



# 384th BOMB GROUP INC.

NEWSLETTER  
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Dear 384thers,

We thank you for your wonderful two year tour as your Reunion President and First Lady. . .

The record of accomplishments culminating the largest, best and diversified Reunion is now history. . . (you can look it up; it is in the books)

The Board of Directors, Regional Representatives and our Savannah Hosts can stand tall for a job well done

Hopefully, our plans for the Rededication of the 384th Bomb Group Stained Glass Memorial Window, next year in Ogden, Utah will be equally successful and enjoyable

So, in conclusion, let us all take pride in that we did "Fly the Mission as Briefed" and Yes "The Show is Still on the Road". . .

God Bless from both of us. . .

Mike and Fran Mazer (UT)



Our past President Nathan "Mike" Mazer and First Lady Fran Mazer (UT). Our New President Bill Harvey and First Lady Betty Harvey (FL)

**11th REUNION** . . . Well, we have added another cluster to our Reunion Medal. . . it was a big one. More than 555 members, wives and guests attended this one. . . We think it was the best one yet. . .

They really danced at this one and we had the music to help them. . . on Friday night, Sam Gill and his Dixieland Band provided the New Orleans style Music. At the Dinner Dance on Saturday night, Jimmy Farr and his Orchestra kept the dance floor filled all evening playing the older numbers we are accustomed to. . . yes, there is still a lot of life in the old bunch yet. . .

The Nostalgia Room drew crowds the entire Reunion with displays of old Photos and other memorabilia. . . one of the highlights of the displays was a model of a B17 being prepared for a Mission showing the bombs being loaded, etc. As one approached the Nostalgia Room, enlarged photos were on display in the Lobby of the Hotel with a banner bearing the title "Somewhere in England". James McClanahan (GA) played a big part in organizing this display. . .

Registration opened on Thursday at 12:00 noon. Margaret Rothschild (NY) and her group of Girls were waiting and handled the crowd in a very professional manner. As members, wives and guests entered the room, they passed thru an excellent organized group who completed the reservations, assigned dinner tickets and seating, gave out badges and gifts and other incidentals. After registering, the Raffle was next and was very well patronized.

Registration closed at 5:00PM. . . after some free time, a reception was held before the Buffet Dinner. During the Buffet Dinner, the Group was entertained by Emma Kelley who sang and played the piano.

Registration continued on Friday until noon for the late comers. That afternoon, Clint Orea (NM) conducted a POW and Evadee meeting. The meeting seemed to go over very well and was very well attended. . . Arthur Foley, MD. the 545th Flight Surgeon, held a health Seminar. . . he discussed different types of food and how to care for one's heart. . . also how different foods had an affect on one's health. . . later that evening the Low Country Boil Cook Out was held. The Boil consisting of Shrimp, corn, Savannah rice and all the fixings that go to complete the Country Boil. . .

As usual, Saturday was the big day. . . while the Group meeting was held, the Ladies went on a Bus Tour of



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Savannah. Guy and Fran Earle (GA) organized the tour and did an excellent job. . . extra buses had to be put on because of the large crowd. . .

The Business meeting was a big one as much was covered and discussed. The minutes of the meeting are included in this Newsletter.

Saturday afternoon the Movie Show was held. . . Herb Schaaf (GA) and Lloyd Whitlow (CA) showed films of the Group and WWII action. Our Guest Quentin Bland (ENG) also showed films that he showed in Grafton Underwood, England.

Saturday evening was the main event. . . the Dinner Dance. A cocktail party was given before Dinner and was hosted by the 384th Bomb Group. On entering the Regency Grand Ballroom for Dinner, the decor of the room struck everyone's eye. . . at each table there was a group of Balloons suspended from conch shells and scallop shells. . . the balloons were helium filled and had the triangle "P" on them. . . a super decoration nicely done by Herb Schaaf (GA) and his Group of helpers. . . 384th Programs were also arranged on the tables by Ted Rothschild as Souvenirs. . .

Mike Mazer (UT), our President, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Col Phillip J. Ford, USAF, the Commander of the 384th Bomb Wing at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas was introduced. He welcomed the association of the 384th Bomb Group with the new Wing. He also gave an enlightening talk on the B1-B Bomber, the backbone of the new Wing. . .

The Raffle was drawn and the winners received a 384th BG Silver Belt Buckle. . . a lithograph by Keith Hill "Winter of '44" which shows a B17 returning to the Base at Grafton Underwood in the Winter. . . a beautiful original oil painting of Grafton Underwood in the Winter done by Sam Arauz (PA), one of our original founders and a collage of the Group, a watercolor rendition by Yvonne Worthington of England. All pictures were nicely framed. . .

Fritz Nowosad and his wife, Tina were presented with a gift to show the Group's appreciation for the time and work they both have contributed to the Group. . . Fritz was presented a clock with the Group's insignia and his wife a gold plated dish. . .

Quentin Bland, our Honorary Historian from Grafton Underwood, England was presented with a Flight Jacket with the B1-B insignia. . . a gift from the Group and new Wing. . .

Bill Harvey (FL) our new President and Mike Mazer (UT), our past President next appeared on the Podium and took off their Jackets, ties and Shirts revealing "T" Shirts with their pictures imprinted on them saying the past and the new Presidents. . . the Gavel was turned over by Mike to Bill and both Fran Mazer, the past First

Lady and Betty Harvey, the new First Lady also appeared on the podium. Fran and Mike Mazer, our past President and first lady also received a gift for their excellent service and devotion to the Group. . .

After introducing other Guests, Mike told the Group the program was over and the evening resorted back to the Dinner and dancing. . .

Father Method Billy, the Group's Chaplain celebrated mass on Sunday morning with an over flowing crowd attending. His Sermon dealt with family life and reminded the Group that we were a Family and this is what holds the 384th Bomb Group so closely together. . .

Breakfast followed and the Group adjourned to the Regency Plaza where the closing ceremonies took place. A Color Guard from Hunter Field (Arranged by Herb Scaaf, GA) presented the Colors and a Bugler sounded Taps for our departed members. . . Emma Kelley, at the Piano, sang an appropriate number and the closing ceremonies were over. . .

Goodbyes were next in order. . . thus ended the 11th Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. . . SEE YOU IN WICHITA IN 1990. . .

**REUNION HIGHLIGHTS**. . . Close cooperation is needed to make our Reunions successful. . . many contribute to our affair. We cannot mention everyone as it is an impossible task. But, a few do stand out. . .

To help make our raffle successful, Sam Arauz (PA) one of the founders of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc contributed a beautiful hand painting in oils of Grafton Underwood in the Winter. . . This was an original and very tastfully done by Sam. . .

And we definitely should not overlook Ed Zieba and his Calligraphy. . . Ed did a terrific job hand writing those "Lucky Bastard" Diplomas to order. . . and we cannot fail to mention that Ed took in \$400.00 and contributed the entire amount to the 384th BG Treasury. . .

England was well represented at this Reunion. . . Our Honorary Historian Quentin Bland, his lovely wife Barbara and their daughter Samantha. . . Bill and Joyce Hopkins of Old Windsor, Berks, England honored us with their presence and last but not least Wayne Shearsmith and his wife Christine of Kettering, England were very happy to be with us. . . Wayne is an 8th Air Force enthusiast and very much interested in the 384th BG. . .

Of course Orchids and many thanks must go to the Georgia Group who did so much to make this Reunion so successful. . . Pat and Herb Schaaf, Fran and Guy Earle, and James and Billie McClanahan. . . And, how about those Sugartown Cloggers on Thursday Night. . . were they great? . . . they sure were. . .

**IT'S WICHITA, KANSAS FOR THE NEXT REUNION IN 1990** . . . Wichita . . . why Wichita? Well for one thing, this was the site selected by the Group at the Reunion meeting . . . Reno, Nevada came in second . . . Wichita is the center of the USA and will give more 384thers a chance to attend. We must think of our Western 384thers and give them a chance to attend a Reunion. The one in Savannah, GA was for our Easterners and it is only fair to keep our Western Group happy . . .

We will also be close to McConnell AFB and will be able to see the B1-B Bomber, the backbone of the new 384th Bomb Wing . . . and there is a good chance the 384th Bomb Wing will host us. Best of all we do have terrific hotel rates. You will be downtown and close to shopping . . . we also hear there is free parking . . .

Wichita is no longer the Cowtown it used to be. It has grown to become Kansas' largest city. Its central geographic location makes it a convenient place to hold our next Reunion. You will find a variety of night life, great restaurants and many unique attractions that will provide warm lasting memories . . . the Wichita hospitality is well known . . . so the 384th Bomb Group has a new frontier. More details will follow in days to come . . .

So until then . . . start saving your pennies for Wichita, Kansas, the site of the 12th Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. . . . most of all stay healthy . . .

#### **MINUTES OF THE 384TH BOMB GROUP, INC. ELEVENTH REUNION BUSINESS MEETING**

The Eleventh Reunion Business Meeting of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. was Called to Order by the President, Nathan H. Mazer (UT) at 9:00 AM, Saturday, October 1, 1988 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia. The Chaplain, Father Method C. Billy (NY) was called to offer the Invocation. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by the President, Nathan H. Mazer (UT).

A short introductory speech was made by the President, Nathan H. Mazer (UT) who then introduced and turned the meeting over to the Chairman, Lloyd Whitlow (CA). The Chairman said a word of thanks to the President and then commented on the large turnout for the Eleventh Reunion.

The Roll Call of the Officers was made by the Acting Secretary, Stephen J. Kasmerski (GA) the Reunion Officers in Attendance were:

Nathan H. Mazer (UT), *President*  
Wilford J. McNeill (MO), *Assistant to the President*  
Sanford Wakser (OH), *Vice-President Region II*  
Edward A. Barnes, Jr. (FL), *Vice-President Region III*  
Willard J. Turner (TX), *Vice-President Region IV*  
Gerald B. Sammons (IL), *Vice-President Region V*  
William J. Smisek (NB), *Vice-President Region VI*

Alfred D. Hesko (OR), *Vice-President Region VIII*  
Frederick Nowosad (NJ), *Treasurer*  
Lloyd W. Whitlow (CA), *Secretary*  
Theodore Rothschild (NY), *Chief Liaison Officer*  
Father Method C. Billy (NY), *Chaplain*  
Walter L. Harvey (FL), *Alternate Chaplain*

The Reunion Officers absent were:  
Robert L. Coleman, *Vice-President Region I*  
Arthur Beese, *Vice-President Region VII*

The Board of Directors were then introduced, all twelve Directors were present and seated at the Head Table:

Samuel R. Arauz (PA), *Chairman*  
Lloyd W. Whitlow (CA), *President*  
Theodore Rothschild (NY), *Executive Vice-President*  
Joe R. Carnes, Jr. (TX), *Senior Vice-President*  
Nathan H. Mazer (UT), *Vice-President*  
Walter L. Harvey (FL), *Vice-President*  
Frederick Nowosad (NJ), *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Gerald B. Sammons (IL), *Member*  
Fred Hewins (NJ), *Member*  
Alfred D. Hesko (OR), *Member*  
Stephen J. Kasmerski (GA), *Member*  
Wilford J. McNeill (MO), *Member*

The Acting Secretary, Stephen J. Kasmerski (GA) read the Minutes of the Tenth Reunion which was held at the Weston Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri in November 1986. The Minutes were approved as read . . .

The Chairman then called on the Secretary to read the Correspondence, as there was no Correspondence the Chairman called on the Treasurer, Fred Nowosad (NJ) for the Financial Report. The Treasurer introduced the 384th Bomb Group CPA, John Mitros, who files the 384th IRS Forms, Prepares and Audits our Accounts. John, along with his wife Kathy, were attending the Eleventh Reunion as Guests of the 384th. The Treasurer, Fred Nowosad (NJ) then read the Financial Statement for the Year ending December 31, 1987, the Account was read in detail . . . the Chairman called for the Financial Statement to be approved as read . . . it was approved unanimously.

Next the Treasurer, Fred Nowosad (NJ) gave his report on the Financial Account for the Year 1988 up to but not including the Eleventh Reunion . . . as this was an incomplete and unofficial report no approval was required . . .

The Treasurer said that if any member desired to examine or read the Financial Accounts, the Books would be available for examination after the Meeting.

Prior to calling for Old Business, the Chairman, Lloyd Whitlow (CA) read and explained the Procedures for Presentation . . .

Old Business was next on the Agenda . . .



Arthur Adams (PA), John Skopek (NY)



Bill Harvey (FL) . . . Father Billy (NY) . . . Marie O'Leary (NJ)



Jim and Lucile Orr (IL) and Larry Murchan (CT)



Fritz and Tina Nowosad (NJ) and Lloyd Whitlow (CA) . . . President Board of Directors



Col Ford, 384th Bomb Wing Commander . . . Quentin Bland (ENG)



Marcus Nichols (MT) . . . Arthur Guilmet (WA) . . . Fritz Nowosad (NJ) . . . Don Thompson (IA)



*Ray Dulecki (MI) . . . Hale Crim (OH) . . . Jack Block (IN)*



*Lynn Hesko (OR) . . . Jean Guilmet (WA)*



*Gilbert and Barbara Nicholson (FL) . . .  
Jesse and Dorothy Mettler (TX) . . .  
Howard and Betty Kaessner (CA)*



*David and Hedi Lustig (NY)*



*Charles and Barbara Hale (CA)*

*. . . Sorry we could  
not print them all . . .*

The Chairman, Lloyd Whitlow (CA) called on the President, Nathan Mazer (UT) to preside over the Old Business . . .

The President called on Joe Carnes (TX) to report on the changes made to the By-Laws of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. He explained that the changes were made during the Board of Directors Meeting, January 1987. He further explained that the By-Laws had never been changed . . . altered, or revised since the 384th Bomb Group was Incorporated in 1967. He also explained that the changes were made to conform to the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. present method of operation. He explained that all of the changes had been thoroughly examined and discussed in detail by the Board of Directors and that the amended By-Laws had been unanimously approved by a vote taken by the Board of Directors. Joe Carnes (TX) then read and explained the changes made to the By-Laws, after this reading he presented the By-Laws to the members for their approval . . . the By-Laws of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., as amended, were approved unanimously . . .

Next on the Agenda was the Report on the findings made by the St. James the Apostle Parish Church Restoration Project Committee. The report was made by the President, Nathan Mazer (UT). He explained how the Project had been originated in October 1985 by Arthur McNamara (CT), and how it was presented to the members during the Tenth Reunion Business Meeting, at which time a Committee was approved to gather information. It was also established that this was the Committee's only function; no Contracts were to be signed; nor would the Committee make any commitments, and that the information gathered by the Committee would be presented during the Eleventh Reunion Business Meeting, which Nate explained, he was now doing . . . he told of the first meeting of the Church Committee held at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida in January 1987. At that time it was decided members from the Committee would make a trip to England to meet with the Peterborough Diocese and other interested parties. This meeting took place in May 1987. In January 1988 another meeting by the Church Committee was held at the Ponce de Leon Hotel where the entire project was reviewed with considerable discussion. Nate then read a letter of great importance, composed by the President of the Board of Directors, Lloyd Whitlow (CA), which was sent to Barbara Bland, Church Warden and Project PCC, this letter clarified the position of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. in respect to the St. James the Apostle Parish Church Restoration Project . . . Copies of the Updated Report on the finding made by the Church Committee about the Church Restoration Project were made available to the members present . . .

Quentin Bland (Eng) was called on by Nathan Mazer (UT) to give a report on the Church Project in respect to the British point of view and what their priorities were

for the Restoration of the Church. He also told of the tremendous interest shown by the people who visit the Church to view the 384th Bomb Group Memorial Stained Glass Window.

Nathan Mazer (UT) then called for members who would like to speak on the subject, either pro or con . . .

Ted Rothschild (NY) was the first to speak and he explained why and how the Project had started . . .

Bill Harvey (FL) was next to speak and he stressed that the Church Restoration Project should not be an Official Project of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., but should be strictly a voluntary activity and that the contributions made by the 384th Bomb Group members should be on a voluntary basis . . .

Jerry Jerome (VA) suggested the possibility of contacting the 8th Air Force Historical Society for their support and use as a publicity source for the Church Project. Nate Mazer (UT) explained the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. policy and position in regards to our projects . . . how we have always stood on our own, and we never have, nor shall we ever go out of our own bailiwick . . .

Henry Heckman (IN) made a statement in regards to the 8th Air Force Historical Society and their problems. He asked that the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. not ask for any support from the 8th AFHS . . .

Jim Orr (IL) asked about the possibility of the Church being closed by the Peterborough Diocese. Quentin Bland (Eng) explained that there were no guarantees, but historically if a Church was in good condition the chances of its closing was very remote . . .

Sam Gardner (TX) brought up the question about asking for Pledges towards the Church Project . . .

Fred Nowosad (NJ), Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors, said that at the present time his work load was too heavy for him to be able to handle any additional work load, and as he understood it, the Church Project would not be an Official Function of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., this being the case he suggested that all of the mailings, correspondence, monies, etc. connected with the Church Project be handled by a Special Project Committee . . .

Nathan Mazer (UT) wrapped up and summarized the conclusions reached in regards to the Church Restoration Project . . . as understood . . . the Church Project will not be an Official Project of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., it will be a Voluntary Activity and from hereafter will be known as the, "Church Activity". There will be a Special Church Activity Committee who will handle the complete operation of the Church Activity. This Special Church Activity Committee will be composed of: Theodore Rothschild (NY), Chairman; Arthur M. McNamara (CT) and Walter L. Harvey (FL), Members. At the end of the Eleventh Reunion Business Meeting

the Church Activity will be, "Kicked Off" by inviting the members present to make their contributions to the Church Activity. . . Ted Rothschild (NY) will be available to accept the monies, either Cash or Check. . . for Tax Purposes all the Checks should be made out, "Pay to Order of the 384th Bomb Group," Inc. A separate mailing will be sent to all the members of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. asking for their contributions towards the Church Activity. This letter will explain what has transpired and will include a self-addressed stamped envelope. It was explained that the cost for this mailing would be at the direct expense of the three men on the Church Activity Committee. No monies would be used from the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. Bank Account.

It was explained that a vote was not required for the Church Activity as this was a Voluntary Activity. . . Sam Gardner (TX) placed a motion on the floor to support the Project as a Voluntary Activity. . . this motion was passed by an unanimous vote of approval.

Bill Harvey (FL) brought up the question that the Church Activity was an excellent excuse for another Memorial Junket to England. . . Lloyd Whitlow (CA) explained that the plans and program for Memorial Junket VI have been prepared and all that is required is for a date to be set and the program can be implemented.

Next under Old Business was the report on the Redesignation of the 384th Bomb Wing (H) at McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas. Cletus Pottebaum (KS) made this report and he explained about the Redesignation Ceremony held on July 1, 1987 attended by members from the 384th Bomb Group (H). He told about the new 384th Bomb Wing and their enthusiasm in being able to carry on the Heritage and the Traditions established during World War II by the 384th Bombardment Group (H). He told of the 28 members of the 384th Bomb Group who also attended the Arrival Ceremony for the B1-B on February 29, 1988. He told about General Theodore R. Milton flying the B1-B from McConnell. Lloyd Whitlow (CA) then told about the request from McConnell for the 384th Bomb Group to supply names for the B1-B Weapon Systems Training Instructor Teams. The Teams to be named for two of our outstanding Combat Crews. The letter was read which had been mailed to McConnell suggesting two Combat Crews who stood out just a bit more than some of the other Combat Crews. . . these were the Crew of Thomas J. Estes, using the name of their B-17, "Wearie Willie", and the Crew of Charles F. Gowder, the most highly Decorated Combat Crew in the 384th, using the name of their B-17, "Liberty Run".

Next on the Agenda was the report given by Nathan Mazer (UT) on the Memorial Stained Glass Window for Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. . . he reported the present status of the Project. . . how the Window was fabricated by Chapel Studio, Kings Langley, England, he told of the trip to England by Lloyd Whitlow (CA), Nathan Mazer (UT), and Clete Pottebaum, (KS) in May

of 1988. This included a visit to Chapel Studio, arranging for the transport of the Window to Mildenhall Air Force Base, England for Shipment to the U.S.A., how the Window was transported to Hill Air Force Base by a 384th Bomb Wing KC-135R and how it was escorted by Nate Mazer (UT). He further explained why the Dedication Ceremony was delayed and about the plans for the Dedication Ceremony to take place sometime in 1989. Complete details about this will be forthcoming in a Newsletter.

Bill Harvey (FL) told of his trip in May 1988 to the Air Force Academy and gave a report on the Eagle and Fledgling Sculpture which is Awarded to the Outstanding Graduating Cadet in Biology. This Award is Sponsored by the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. He explained that this award is given to all the outstanding Graduates for each Academic. Subject, Military Achievement, and Athletics. He explained about the presentation made by Bill Harvey (FL) and Lloyd Whitlow (CA) to the Academy of a picture of our Memorial Stained Glass Window, a Plaque telling the History of the Group, and a model of a 384th B-17. He read the letter received from Colonel Sampson, Biology Department Head, thanking the Group for our support and the presentations made to the Academy and how they would be displayed in a prominent place, he also explained how much the Heritage and the Traditions of the 384th meant to the Academy Cadets.

#### **New Business. . .**

Lloyd Whitlow (CA) called for the presentation of Sites for the Twelfth Reunion. . . prior to the presentations being made, Fred Nowosad (NJ) was called on to read the Procedures for Site Presentations. Nathan Mazer (UT) called on Cletus Pottebaum (KS) to present Wichita, Kansas for consideration as the Site for the Twelfth Reunion. Clete gave an excellent presentation which included the connection between the new 384th Bomb Wing (H) and the old 384th Bomb Group (H) and how the 384th Bomb Wing would be the Host for the Twelfth Reunion.

Stuart Gordon (NJ) presented the Biggest Little City in the World. . . Reno, Nevada. He explained the various attractions in and around the Area.

There being no other Sites presented a vote was in order. . . prior to the vote being taken, Fred Nowosad (NJ) explained some of the problems encountered by the Reunion Committee in the past; that because of this he was proposing a new procedure for site selection. This would be the selection of a Primary and a Secondary Site. . . this would give the Reunion Committee some latitude in their contracting for Hotels, etc. It was further explained, that the site would not be moved from the Primary Site until all the avenues had been explored, and if it were necessary to move the Site to the Secondary Site a notification about the reasons for the move to the Secondary Site would be

published in the Newsletter. The motion was placed on the floor to select a Primary and Secondary Site for the Reunions. . . it was so moved and passed by a majority vote.

A motion was placed on the floor to waive the secret ballot for Site Selection, as there were only two sites to be considered, neither site could lose as one would be the Primary Site, the other the Secondary Site. . . it was so moved and passed.

The vote for Wichita, Kansas was held first, the men on the left being counted first, then the men on the right. . . the vote for Reno, Nevada was then taken using the same procedure. The final count was 36 votes for Reno, Nevada, the balance of over 200 was for Wichita, Kansas.

The Site for the Twelfth Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. will be held at Wichita, Kansas, this will be the Primary Site. . . the Secondary Site for the Twelfth Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. will be Reno, Nevada.

As the report by the Museum Committee had been delayed, for this report the meeting reverted back to Old Business. . .

Bill McNeill (MO) was called on to give the Museum Committee report. . . Bill gave an excellent report explaining the proposed Museum for Kettering, England, how they have offered a room in the Museum for the exclusive use by the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. He gave a very comprehensive report on the requirements, costs, etc. The first Memorabilia for a Museum was presented by Bill McNeill (MO) to Quentin Bland (Eng), these were the pictures which had been on display during the Eleventh Reunion. He further explained that at a future date a mailing would be made to the membership for their consideration for the Project.

The meeting reverted back to New Business and the last item on the Agenda was the Election of the Twelfth Reunion Officers. Per the Motion passed during the Tenth Reunion Business Meeting, as selected by the Election Committee, the Slate of the Proposed Twelfth Reunion Officers had been posted for all to read in the Memorabilia Room.

The Inspector of Elections, Fred Hewins (NJ) was called on to read the Slate of Proposed Twelfth Reunion Officers. . .

Walter L. Harvey, *President*

Herbert H. Schaaf, *Assistant to the President*

Robert L. Coleman, *Special Assistant for Public Relations*

Arthur M. McNamara, *Vice-President Region I*

Sanford Wakser, *Vice-President Region II*

Edward A. Barnes, Jr., *Vice-President Region III*

Nolan J. Guillot, *Vice-President Region IV*

Gerald B. Sammons, *Vice-President Region V*  
William J. Smisek, *Vice-President Region VI*  
Arthur Beese, *Vice-President Region VII*  
Arthur E. Guilmet, *Vice-President Region VIII*  
Theodore Rothschild, *Chief Liaison Officer*  
Lloyd W. Whitlow, *Secretary\*\**  
Frederick Nowosad, *Treasurer\*\**  
Father Method C. Billy, *Chaplain*  
Frank L. Allred, *Alternate Chaplain*

\*\*Per the By-Laws of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., Article VI, Section 3, the person/persons holding the Reunion Office of Secretary and Treasurer must be a member of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. Board of Directors.

The Chairman ask for any other nominations from the floor, being none, a motion was asked from the floor to vote on the Slate of Reunion Officers for the Twelfth Reunion as presented. . . so moved and passed by a unanimous vote of approval.

For the Good of the Order. . .

Fred Nowosad (NJ) explained about the trees at the Memorial Monument Site in England, that if there were any questions in regards to the trees, please contact Fred and he will supply the information on whom to contact.

Fred Nowosad (NJ) also explained about the Squadron Patches and how the project had been cancelled for lack of interest. . .

The publication of a Third Edition of "As Briefed" was brought up for consideration, Fred Nowosad (NJ) explained that the cost for publication would be much more expensive than it had been for the Second Edition, the question was raised on how many people were interested in purchasing a Third Edition, Quentin Bland (Eng) said he could sell well over 100 in England. . . a vote was taken for publication of a Third Edition, the results on the vote were unanimous to publish a Third Edition of, "As Briefed".

A question was raised about using the VFW, American Legion, and the Reserve Officers Association for publicity purposes. . . Fred Nowosad (NJ) explained that this matter would be turned over to the new, Special Assistant for Public Relations, Robert L. Coleman (CT).

Being no further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the Eleventh Reunion Business Meeting. . . it was so moved and seconded. The Eleventh Reunion Business Meeting was adjourned at 12.10 PM, Saturday, October 1, 1988.

Respectfully submitted  
Lloyd W. Whitlow  
Secretary, Eleventh Reunion





11th Reunion Meeting

Mike Mazer (UT) . . . Lloyd Whitlow (CA) . . . Sam Arauz (PA) . . .  
Ted Rothschild (NY)

The following two letters were received from Phillip J. Ford, Colonel, USAF, Commander, 384th BW.



29 September 1988

Mr. Lloyd W. Whitlow  
25151 Rivendell Drive  
Lake Forest, El Toro, CA 92630

Dear Lloyd:

I want to express my sincere thanks to the 384th Bomb Group, Inc., for providing us distinguished names for our two B-1B Weapons Systems Trainer (WST) instructor teams. We will proudly continue the heritage of the Bomb Group by honoring these two teams with the names "The Liberty Run Crew" and "The Wearie Willie Crew."

The 384th Bombardment Wing will dedicate the memories of these crews when we formally accept the WST to train our B-1B bomber crews in September 1989. Undoubtedly the accomplishments of these B-17 crews will serve to inspire our B-1B crews to "Keep the show on the road!"

Again, my personal thanks for your help.

4 October 1988

Dear Lloyd:

Boy, do you guys know how to throw a party! Your hospitality was outstanding, and the entire event appeared to be a tremendous success. Successes don't happen without hard work, and your hand was certainly evident throughout. I salute your patriotism and thank you for including me in a superb event.

I look forward to seeing you again soon—especially in Wichita.

Warm regards,

PHILLIP J. FORD, Colonel, USAF, Commander,  
384th Bombardment Wing

## THE ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH CHURCH, GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD RESTORATION PROJECT

By this time all members should have received a letter from me, Ted Rothschild, Committee Chairman about this project. As you know we are trying to raise money to restore the church so that the English Heritage Historical Building and Monument Commission of England will maintain the church.

Our commitment to this project is \$28,000. Please send what you can. No amount is too small—no amount is too large.

Send your contribution to:

Ted Rothschild, Committee Chairman  
37 Park Lane Place  
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Remember—not one cent will come out of the 384th BG treasury. This is a voluntary effort.

**DAYTON MEMORIAL** . . . A crack in the concrete caused a problem concerning the repair. However, Mel Gehold (OH) took matters in hand and had the concrete work completely redone. He also saw to it that Plaque was refitted . . . Thanks Mel, it was a job well done. Your continued interest in the Memorial is appreciated . . .

**LOST DEPARTMENT** . . . Does anyone know the whereabouts of the following 544th Crew Members . . .

Lt. Charles W. Everson (Navigator)  
Lt. Robert Kennedy (Bombardier)  
Sgt. John R. Kelly (Radio Operator)

**MAIL CALL** . . . Does anyone know the whereabouts of Frank Farthing. He was Copilot on J. R. Herbert's Crew . . . he is supposed to be living somewhere in Florida. If you have any info please contact J. R. Herbert, 4227 Barbrick Street, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673 . . .

**BUCK NELSON LEAVES US** . . . The 384th Bomb Group has lost Marion "Buck" Nelson. "Buck" passed away after a long illness. "Buck" had the distinction of being the last man to be in the last B17 that dropped the last bombs of the War . . . he flew that mission as a Tail Gunner. "Buck" will also be remembered as the one who awakened the Crew members to let them know they were to fly that morning . . . he took as much as he could and then volunteered to fly combat . . .



Henry Sienkiewicz (NY) . . . Jerry Jerome (VA) . . . Bill Harvey (FL) . . . John Herzog (CA)

## 11TH REUNION FINANCIAL REPORT

### REUNION REVENUES . . .

Pictures & Belt Buckle Raffle . . . . .	\$ 700.00
"Lucky Bastard" Calligraphy Contribution . . . . .	400.00
Cash Collected at Reunion . . . . .	28,352.00
Checks Collected at Reunion . . . . .	16,360.00
Original Deposit Collection . . . . .	39,876.00
<b>TOTAL MONIES COLLECTED . . . . .</b>	<b>\$85,688.00</b>

### REUNION EXPENSES . . .

Minuteman Press (Dinner programs) . . . . .	\$ 1,933.00
Newsletter . . . . .	1,340.00
Pens (Gift) . . . . .	1,082.00
Belt Buckle (Raffle) . . . . .	75.00
Triangle "P" Patches (Gift) . . . . .	450.00
Reunion Badges . . . . .	700.00
Ladies Bus Tour . . . . .	1,922.00
Jimmy Farr Orchestra (Dinner Dance) . . . . .	2,750.00
Emma Kelley (Piano Player) . . . . .	300.00
Sam Gill Dixieland Band . . . . .	750.00
AVR Sound & Video . . . . .	851.00
Reunion Meeting (Ponce de Leon, Florida) . . . . .	291.00
Quentin Bland Trip and Guests . . . . .	2,500.00
Signs . . . . .	350.00
Balloons, Gas & Labor . . . . .	441.00
Clogger Dancers . . . . .	150.00
Picture (Keith Hill's Winter of '44 . . . Raffle) . . . . .	45.00
Hyatt Regency Hotel (Dinners, etc.) . . . . .	54,346.00
Picture Framing (Raffle) . . . . .	75.00
Lloyd Whitlow Expenses (Attendance and Seating List, Badge cutters, Mailing, etc.) . . . . .	1,800.00
McClanahan Expenses (Lobby Pictures, etc.) . . . . .	553.00
Herbert Schaaf (B1-B Jacket, Banner cleaning, 384th Tapes, Misc.) . . . . .	99.00
Misce11aneous (Phone calls, xerox copies, hote1 tipping, etc.) . . . . .	400.00
Refunds . . . . .	2,400.00
Modern Mass Media (VHS, 35mm Projector Stand, Screen) . . . . .	162.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .</b>	<b>\$75,765.00</b>
<b>NET PROFIT . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 9,923.00</b>

(NOT AUDITED)

**DUES . . . DUES . . . DUES . . .** The following listed 384thers have sent in their dues since the June Newsletter. If your name is listed, you have paid your dues. If it is not listed, it is obvious that you have not sent in your dues. . . notices will be sent out to those who are delinquent. . . so if you feel you have not sent in your dues lately please do so. . . Our fiscal year runs from August 1 to July 31. . . dues are still only \$12.00 per year. Remember that our dues are still tax deductible. So those of you who know you are delinquent, please send in your dues. . .

Abramowitz, Abraham B. (NY)	Bennett, Dewayne (AZ)
Allen, Arthur E. (VA)	Boger, Eugene (MI)
Barad, Robert L. (RI)	Burley, John M. (IN)
Beese, Art (CA)	Budassi, Remo G. (NJ)
Belcher, Marvin A (CA)	Carvell, John (NY)

Causa, Raymond (PA)	Goodrick, Gene R (MO)	
Chernitsky, Thomas L. (OH)	Goulder, E.S (OH)	
Compton, Harold (GA)	Grandpre, Richard E. (SD)***	
Cook, Roy H. (OH)	Grant, Ralph G. (ME)	
Coon, John L. (UT)		
Crocket, Jack D (WA)	Head, Robert L. (TX)	
Cruise, James H. (FL)	Hale, Charles E. (CA)***	
	Hall, Ralph J (FL)	
Dahlman, Marvin S. (MI)***	Hawkins, George M. (FL)	
Davis, Henry L. (FL)	Haynes, Merle E. (KY)	
DeGennaro, Carlo N. (MA)	Hesko, Alfred D. (OR)	
Dillon, Warren (OH)	Hesse, Clay (TX)	
Duesler, Donald (SC)	Hewins, Fred (NJ)	
	Hunt, Harry B. (OH)	
Earle, Guy H (GA)	Hunter, John W. (PA)	
Frink, Col H. E., Jr (FL)	Iredale, W. J. (GA)	
Fulmer, Leroy (FL)		
Furiga, Frank D (OH)	Jackson, W. A., Jr (OH)	
	Johnson, Col Merle (WY)	
Gapczynski, Alvin (MI)***		
Gardner, Sam (TX)	Kavalkovich, William M. (AZ)	
	Keller, M. W. (OH)	

## DUES . . . DUES . . . DUES (continued)

Kilcourse, John T. (PA)\*\*\*  
Konopatzki, Robert (CA)  
Kowats, Daniel (FL)

Labo, Wilfred P. (FL)  
Lavoie, Ralph E. (NH)  
Lydic, Robert C. (PA)

Marberg, Roy K. (GA)  
Mazur, Walter (MI)  
McClelland, Gerald W. (CA)  
McGee, Leonard (TX)  
McKeon, Francis P. (FL)  
McMichael, Bill C. (TX)  
Mendler, Alden (NH)  
Miller, Jack M. (CA)  
Milne, Dale T. (CO)  
Mingo, Andrew (FL)  
Moorhead, LTC Harris L. (ID)  
Morrison, W. Bedell (NY)  
Mount, Dick W. (OH)  
Murray, James R., Sr. (SC)

Newell, Ralph L. (NJ)  
Newton, William R. (AR)  
Nicolai, Edwin G. (WA)  
Nolan, Richard T. (NJ)  
Nowacki, Daniel L. (WI)  
Nyborg, Arlin O. (WI)

Olson, Clifford E. (NY)

Parisette, Don (TX)  
Pechout, Richard A. (CT)  
Peterson, William (WI)  
Phillips, Wilford (FL)  
Porter, Charles M. (MA)

Ravey, Donald (FL)  
Reinhardt, Charles (NJ)  
Reinle, Robert L. (FL)  
Robb, Gordon (NE)

\*\*\*Denotes a new member

Robaser, John G. (OH)  
Roberts, A. S. (GA)  
Roberts, Jack D. (IL)  
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Rutledge, Karl W. (VT)

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Sharp, Alan E. (OH)\*\*\*  
Sheahan, Robert E. (FL)  
Showers, Henry H. (PA)  
Skopek, John (NY)  
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Smith, Luther (NH)\*\*\*  
Smith, Jack (WY)\*\*\*  
Smith, Col James W. (VA)\*\*\*  
Story, Wallace A. (SC)  
Stutman, William N. (CA)

Taff, James A. (AZ)  
Thompson, Paul (OH)  
Thompson, Siquard (VA)  
Troth, Hugh I. (OH)  
Turlington, Howard J. (VA)

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Wardell, Raymond A. (MI)  
Wenner, Charles J. (MI)  
Weiss, Warren H. (IL)  
Welky, Robert (FL)  
Westlake, Albert (CO)  
Wheat, Delton (MS)  
Wilson, Stuart P. (MO)  
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**LAST MISSION . . .** The 384th Bomb Group offers its deepest heartfelt sympathy to the families of the following departed members . . .

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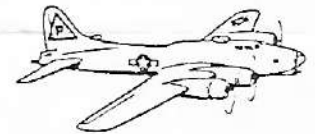
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