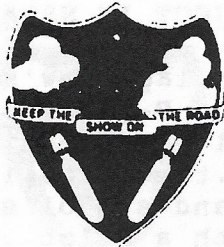




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"DECEMBER NEW'S LETTER" 1997

This New's Letter is in a different form then the others during the year..but we do this so I can send you the return envelope for your dues...which are now due..Please pay as soon as you can for this is how we pay for the New's Letters you get during the year and the postage to send same..

Dues run from 1st of January to the 31st December of each year..."YOUR 1998 DUES ARE NOW DUE"

TO ALL BOARD MEMBER'S:

" A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBER ON THIS MEETING"

The Next Board meeting will be at the Hilton & Towers Hotel in Harrisburg PA..from the 10th of May to the 12th of May 1998. Most to arrive on the 10th May..Board Meeting on the 11th May.."ALL DAY" and all to leave on the 12th of May or later...

Room rates will be the same as reunion rates..\$89:00 a day.. all who are coming must make reservations by the 10th of April 1998 to get our rate..other wise you pay the prevailing Hotel rate.

Call or write; HARRISBURG HILTON & TOWERS
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET
HARRISBURG..PA--17101

Phone..(717) 233-6000 Fax: (717) 233-6830

If you fly in to Harrisburg Airport there is a "FREE" mini bus for transportation to the Hotel..just go out side the baggage terminal amd look for the mini bus with Hilton Towers on the side of same.

Parking:

Overnight guests of the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers park in our connecting Walnut Street parking garage at a reduced rate. Special subsidized rates for 1997 are:

**Overnight Guests.....\$3.00/Evening
Unlimited Exits**

Banquet & Meeting Guests.....\$3.00/Exit

***Rates guaranteed ninety (90) days prior to arrival.**

"INFORMATION ON OUR PROJECT IN SAVANNAH GA:"

As you all know from our last New's Letter we (384th) are in the process of putting a Model of a B-17 in the 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah GA...The Model is all ready finished..it has a wing span of 10 foot..length about 8 foot..the color is all Silver..with all the proper identifying lettering and symbol's of the 384th (like Triangle"P") it is done in great detail(with a Pilot ..Co-Pilot Bomberdier..Bomb Sight all gun's ect) even down to the riverts markes on the outter skin..

"IT IS BEAUTIFULL.."

The stand is now being made..it is made with polish stainless mounting arm to hold the B-17..and a base made of white Oak framing covered with Dupont AIAA Premier Grade Corian ..Blue Sapphire Color..

PARTICULARS & DIMENSIONS:- (4) SIDED PEDESTAL / DIMINISHING SIDES..
ALL WHITE OAK FRAMING..
FRAMING TO BE COVERED WITH DUPONT,(AIAA PREMIUM GRADE) CORIAN - BLUE SAPPHIRE COLOR..
POLISHED STAINLESS STEEL MOUNTING ARM FOR B-17..
WIDTH AT BASE - 2'6"
WIDTH AT TOP - 0'10"
OVERALL HEIGHT- 6'6"
APPROX. WEIGHT- 630 LBS.

PARTICULARS:- GROUP SHIELD, "KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD", TO BE CAST IN COLOR - 8"W X 9"H ; WILL BE MOUNTED ON CENTER PANEL ABOVE CAST BRONZE PLAQUE..
CAST BRONZE PLAQUE,(WW II COMBAT HISTORY), 25.25"W at Bottom X 0-13" at Top X 30"H..
(4)- CAST SQUADRON EMBLEMS, IN COLOR, APPROX. 6" DIAMETER, TO BE MOUNTED 2 EACH ON SIDE PANELS.

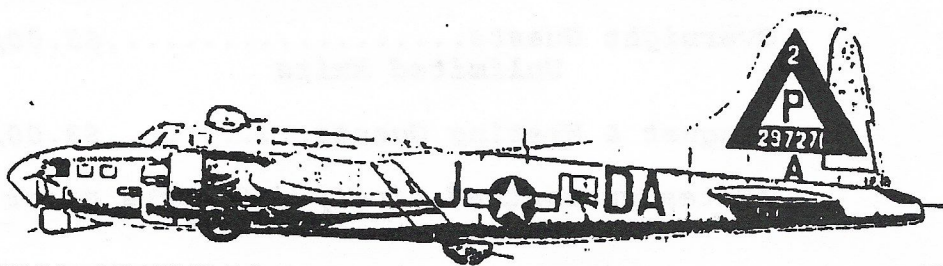
"IT IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE TO TELL YOU THAT ON THE 24th OF NOVEMBER 1997 OUR B-17 MODEL WAS INSTALLED IN THE 8th AIR FORCE MUSEUM"

"GO SEE SAME...IT IS BEAUTIFULL:

"MORE OF WHAT'S IS GOING ON"

We are now in the process of having a Memorial Monumont being made..to be put in the Memorial Gardens at Savannah 8th Air Force Museum.. The Memorial Monumont will be an exact duplicate of the one we have in England..same stone and wording..more on this in the next New's Letter..for it is all in the planning stage right now..

"WE ARE KEEPING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD"

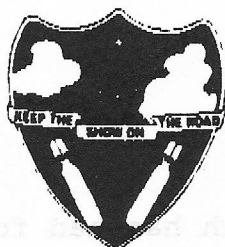




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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Holiday Season will soon be with us and we would like to Wish You a Happy Holiday Season and Good Health in the coming Year!

Over the years we have strived to perpetuate the Memory of the 384th Bombardment Group(H). We have our Memorial Monument, Memorial Stained Glass Window, and other Memorabilia in England. That is where it all happened so many years ago so it is appropriate to have these Memorials at Station 106, Grafton Underwood, and at Kettering, England. HOWEVER, only a handful of Americans will view these Memorials so to rectify this we have established Memorials in the United States. These include a duplicate Memorial Stained Glass Window, the American Bell, and other Memorabilia at Hill Air Force Base Museum. There is a Plaque in the Cemetery, a picture of the Window, and a model of the Screaming Eagle at the Air Force Academy. A Plaque and Living Tree at the Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio. A picture of the Window in the Pentagon, and at McConnell Air Force Base. At present there is a project for the Eighth Air Force Museum, Savannah, Georgia. More information on this project will be forthcoming in a future Newsletter, or at the Sixteenth Reunion.

1998 is almost here and it is the year for the Sixteenth Reunion which is scheduled for September 24-27, 1998 at the Hilton Hotel and Towers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Reunion Committee has completed the program and it will include three optional tours for Friday. Entertainment is booked for Thursday and Friday evenings, and a Glen Miller Style Orchestra for the Saturday Dinner Dance.

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Reunion Site during May, 1998 and at that time the program will be approved along with meetings with the Hotel Staff and Tour People. The Newsletter covering the Sixteenth Reunion will be mailed following the BOD Meeting and it will include a Registration Form, Table Reservation Form, Program, and the Optional Tour Information.

The largest attendance the 384th has had for a Reunion was in 1988 at the Eleventh Reunion, Savannah, Georgia. Ten years have elapsed since then and it would be nice to equal or surpass that attendance at the Sixteenth Reunion. To accomplish this goal we need your cooperation, so mark your 1998 Calendar with the dates September 24-27 and start putting a few bucks aside each month. The Reunion Committee has done their part and they have put together an excellent program for your enjoyment, so now you do your part be attending the Sixteenth Reunion.

Lloyd W. Whitlow
President
Board of Directors

In Memoriam

" FINAL TAP'S SINCE LAST NEW'S LETTER "

GEORGE CARROLL
TERRY L. JONES

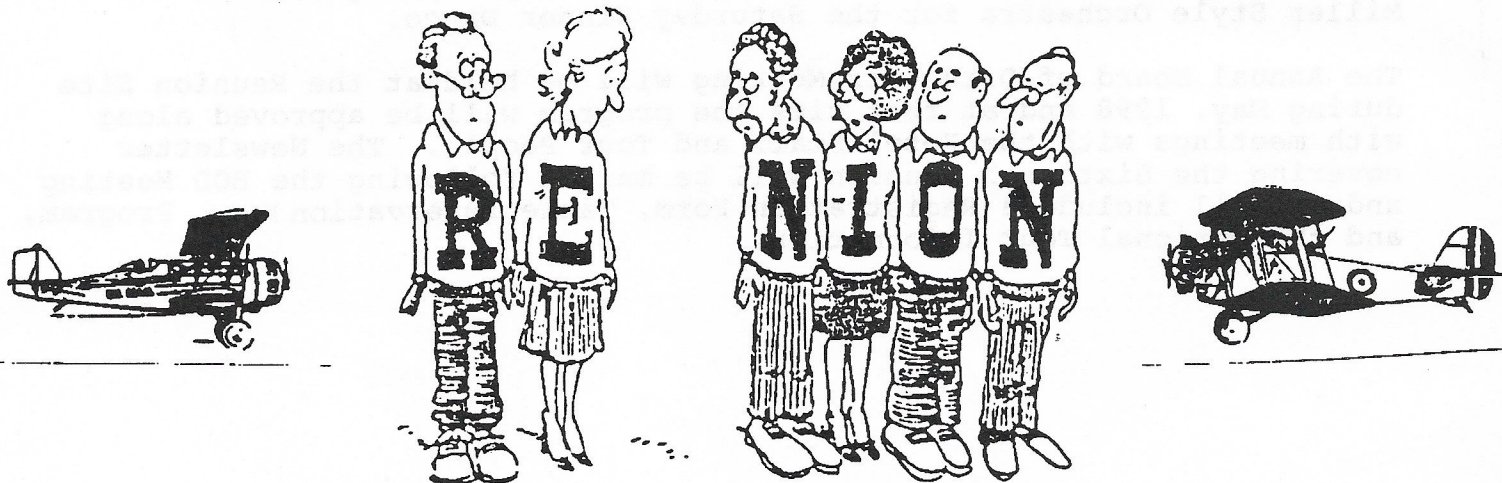
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INFORMATION ON OUR BOOK'S

We are no longer sellin"AS BRIEFED" We have only 9 copy's left.. and we are keeping them to present to the Graduating Cadet at the Air Force Academy..who wins our Fleging award...and there are no plan's to have more book's printed...we do have a large quantity of Scream Eagle by General Dale O Smith..if our member's want a copy the price is the same...\$12:95 plus 2:95 shipping.



IT WONT BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!