

384th BOMB GROUP INC.

NEWSLETTER August, 1989 P.O. Box 1021-A Rahway, NJ 07065

EX POW's... We understand that all Ex-POW's or next of kin are entitled to receive the BRONZE STAR as well as the POW Medal. Apply to Air Force Reference Branch, National Personnel Records Center. 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5199...(Courtesy of William Shove, 34th BG Newsletter).

MORE ON MEDALS...The Government owes and will give handsome decorations to the many men and women who have served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. Almost everyone (with an honorable discharge) who served during some period of conflict or during peacetime when the emphasis was on National Defense is eligible. WWII veterans may be qualified for ...WWII Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, National Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal Unit Citations and others. Send your request along with a *copy* of your discharge, branch of service, serial number and service dates to: National Personnel Branch of Service, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5199.

(To obtain a medal earned by a person in your family who has since died, include his death certificate)...

ALL FLYING CONTROL PERSONNEL...If you worked in and/or around any Flying Control Tower, please write to me. I'm trying to start a Flying Control Memorial Group in the 8th Air Force. There must have been at least 5000 controllers who helped get them off and helped get them back down again in all kinds of weather. I wonder how many of us are still around...please let me hear from you...write to...

Lou Dubnow (446th BG), 1189 Galesmoore Court, Westlake Village, CA 91361, Phone 1-805-497-1964.

GOOD NEWS...We have just learned that Maj. Gen. Julius K. Lacey (USAF, Ret.) is still with us. How about that. Gen. Lacey was our 2nd Group Commander. This is really good news...General, welcome home.

Maj. Gen. Julius K. Lacey, USAF, Ret., 151 Ivy Lane, San Antonio, TX 78209.

35 MISSIONS WITH THE 384th BG... Leo Feider has just published the 3rd printing of his booklet "35 Missions With The 384th BG". It is a very good and interesting booklet, very informative and should be read by all the 384thers.

If interested, contact Leo Feider, 500 W. County Rd. B, Apt. 120, Roseville, MN 55113...the booklet costs \$10.00...

MAIL CALL...MAIL CALL...MAIL CALL...

KENNETH STOLTE (WA)... My last mission was April 17, 1945 when we bombed Dresden. Our plane was No. 588. My position on this raid was toggelier. Our Pilot was named Dott. The Crew was all new to me...it was my first and only mission as toggelier.

My regular Pilot was William C. Murphy. . . Co-Pilot was Jack Clover.

I am curious to know who all flew with Dott's Crew on this mission...I would appreciate hearing from any member of Dott's Crew...

(If anyone can help, write to Kenneth Stolte, N. 5903 Howard, Spokane, WA 99205).

HARRY HUNT (OH)... Keep those Newsletters coming. I get the old ones out every once in a while to read back on different subjects...

(Harry, it is always good to hear that our Newsletters are appreciated. Just want to say to all our members, if you have something for the Newsletters, please send it in. We are looking for anything you have to say about the 384th BG past and present...)

ROLAND R. DUBE...Please enroll me in the 384th BG, Inc. I was a member of the 547th Sqd. 1944-45. My crew members were Pilot Whitside, Co-Pilot Moxley, Eng. Francis Sayers, Togalear Huff, Navigator Al Miner, ROWG Dube, Ball Gunner Shields, Waist Gunner Bergner and Tail Gunner Dupas...I was contacted by my crew Eng. Frank Sayers...

(Roland, it sure is good to have you aboard)...









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"KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD"

LAWRENCE V. BARNES (UT)...I am looking for my ball turret gunner, Sidney L. Ashby of Kurthwood, Louisiana, tail gunner Fred Matthews, Green Bat Wisconsin, and Gerald Schumer, our bombardier. Our Pilot was Robert E. Barrier, Co-Pilot Weldon Bragg. We belonged to the 546th Squad. I have located Weldon Bragg and my radio man William Cauthon. Would appreciate any help on the other whereabouts...

(Can anyone of you guys out there help Lawrence... his address is 9386 Tortellini Dr., Sandy, Utah 84093).

IRWIN J. PIRE, JR. (WI)...I would like to buy any patches or stuff that is available about the 384th BG or 544th Squad...also of the B17. We made 7 combat missions and then were shot down on November 8, 1944. I was the Engineer and top turret gunner on Bill Drake's crew...We had a crew Reunion at my Co-Pilot's house in MN and since then we have found two more crew members. We now have all except the Bombardier whose chute did not open...

(Irwin...this is what it is all about...sorry about your Bombardier.)

LOWELL C. HASLER (IN)...Thank you for your Newsletter and I accept your offer of membership in the 384th BG...enclosed is my dues...P.S., I met Major McMillin in Stalag Luft III...

(Welcome aboard Lowell, nice to have you with us... yes, Mac is still with us.)

THE LEAD BANANA: A B-17 FLYING FORTRESS

She sits on her hard stand enshrouded in fog, Her towering tail fin almost lost in the smog, Knock kneed weary wings drooping, Looking all the world like the ugly duckling.

Tin benders patch the rips in her skin, Scars from her late trip to Berlin. There were Frankfurt, Merzburg, Munich, and many more,

Do you wonder that she looks weary and sore?

Yes, she does look sickly and kind'a wan As she squats on her stand in the grey light of dawn, But, wait till you see this old bird in the air, She'll turn into a majestic and graceful swan.

She's carried her crew into flak filled skies That promised deadly encounters, and someone dies, Proudly she's burst through the treacherous shroud Surging ever upward toward sunlit cloud.

Her place in the group formation today Is her usual spot, number four in the low. Some pilots have said in a half hearted way, "Let's leave her home, she's too old and too slow."

But a hundred missions she has under her belt, Countless hostile blows on her skin she has felt. Fire, flak, fighters, and bone chilling air, None has deterred her from the enemy's lair.

Over the I.P. and holding steady, Bombardier sighting and at the ready, "Bombs away!" and upward she lunges, Wheeling 'round, and then downward she plunges.

Shuddering and shaking as she makes the round, Nothing will stop her, she's homeward bound, All guns blazing, and you can bet all your script, No yellow nosed demon will get her this trip.

Little brothers appear in the sky, They waggle their wings as they zip by, Her crew, dazed, spent and numb with cold, Lads in their teens suddenly forty years old.

Into the pattern she'll gracefully glide, All four turning, wings spread out in pride, Gear down and locked, flaps coming lower, No red flares to add to the shower.

Taxiing to her stand, her engines she'll preen, Just look at her, she's no "hanger queen." Clearing her stacks, she'll relax with a shudder, Heave a sigh of relief as ground lock finds rudder.

Once more she rests, weary wings drooping, Knocked kneed and looking like the ugly duckling. But, don't get misty eyed and put away your bandana, The great fortress you see, is the "Lead Banana".

Yes, she's back from her war, holed like a tin can, But mister, she's carried her load, And brought home many a fine young man, Who bravely went forth to KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD.

> By "Chief" Vallo (NM) 544th Bomb Squad "Frigham Young"



THE 384th BOMB GROUP, INC.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

(UNAUDITED)

	Total All Funds	Free Funds	Stained Glass Window Utah	11th Reunion Fund
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:				
11th Reunion (Note 3)	84,911	_		84,911
Dues	3,624	3,624		_
Interest	789	789	1	September 1
"As Briefed", Pictures and Video Tapes	41	41	_	mandonings
Stained Glass Window	845	-	845	Acceptance
Miscellaneous	347	347		sonituralis
Total Support and Revenues	90,557	4,801	845	84,911
EXPENSES:				
Meetings	832	832	MANAGEM .	
Operations	1,813	1,813		Annual State
Newletter and Membership Rosters	3,485	3,485	and the second	economic .
11th Reunion	71,666			71,666
USAF Academy Award	761	761		-
Miscellaneous	1,212	1,212	-	on the same of the
Total Expenses	79,769	8,103		71,666
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	10,788	(3,302)	845	13,245
FUND BALANCE – Beginning	21,243	19,193	2,050	
OTHER CHANGES IN FUND Balance (Note 2)		13,245		<u>(13,245</u>)
FUND BALANCE - Ending	32,031	<u>29,136</u>	<u>2,895</u>	<u> </u>

DUES...DUES... As you can see from our Financial Report of 1988, we did not do too well on dues for that year. We now have over 1000 members. To run an organization such as this, requires close cooperation and financial support. To get out Newsletters, the cost of mailing, printing and xeroxing, etc. requires a considerable amount of capital. Without funds, we cannot continue to operate.

Our main source of income is the payment of dues. Without support from Dues, we cannot survive. We no longer can afford to carry those 384thers who do not support us. Delinquent notices will soon be sent out to those we haven't heard from since?

A dues Statement Form for 1989 is enclosed with this Newsletter. If you have already sent in your dues, please note so on the form and return it to us. It will also give us your correct address.

If you have sent in your dues since the November 1988 Newsletter, your name is listed below...no names were listed in the March 1989 Newsletter. So, if you haven't sent in your dues, please do so...

Abe Abramowitz (NY)
D. R. Ackerson (NY)
Dominic Acquaro (NY)
Arthur Adams (PA)
Fred L. Adams (WY)
P. A. Adinolfi (MA)
William W. Anstead (IN)
Samuel F. Arauz (PA)
Vern L. Arnold (WA)

Paul Bagosy (FL) Edward A. Barnes (FL) Lawrence Barnes (UT) Robert J. Blett (MI) Dana Bohnsack (LA) James A. Bouvier (VT) Edward J. Butler (NH) Eugene A. Boger (MI) Louis G. Boccetti (NC)* Thomas H. Burke (MA)

Mark B. Calnon (ID)
Joe R. Carnes, Jr. (TX)
Raymond Causa (PA)
Harvey S. Cohen (FL)
Daniel C. Conley (MA)
C. B. Cook (IA)
Raymond D. Cook (PA)
Roy H. Cook (OH)
Russell J. Cornair (CA)*
Jack D. Crockett (WA)
Clifford H. Crowe, Jr. (IN)

Howard E. Day (AZ) Frank L. Del Monte (NJ) Maurice S. Dillingham (TX) Gordon F. Dodrill (CO) Roland R. Dube (MA)* Joseph C. Ducsay (FL) Warren F. Donovan (MA)

T. J. Estes (IA) Charles W. Everson (KY)*

James C. Farrell (AR) Alvaro Fernandez (FL) Philip J. Fink (NY) James J. Fisher, Jr. (NJ) Arthur L. Foley, II, MD (OR) Leroy Fulmer (FL)

Francis Gallagher (NC) Hugh Gallagher (PA) Jack Goetz (PA) Alan E. Goldsmith (CA) Gene R. Goodrick (MO) Charles F. Gowder (OK) Nolan J. Guillot (LA)

Oscar Hamblin (WA) Horace Hance (MD) Lowell C. Hasler (IN)* Harry A. Hawes (CA) Merle Haynes (KY) Robert L. Head (TX) Henry Heckman (IN) Robert P. Heine (NY) F. T. Helleloid (MN)* Morton Hertz (NY) Harold F. Herring (AL) John H. Herzog (CA) Morgan Y. Himmelstein (CT) Glenn S. Hinshaw (GA) Jack Hoppen (NC) Lyman Hosmer (TX) Harry B. Hunt (OH)

W. J. Iredale (GA)

Win Jackson (OH) Clyde L. Johnson (VA) Col. Wm. T. Johnson (TX)

Howard L. Kaessner (CA) S. J. Kasmerski (GA) Charles M. Kennedy (OH)* John C. Kennedy (NY)* Frank A. King (PA) Robert W. Konopatski (CA)

W. P. Labo (FL) W. H. Lotz (PA)

Charles E. MacNeill (MD) Roy K. Marberg (GA) L/C Henry V. Markow (LA)

Arnold L. Massengale (WA) Otho E. Masterson (IL) Milo W. Matousek (KS) Walter Mazur (MI) J. M. McCaine (TX) John C. McCool (MO)* Gerald W. McClelland (CA) C. F. McDaniel, Jr. (KS) Jack N. McKinney (PA) Matthew Mellon (NY) Morris H. Merrifield (FL) Jesse W. Mettler (TX) Alfred Meyer (FL) Robert Meyer (NY) L. Corwin Miller (CA) Robert N. Michaels (IL) O. D. Miller (OK) Walter A. Miller (MI) John G. Mitchell (PA) William E. Moon (OR) James E. Morgan (CO) Armand M. Monaco (FL)* Emil Moucka (TX) Lawrence A. Murchan (CT)

Benjamin Needelman (PA) Joseph Needle (FL) Raymond Niday (CA) Ervin E. Nowicki (WI) Fred Nowosad (NJ)

Wendell L. Orr (OH) James W. Orr (IL) Edward O'Leary (NJ)

John Q. Pagliero (FL) L/C Anthony Palazzo (VA) Don Parisette (TX) Nicholas M. Pavlos (MD)* Lee F. Pierce (OR) Irwin J. Pire, Jr. (WI) George F. Pogiales (MN)* Charles Porter (MA) Robert H. Poulton (OR) James G. Powers (SC) Frank J. Priesnitz (WA) John F. Putt (PA)

Joe D. Ragen (MT) Donald A. Ravey (FL) John C. Reider (WI) William C. Ralston (PA) Charles Reinhardt (NJ) Kenneth Rex (IN) John G. Robaser (OH) Harold I. Rochette (CT) Ted Rothschild (NY) Robert L. Rouse (TX)* Joseph J. Rukavina (MO)

Luis Santa-Maria (VT) Francis A. Sayers (PA)* Michael A. Schmitz (MO) John Shaffer (MI) George F. Sheehan (NE) Emmett E. Shuck (KS) W. A. Singer (IA) William J. Smisek (NE) M. Stetson Smith (ME) Henry F. Snyder (PA) Fred A. Sorenson (UT) George Spangler (NJ) Paul R. Spiers (NY) John Stachon (OH) John Stassinos (CA)* Dr. Robert J. Stephan (WA) Kenneth L. Stolte (WA) Delbert Storm (AR) James A. Sturgess (NY) Robert J. Sullivan (MI) Col. William E. Sundeen (CA) John Skopek (NY)

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Frank Vallone (NY)
J. A. Van der Haeghen (CA)
C. D. Vicker (TX)

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Kenneth Weisl (NY)
Paul S. West (WV)
LeRoy Weston, Jr. (FL)
D. H. Williams (FL)
Stuart P. Wilson (MO)
Raymond O. Wisdahl (CA)
Drewry F. Wofford, Jr. (NY)
John T. Worlet, Jr. (VA)
W. W. Wright, Jr. (VA)
Lloyd Whitlow (CA)

Joseph D. Zink (SC)

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES...Please Note...With the mailing of our Newsletters, many of them are returned because of no forwarding addresses, changes of addresses or because a member is temporarily away or deceased...unless we are notified of any of the mentioned above, your Newsletters are returned.

We mail out as a Non-Proft organization and the Post Office does not forward your mail. The mailing goes to your listed address that is in our active mailing listing. When your mail is returned to us, it becomes an expensive item. We must pay for the return mail, which is first class and then extra postage to mail out the Newsletter again to your new address as first class...

We need your help. If you plan to make a move, send us a change of address card...help is to cut down on our postage, please...

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ADDRESS CORRECTIONS...

Erwin E. Nowicki (WI) should be Ervin E. Nowicki Fred Sorenson (WY) should be Bedford, WY Dewayne Bennet (AZ) should be Palmas Place Walter J. Fillippi (CA) should be Walter J. Filippi

NEW MEMBERS... Please add to our active mailing list...

Louis G. Boccetti 2416 Linden Avenue Kinston, NC 28501

Col. William E. Buck 334 Hidden Valley Trail Sherman, TX 75090

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LAST MISSION... The 384th Bomb Group offers its deepest heartfelt sympathy to the families of our following departed members...

William F. Callicote (KS) Homer J. Cocklin (PA) L/C Duane A. Conkey (CA) Gordon B. Erickson (MI) Jack C. Maloney (WV) Henry V. Markow (LA) George Marquardt (MN) Paul E. Meehl (CO) John Mollica (IL)
Ralph L. Newell (NJ)
Robert J. Ober (PA)
Joseph E. Pyle (DE)
Jesse Williams (PA)
Charles W. Zinn (TX)
Richard W. Morris (MO)

REMOVE FROM OUR LISTING...

William F. Callicote (KS) L/C Duane A. Conkey (CA) Joseph Duggan (RI) Mrs. Paul S. Givens (CA) Paul B. Knapp (IL) Frank Maniscalco (NJ)

George Marquardt (MN) Joseph E. Pyle (DE) Jesse Williams (PA) Charles Zinn (TX) Richard W. Morris (MO) JOHN MACH passes away. . . John Mach of Savannah, Georgia recently passed away. John was the brother of Teresa Nelson, wife of "Buck" Nelson (NY) who has also died. Buck was our "Tail End Charlie". He earned this distinction by being the last man to be on the last B17 of the war that droppoed the last bombs on the last target.

John Mach conceived the original theme for the design of the Stained Glass Window. . . he gave this to the Group as a contribution. It was then turned over to Brian Thomas, O. B. E. who is a fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters, who then designed the Window. The Stained Glass Window was then crafted painted and assembled by Chapel Studios of England.

Thanks John for the Window. . . the 384th BG will miss you . . .

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE RESTORATION PROJECT

...During the 11th Reunion Business meeting in Savannah, GA, the membership voted to raise funds for the restoration of the Church of St. James, The Apostle, (Grafton Underwood, England), as a project connected with but not a part of the 384th Bomb Group. A financial summary at December 31, 1988 is as follows:

Donations \$13,200.00 Interest Income 129.00

Cash Balance December 31, 1988
Maintained by Restoration Committee \$13,329.00

AS BRIEFED... AS BRIEFED... The 3rd Edition of the book written about the 384th Bomb Group is being printed. The original book and pictures will be unchanged. The new Edition will also have the Addendum by the original author Walter Owens as was published in the 2nd Edition plus many other new features such as our past Reunions, the Memorial Monument in England...our Eagle and Fledgling award presentation at the USAF Academy...the Stained Glass Window and other features...

The book will have a beautiful hard cover in maroon leather with the Group and Squadron insignias on the front cover. The paper will be of good quality. The original book had 260 pages. . . the 2nd Edition has 276 pages. This 3rd Edition will have about 313 Pages. . .

The book is a tribute to all who served in the 384th Bomb Group. It is our History. Because of a limited supply being printed, only 500. . . Group members will be given first choice.

We expect the book to be printed sometime in the later part of September or October. . . When the book is ready, members of the 384th BG will be notified as to availability and cost . . .

STAINED GLASS WINDOW MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY...The Stained Glass Window Dedication Ceremony will definitely be held at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah on September 7th – 9th, 1989. Our Program, with a few minor changes will be the same as was mentioned in the Newsletter dated March, 1989...Our headquarters will still be the Ogden Hotel located in Ogden, Utah...please ignore any other notices or letters that are changing this Dedication Ceremony...

Our 12th Reunion as of now will still be held in Wichita, Kansas in 1990...Do not confuse the Reunion with the Dedication Ceremony...

"Keep the Show on the Road"...