: Arlington National Cemetery	\$32		\$
Wednesday: City Tour	\$33		\$
Wednesday: Shear Madness Show	\$53		\$
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Thursday: Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center	\$31		\$
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LATE NEWS ARRIVING JUST AS WE GO TO PRESS

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The Mess Line

What GI Joe Means:

To his government—manpower;
To his general—expendable;
To his doctor—potential casualty;
To his quartermaster—another foot to shoe;
To his squadron commander—a replacement;
To his first sergeant—a goldbrick;
To his mess sergeant—a chow-hound;
To his buck sergeant—a recruit
To his corporal—target for hard labor;
To his girl—a hero;
To his family—a shining example of a soldier.

Bowlegs are few and far between.

A bather whose clothing was strewed
By winds that left her quite nude
Saw a man come along
And unless we are wrong
You expected this line to be lewd.

A wallflower is a gal who wears
a sweater to keep warm.

This being the first time I have
ever been a judge at a beauty
contest do you mind if I feel my
way around?

Virginia had a little quart
Of cider, hard as steel;
And everywhere that she went 'twas
sport
To see Virginia reel.

When a gal tells a soldier she's
a perfect 36, she expects him to
grasp what she's talking about
quickly.

They sat on the porch at midnight,
But her love was not to his taste,
His reach was 36 inches,
And she had a 44 waist.

Latest wolf song:
"I'll Be Seizing You in All the
Familiar Places."

Theirs was a football romance—
each was waiting for the other to
kick off.

There was a young fellow McGurth
Who was born on the day of his
birth;
He was married they say
On his wife's wedding day
And died on his last day on earth.

After all a golddigger is only a
woman after all.

Joe says he doesn't know much
about women—only what he has
picked up!

Ode to a private secretary:
She has an ermine coat and a foreign car,
A 10-room flat with a built-in bar,
She does it all on thirty per;
Believe it or not, it's the truth,
dear sir,
Yet five years back, some teaching
Rick
Flunked this gal in arithmetic.

Three rules for Army success:
Shoot the bull;
Pass the buck;
Make 7 copies of everything.

1944 ARMY TIMES CLIPPING TAKES US BACK IN TIME

The editor is indebted to his friend
T/Sgt Buzz Hoehn, 20AF, for this
trip back into the culture of WWII.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

177 B-24'S drop 311 tons of
bombs from low level on oil re-
fineries at Ploesti, Romania-1943

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The Wright Flyer formally ac-
cepted at Army's first airplane-
1909

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B-29 "Enola Gay" dropped atomic
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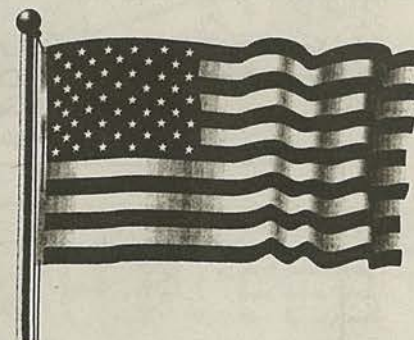
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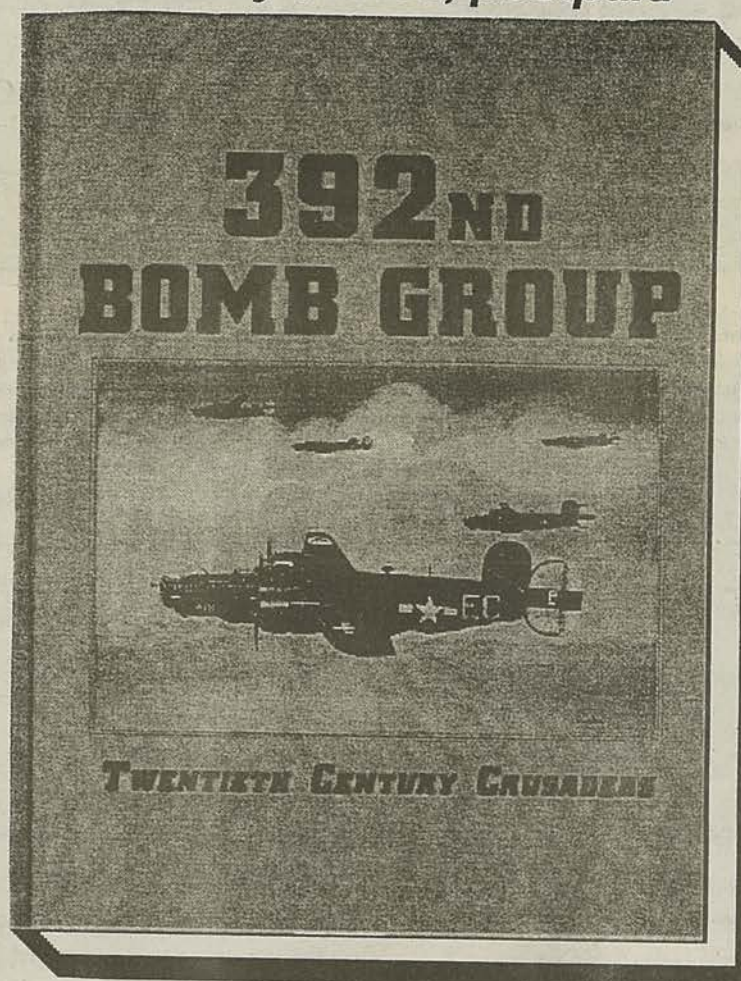
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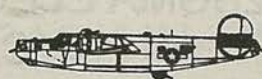


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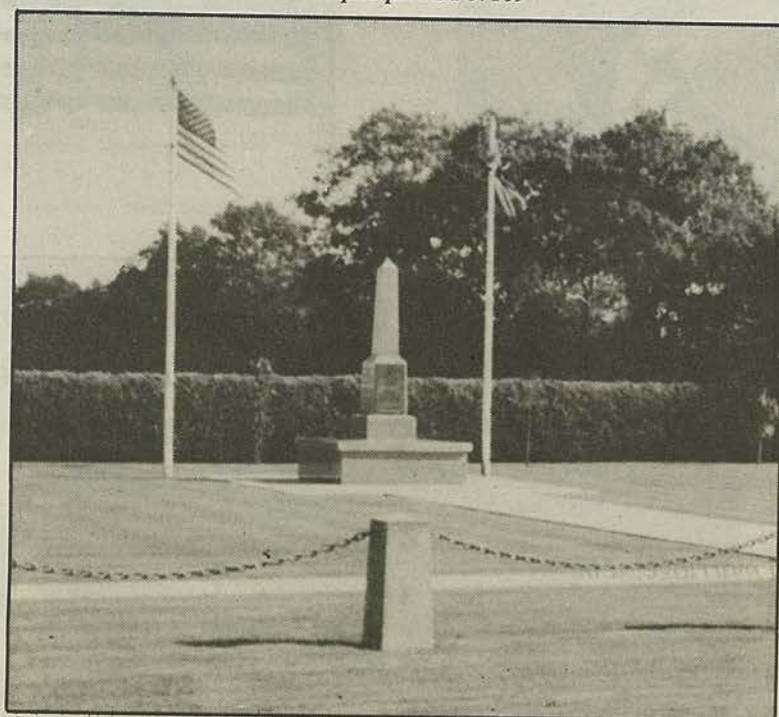
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-Prayer composed by 576th pilot the Very Reverend Robert C. Martin, retired Dean of the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

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Carmelo Cosentino, 576, Mar. 3, 2005
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wife of Joe Barnes, 578
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Walt Cranson, 578, April 30, 2005
Howard Ebersole, 578, Jan. 4, 2005
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Robert Tays, 578, June 4, 2005
George J. Nicholaou, 576, May 29, 2005

Mary McMolin Brent, June 28, 2005
wife of Landon H. Brent, 578
Harold Longacre, 577, Nov. 2004
Regos Theodore, 578, July 28, 2005



*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

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Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger, Ph. D
(aka Bombardier, 576/7)

Now that the hue and cry over Mel Gibson's film as quieted we can look beyond all the hype. Despite its obvious weaknesses-too much emphasis on gore, too many non-biblical incidents depicted as if factual, after all it is a film not TV footage-it indeed can remind us of the brutality of a Roman crucifixion and the astounding claim we make: this is the way God loves. So, what do we say to such love? Alleluia!

AIR ANNIVERSARY
Japan surrenders unconditionally-
1945