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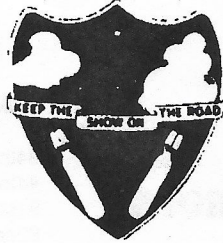
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**+++++ THE YEAR 2000 FIRST NEW'S LETTER +++++**

This is our beginning of the year 2000 letter..with your Due's envelopes in closed..if you have no envelope (Due"s) inclosed.. it means you have payed your Due's for the year 2000.. Please send it in early: for it makes book keeping a lot easier.. we have so many other things to keep us busy..  
Due"s run from 1st January to 31st of December..

Now on to good things..as you all know we are having our 17th reunion in Savannah Georgia...the dates have been set..31st August to 3rd of September 2000...At the HYATT REGENCY HOTEL on the Savannah River..the location is very good..you can walk right out to the main street or take a trolley ride to any part of the city(all information will be coming to you,in our regular new's letter) the cost for the room for the group is \$99. a night plus tax,..a copy of tentative program in with this letter..

So start saving your money for this trip..Savannah as you know is the home of the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum...where we have our 384th Memorial Monument(\$ame as in England)..our B-17 Model, plus Flags and other artifacts..May be they will have the English Chapel finished by our reunion..and it will have our Stain Glass Window..

So come see it all..start making plans now..Be there..

**++++ MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION..SAVANNAH +++++**

As stated above they are building( ground breaking done in Oct-1999) an English Chapel at the 8th A.F. Heritage Museum, we are one of the few groups selected to put a stain glass window in same..(only a few were selected out of the many groups who wanted to)..We have some fund's set aside for said project..But we colud still use some help, so if you can..please donate to this window..it is Tax Deductable..





## Military Services Provide Honors For Veterans' Funerals

All honorably discharged veterans are eligible for military honors at their funerals provided by the military services when requested by the deceased's family.

The amount of support is dependent on whether or not the deceased veteran was a military retiree.

Military retirees are eligible for all military honors which consist of all bearers, firing squad and bugler.

All other honorably discharged veterans will be provided with flag folders and someone to present the flag to the family.

According to Mike Fortino, chief plans and force management, services division at Robins Air Force Base, the services do all they can to provide the support the veteran is entitled to or which the family requests.

However, the availability of personnel and other mission requirements can impact on the support supplied

Fortino stated.

A family desiring military support at a funeral should request it through the funeral director. The director should contact the nearest military installation of the branch of service of the deceased veteran.

The installation will provide the funeral director with a point of contact for the support. See the table below for telephone numbers for the various services.

Fortino said the services will ask for some type of documentation that establishes the deceased individual's veterans status before any support will be supplied. The documentation should be a copy of the deceased's military discharge certificate or DD 214.

If you do not have these documents contact the Atlanta VA Regional office or the local Department of Veterans Service field office for assistance.

## 8th Air Force Bomb Groups England - World War II

398 BG "Flak News"

BOMB GROUP	STATION	AIRCRAFT	MISSIONS	LOSSES
34th Bomb Group	Mendelsham	B-17	170 missions	34
44th Bomb Group	Shipdham	B-24	343 missions	153
91st Bomb Group	Bassingbourn	B-17	340 missions	197
92nd Bomb Group	Podington	B-17	308 missions	154
93rd Bomb Group	Hardwick	B-24	396 missions	100
94th Bomb Group	Bury St. Edmonds	B-17	324 missions	153
95th Bomb Group	Horham	B-17	320 missions	157
96th Bomb Group	Snetterton Heath	B-17	321 missions	189
100th Bomb Group	Thorpe Abbots	B-17	306 missions	177
303rd Bomb Group	Molesworth	B-17	364 missions	165
305th Bomb Group	Chelveston	B-17	337 missions	154
306th Bomb Group	Thurleigh	B-17	342 missions	171
351st Bomb Group	Polebrook	B-17	311 missions	124
379th Bomb Group	Kimbolton	B-17	330 missions	141
381st Bomb Group	Ridgewell	B-17	296 missions	131
384th Bomb Group	Grafton Underwood	B-17	314 missions	159
385th Bomb Group	Great Ashfield	B-17	296 missions	129
388th Bomb Group	Knettishall	B-17	306 missions	142
389th Bomb Group	Hethel	B-24	321 missions	116
390th Bomb Group	Framlingham	B-17	300 missions	144
392nd Bomb Group	Wendling	B-24	285 missions	127
398th Bomb Group	Nuthampstead	B-17	195 missions	58
401st Bomb Group	Deenthorpe	B-17	256 missions	95
445th Bomb Group	Tibenham	B-24	282 missions	95
446th Bomb Group	Bungay	B-24	273 missions	58
447th Bomb Group	Rattlesden	B-17	257 missions	97
448th Bomb Group	Seething	B-24	262 missions	101
452nd Bomb Group	Deopham Green	B-17	250 missions	110
453rd Bomb Group	Old Buckenham	B-24	259 missions	58
457th Bomb Group	Glatton	B-17	237 missions	83
458th Bomb Group	Horsham St. Faith	B-24	240 missions	47
466th Bomb Group	Attlebridge	B-24	232 missions	47
467th Bomb Group	Rackheath	B-24	212 missions	29
486th Bomb Group	Sudbury	B-17	188 missions	33
487th Bomb Group	Lavenham	B-17	185 missions	48
489th Bomb Group	Halesworth	B-24	106 missions	29
490th Bomb Group	Eye	B-17	158 missions	40
491st Bomb Group	Metfield	B-24	187 missions	47
492nd Bomb Group	North Pickenham	B-24	64 missions	12
493rd Bomb Group	Debach	B-17	158 missions	41

### Additional Losses Incurred By 8th In Other Than "Combat"

The above tabulation represents a record of planes lost only on "combat" missions, primarily on the continent. Not taken into account are such losses as crashes in England when returning from a raid, losses in training ferry flights, etc.

When "all causes" are counted, the 8th Air Force aircraft losses look like this -

B-17's - 4,754  
B-24's - 2,112  
P-47's - 1,043  
P-38's - 451  
P-51's - 2,201

In addition to these better known aircraft, the 8th also incurred losses in a variety of light and medium bombers plus aircraft engaged in weather observation, troop carrier, radio countermeasure, training operations, etc.

A total of 12,731 B-17 Flying Fortresses were built. About 50 still exist with only a dozen or so still flying.

Including the Aluminum Overcast, owned by the EAA of Oshkosh Wisconsin, carrying the colors of the 398th Bomb Group

### Telephone Numbers To Request Funeral Support

#### ARMY

Fort Benning .....	706-545-4116
Fort Gordon .....	706-791-4212
Fort McPherson .....	404-752-2111
Fort Stewart .....	912-767-5159

#### NAVY

Naval Air Station Atlanta .....	404-421-5392
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#### AIR FORCE

Robins Air Force Base .....	912-926-3194
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#### MARINE CORPS

Marine Corps 6th District .....	404-347-7555
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#### COAST GUARD

Coast Guard District 7 .....	305-536-6990
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### Telephone Numbers of National Cemeteries

Andersonville, GA National Cemetery .....	912-924-0343
Marietta, GA National Cemetery .....	404-428-5631
Fort Mitchell, AL National Cemetery .....	205-855-4731
Beaufort, SC National Cemetery .....	803-524-3925
Chattanooga, TN National Cemetery .....	615-855-6590



## MADDINGLY

By Sheila Hudson, Ipswich, Suffolk

*The poppies are red still, in cornfields of gold,  
Tho' their lives were taken, they will never grow old.  
What dreams did they have then, all those years ago?  
The dreams of all young men with life's seeds to sow.*

*The battles are over and time has passed by,  
And sad is each resting place, beneath the quiet sky.  
Each headstone a white cross, in 30 acres of green,  
On a hillside near Cambridge, a grandiose scene.*

*The names of the missing are carved on a wall,  
And reflected forever in a still, dark pool.  
The chapel of limestone revealing their fate,  
In the stained-glass replicas of the Seals of State.*

*All those lives so wasted, and never to know,  
That the corn is still golden where the red poppies grow.  
Looking back to those dark years, with sorrow we say,  
'That for all our tomorrows, "they gave their today."*

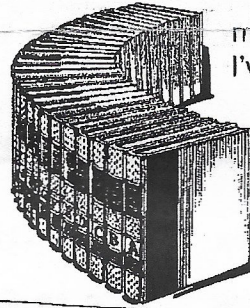
### MORE RULES OF COMBAT!

1. The easy way is always mined.
2. Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous.
3. Teamwork is essential, it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.
4. The only thing more accurate than incoming fire is incoming friendly fire.
5. Anything you do can get you shot, including doing nothing.
6. A Purple Heart just proves that you were smart enough to think of a plan, stupid enough to try it, and lucky enough to survive.
7. Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer for anything.
8. It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.

## Good Grades & Long Hair

A young boy had just received his driver's license. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring home good grades, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about the use of the car.

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"



The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair..." To which his father replied, "Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"

## Really Honey

An elderly couple were experiencing declining memories, so they decided to take a power memory class, where they teach you to remember things by association.

Later, the man was talking to a neighbor about how much the class helped him.

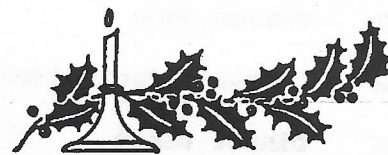
"Who was the instructor?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, let's see," pondered the man.

"Umm...what's that flower, you know, that smells real nice, but it has those thorns...?"

"A rose?" offered the neighbor.

"Right," said the man. He turned toward the house and shouted, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of the guy we took that memory class from?"



*We wish you a  
Joyful Holiday Season  
and a  
Prosperous New Year*



God Bless America



**384TH BOMB GROUP, INC.  
EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
SEVENTEENTH REUNION**

**PROGRAM**

<u>DAY &amp; TIME</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>		
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	Waterfront South
12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM	Memorabilia Room & Lounge	Savannah
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Cocktail Party Dinner - Buffet Combined	Harborside Center
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Memorabilia Room & Lounge	Waterfront South
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Trip to Savannah 8th Air Force Museum	
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cocktail Party	Prefunction
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner	Ballroom ABC
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Entertainment	Ballroom ABC
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>		
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Coffee & Danish	Prefunction
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Business Meeting	Ballroom A
9:00 AM - ?	Ladies Affair	Waterfront
12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM	Memorabilia Room & Lounge	Savannah
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	POW Meeting	Westbrook
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Movies Show	Ballroom CDEF
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cocktail Party (Host)	Prefunction
8:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Dinner Dance	Ballroom ABC
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>		
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Service of Remembrance	Harborside Center