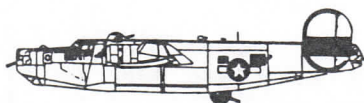


NEWS



392nd BG Memorial Association

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MEMORIAL FUND NOTE FROM GIL GILBERT AND CARROLL CHEEK

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who responded to our December letter appeal for funds for the Memorial and to all our earlier contributors. Particularly gratifying is the doubling of the number of contributors since September to well over 200 and the increase in the fund to more than \$50,000. This is, or was, within sight of our original estimate of \$60,000 needed to start the first phase.

The Memorial Committee has recently received a revised cost estimate from the Battle Monuments Commission which reflects the impact of the sinking dollar vs. pound exchange rate. The Commission's latest estimate also includes the VAT (Value Added Tax) and a 10% surcharge for the services of the Commission. The bottom line is that our original estimate of \$60,000 has inflated to more than \$70,000. Carroll Cheek and committee will review the design plans to determine where cost cuts might be made, what items could be deferred, etc. Their prime objective will be to maintain the quality and durability features specified in the original plans for the obelisk and its new granite elevated base. Alternate proposals for landscaping, fencing and parking will also be studied with a view to accomplishing as much as possible within our budget.

Another update will come in the May Newsletter and more at our June reunion in Colorado Springs.

NOTICE

Your 1988 dues (\$10.00) are now due and payable. You may want to consider a life membership.

Age 61-65	\$100.00
66-70	80.00
71-over	65.00

RETURN TO WENDLING

The "Return to Wendling" tour has exceeded all expectations. Pat and Keith Roberts had hoped to fill one bus, (51 people). As of now they can only accomodate fifteen more on the second bus. Excellent hotel accomodations have been made in Kings Lynn. The trip has been well planned and includes visits to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library Room in Norwich, The American Cemetery in Cambridge, The RAF Museum at Duxford, but the highlight of the trip will be a day at the old base and the surrounding communities. This will give us a chance to see our Memorial and visit with our wonderful English friends. If that isn't enough, there will be free time in London so you can visit some of the sights. If you are interested, you must act now. Contact:

Keith Roberts
26631 Dorthea
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Profile -- by Jim Goar

James E. Muldoon, Jr. is the champion sire of us all, with eleven to his and Ann P.'s credit. Only two grandchildren now, but three more are expected in 1987.

He was a pilot in the 578th, joining the Group in November 1943 at Wendling. He stayed in the service after the war, retiring as Lt. Col. in 1970 with 10,000 hours. His tours were with MATS, Norton AFB, Wright-Patterson, and other US stations. He was CO of the 311 Commando Sqdn. (C-123's) in Vietnam.

Wife Ann was a WAC 1944-47 as aircraft mechanic and C-47 flight engineer.

After retirement, he has been a Mr. Culligan Man, and a Veterans' rep for the state of Florida.

They live at 1 Yacht Haven Dr., Cocoa Beach, FL 42931.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following is a list of those who have contributed since November of 1987. It also reflects category changes as a result of increased donations.

5 STAR

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Aldon H Jensen	
Delmar Johnson	
Paul Keagle	
Thomas E Keeney	
Thomas Kirkwood Jr.	
Harry Kruse	

Joe Whitaker -- There are two TV dishes in that yard set at right angles to each other. I wonder why that arrangement?
Leroy MacTavish -- That's so they can get both sides of the question!

Profile -- by Jim Goar

Capt. William F. Cetin was a horse soldier who became an airman. From 1936 to 1940, he was with the 105th Horse Cavalry, Troop "A" as sergeant, machine gun platoon. From 1940 to 1942, he was a member of the 126th Field Artillery as platoon sergeant, Battery "A". Then off to Kelly Field and then assignment to the 579th as squadron bombardier.

Post-war, he was owner of Arrow Heating and Air Conditioning, Racine, Wisconsin, retiring in 1979.

He and Lorraine have one son and live at 8820 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

There were a lot of good pilots in the 392nd. There also were a lot of modest good pilots in the 392nd, and Cliff Edwards is the president of that body of men. Your biographer had to call him and screw out of him enough details to make up a report.

Cliff was original cadre in the 578th, flying the B-24 "Ford's Folly". He was lead crew and Squadron Operations Officer.

All I could get out of him about his post-war career was that he served 25 years with MATS and TAC. After retirement, he was with Lockheed. You can be sure that both careers were distinguished.

He and his wife Mary Jane have two children and four grandchildren, and live at 4539 East Corral Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

M/Sgt. Kenneth Farley was an inspector in the 578th. He joined the Group in August 1943 at Wendling.

After the war, he worked for TWA at Kansas City, Missouri.

He and wife Kathryn have two children and three grandchildren, and their address is Star Route 3, Box 58A, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

Clifford B. Moody was a S/Sgt. tail gunner with crew 56 in the 579th. He joined the 392nd at Wendling in September, 1943.

He graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1951, and has spent his life in the retail auto business (Buick dealer, plus personally owned Chevrolet-Cadillac agency).

Cliff and Mary B. Moody live at 711 Bluebonnet Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028, and you can't get much more Texas than that, unless your name is Sam Bowie!

Profile -- by Jim Goar

S.J. (that's Stratis John) Maloukis, Jr. was a S/Sgt. armorer-gunner in the 577th, but retired after 25 years in the Air Force as M/Sgt. Tours in U.S., Korea, Japan and France.

After retirement from the Air Force, he is working Civil Service at Randolph AF Base, San Antonio.

He and Frances Lee (Justice) have three children (one of whom is Stratis III) and three grandchildren. They live at 217 LaJolla Drive, San Antonio, TX 78233.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

Robert S. Walker came into the 578th at Wendling in August 1943 as co-pilot on David M. Fogarty's crew. Later he became an aircraft commander and flew deputy lead and lead.

After the war, he "damned near starved" at various jobs in Tucson, Arizona. Then he became a member of the Border Patrol, and flew Convair 440's and a DC 6 for them, returning illegal aliens to their home lands.

He volunteered for Korea, but says evidently this brought his sanity into question, because they never took him up on it.

He and wife Mary Jane have four children, two of whom are Air Force or ex-Air Force. They have eight grandchildren, and live at 711 Sagewood, Chaparral, NM 88021.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

Leonard J. Cain can be found at Lee County Transmissions, Ft. Myers, Fl., and promises the same kind of service he rendered as an instrument specialist with the 576th.

He joined the Group at Biggs Field in March 1943, and was discharged as S/Sgt.

He married Doris at Castle Acre, England, May 12, 1945, and they have one son (in the family business) and two grandchildren. They live at 517 Port Charlotte Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

T/Sgt. Vance L. Siebert was lead radio operator, completing his missions Oct. 14, 1944. Instead of rotating home, Vance stayed at Wendling as a briefing assistant. He flew with (among others) Capt. Holloman and Capt. Barnes. He served in three squadrons: 576, 577 and 579.

He is a public accountant and lives with Mrs. Ruth L. at 1637 E. Military, Apt. 2, Fremont, Nebraska 68025.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

T/Sgt. Robert E. Bullard was an engineer gunner on Capt. Bruce Acebedo's crew, and finished his tour August 15, 1944, after joining the Group at Wendling on March 15, 1944. He was in the 576th.

After the war, he returned to the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., and he retired June 1, 1983 as Associate Director, Agency Finance.

He and wife Shirley have two daughters and four grandchildren (one set of twins) and live at 114 Two Stone drive, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Our deepest sympathy to Cleon Barber and his family. His wife Bonnie passed away after a long illness.

Profile -- by Jim Goar

John B. Conrad is presently serving as the 392nd Vice President, 2nd AD Memorial Ass'n. Every group in the 2nd AD Memorial Ass'n has a person in charge of vice, and John is It!

1st Lt. Conrad was a Mickey (H2X) navigator, and as such was shuffled from squadron to squadron, group to group, as his special skills were needed. He served in both the 392nd and the 44th Group; and in the 578th and 579th Squadrons.

After the war, John entered the life insurance business, and developed a specialty in administering employee benefit plans. His firm, Professional Administrators Limited, has offices in Lexington, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Memphis and Jacksonville.

He and wife Wanda have three children and five grandchildren, and live at 2933 Montavesta Road, Lexington, KY 40502.

Does retirement mean you are graduating magna cum loiter? For you Californians, smog = make haze while the sun shines!

Sign in a Pittsburgh brassiere shop: We fix flats!

Dr. Ruth says "A person doesn't have to be a violin player to fiddle around!"

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Pat Burns' wife, Mary. We enjoyed them so much at the Tulsa Reunion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and his family.

NOTICE

392nd BG Memorial Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 24, 1988

9:00 AM

Colorado Springs, Colorado

The 392nd PX is offering the book, "LIBERATORS From Wendling. The price is \$25.00 postage included.

We still have black caps with gold scrambled eggs on the bill and a patch which says 392nd Bomb Group--Wendling England. The price is \$9.00 including postage.

Send your order and check to:

Gilbert R. Bambauer
2032 E LaMadera Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85719

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Are you moving?

Please send us your new address. The Post Office charges us each time they have to return a Newsletter and send an address correction.

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Do you have any addresses of 392nd people that we don't have? Help us to get in contact with them. We need to continue expanding our base.

1988 REUNIONS

Second Air Division Association

JUNE 23-26, 1988

Clarion Hotel

Colorado Springs, Colorado

8TH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 12-15, 1988

Des Moines, Iowa

Our favorite Red Cross angel, Birdie Schmidt, is still teaching in The Peoples Republic of China. She will have so much to share with when she comes home. She advises that she will not be able to be with us in Colorado Springs, but will definitely be with us for the 1989 Reunion in Ft Worth. I am sure she would love to hear from you. Her address is: Birdie Larrick
c/o Foreign Affairs Office,
Fujian Teachers University
Fuzhou, Fujian
Peoples Republic of China

Howard Ebersole, Secretary of the 392nd Bomb Group Memorial Association has already begun to make plans for our 1989 Reunion in Ft Worth. It will be held in conjunction with the gala Fiftieth Birthday Party for the B-24 Liberator. It will be held in May and will be a once in a lifetime affair. I am sure that Howard will be calling on some of for assistance.

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Daniel J. Baer

Clair P. Butner

Robert Edmond

392nd BG Memorial Association Membership Application

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____
 Street Apt. No.

 City State Zip Code

Unit or Squadron _____ ☐ Associate
Dues are \$10.00 each calendar year (Jan. thru Dec.)
Send check or money order to 392nd BG Memorial Assoc.
C/O Gil Bambauer, 2032 East LaMadera Drive, Tucson,
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