

384th BOMB GROUP INC.

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SAVANNAH - HERE WE COME

Seventeenth Reunion will be in Savannah, Georgia.

The 17th Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group Inc. will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel on the Savannah River, 31st of August to 3rd September, 2000.

Hotel: The location is perfect (flyer enclosed), it is on the river, and only one block from shopping, restaurants, food stores, most of these facilities are within walking distance. There is also the Savannah Trolley train.

The Ballroom for our dinner dance and other functions, have very good accommodations. The registration room will be right off the huge lobby. All who attend should be pleased. Room rates are \$99.00 per day, plus tax. If you arrive 2 day's before, or stay 2 day's after, the same rate applies. Single or double \$99.00 per night - additional person \$25.00 per night. Valet parking \$7.00.

Programs - most of our programs are in the final stage - on Saturday - something for the ladies. We are having a Board of Director's meeting in May, and all the little details will be finalized. We will be spending a day at the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum, have lunch there. We will have entertainment and dinner on Friday night and our usual Dinner Dance (Big Band) on Saturday night. Cocktail party and some other things are also planned (itinerary enclosed) - Thursday will be a buffet.

REGISTRATION: All members planning to go to the 17th Reunion I would advise you to get your registration forms (enclosed in this newsletter) in as soon as possible. Since this reunion is in Savannah where the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum is, we are looking forward to a large turnout - so get registration forms in now.

TABLE RESERVATIONS:

As you know, all members attending have to send in a table reservation (form enclosed) if you wish to sit with crew members - indicate same on form. Send same to Lloyd Whitlow.

LADIES OF THE 384TH

On Saturday - Pat Barnes is in the process of making arrangements, I'm sure it will be interesting. More details before the reunion.

Information on our Stain Glass Window: As reported in the last newsletter, we are in the process of putting a Stain Glass Window in the new English Chapel being built at the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum, the final design of our window and

where it will be placed in the chapel, is now being finalized. I should have pictures of same, by time of the reunion, which will show the location, where Chapel will be built. (They should be working on same by then).

I expect to see you all in Savannah, Georgia.

Respectfully

Ted Rothschild, Exc. V.P.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

All of us should be very proud of the accomplishments done by the 384th Bomb Group. We have the Memorial Monument, the Memorial Stained Glass Window, and other memorabilia at Grafton Underwood, England. In Kettering, England we have the 384th Bell in the Belfry at St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church. And the most important is our good will Ambassador in England, Quentin Bland.

You are well aware that it cost of lot of money to travel to England to see and visit our Old Base at Grafton Underwood, Station 106, the location of our Memorial Monument and Memorial Stained Glass Window. For those members that are not able to travel to England, and to let other Americans see our accomplishments, we have a duplicate Memorial Stained Glass Window, and 384th Bell in the WWII Chapel, and on the grounds a duplicate of the Memorial Monument at the Museum at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. At the 8th Air Force Museum at Savannah, Georgia we have a duplicate copy of the Memorial Monument, and other 384th memorabilia, and very soon there will be a copy of our Memorial Stained Glass Window place in a new Chapel being built at the Museum. This way it makes it able for people living in the East to visit the 8th th Air Force Museum, those in the West can visit Hill AFB.

There is more information about the Seventeenth Reunion in the Newsletter, on Friday we will visit the 8th Air Force Museum.

We are looking forward to seeing and greeting you this September at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia.

DON'T MISS IT!!!

Lloyd W. Whitlow
President
Board of Directors



*I walked through a County Court House square
And on a park bench an old man was sittin' there
I said, "Your old court house has kind of run down"
He said, "No, it will do for our little town."
I said, "Your flag pole has leaned a bit,
and that's a ragged old flag you've got hanging on it."
He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.
"Is this the first time you've come to our little town?"
I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't brag,
but we are kind of proud of that ragged old flag.
You see we got a little hole in that flag there
when Washington took it across the Delaware,
and it got a powder burn when Francis Scott Key
sat up watchin' it, writing "Oh Say Can You See."
And it got a little rip in New Orleans
with Packerham and Jackson tuggin' at the seams,
and it almost fell at the Alamo run,
beside the Texas flag, but she waved on.
It got cut with a sword at Chancellorville,
got cut again at Shiloh Hill.*

*There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard and Bragg,
and the South wind blew hard on that ragged old flag.
On Flanders Field in World War One,
She got a bad hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood red in World War Two,
She hung limp and tired by the time that one was through.
She was in Korea and Vietnam,
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.
She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,
and now we've about quit waving her here back home.
And in her own good land here, she's been abused,
She's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused,
and now the very government for which she stands
is scandalized throughout the land,
and she's getting threadbare and she's wearing kind of thin,
but she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
Because she's been through fire before,
and you can be sure she can take a whole lot more.
So we raise her every morning,
and we bring her down slow every night.
We don't let her touch the ground
and we fold her up just right.
On second thought, I do like to brag,
Because I'm mighty proud of that ragged old flag."
"So am I."*

Author unknown

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LOOKING FOR WWII VETS

Got a story to tell, but no one to tell it to?
Got some stuff collecting dust?

Florida State University's Department of History has established the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience to preserve the artifacts, official histories, and personal accounts of those who gallantly served their country.

A nationwide collection and preservation of materials that reflect the daily life, the humor, and the heartache of *your* experiences - aspects that bring history to life - are the first concern of the Institute.

The Institute's focus is the everyday lives of the men and women, both military personnel and civilians, who experienced the pressures of war-time.

The Oral History Program works in conjunction with the preservation efforts of the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience.

It is looking for all veterans of WWII, including women, defense workers and those who contributed to the war effort at home.

To reach the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience or for more information, contact Dr. William Oldson, 850-644-9541, fax: 850-644-6401, e-mail: woldson@garnet.acns.fsu.edu.

To volunteer to tell your story as an oral history to the Florida State University Oral History Program, or to obtain more information, contact: Dr. Robin Sellers, 850-644-4966, fax: 850-644-6402, e-mail: sellers@mailers.fsu.edu.

DECEASED

Carnes, Mrs. Joseph (Ike) - Brownsville, Texas, wife of Board of Directors, Joe Carnes.

Mellon, Matthew - Stillwater, N.Y.

Pierce, Lee F. - Rouge River, OR

Bianconi, N - Meridan, CT

Cruise, J - Tolland, CT

Ringgold, W. - Cordova, TN

Wortman, M - Marina Delray, CA

Wollenweber, H. - Oakland, CA

Smiley, R. - Hickory, PA

Dvorak, F. - Brookfield, IL

Trimble, F. - Folsam, LA

Wolcott, R. - Cincinnati, OH

Broyhill, V. - Anaheim, CA

NAVIGATOR'S WANTED

384th BG NAVIGATORS: The U.S. Air Force Museum plans to add a display featuring activities of 8th Air Force navigators. Your help is needed in order to make this display as accurate as possible. Please contact John Massey, 6810 Rosewood Court, Tampa, FL 33615-3318. Call collect at 813-886-1938 or E-mail afnoacg@aol.com.



I'm Not Old - Just Mature



Today at the drugstore the clerk was a gent
From my purchase this chap took off ten percent
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount;
He answered, "Because of the Senior Discount."

I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries;
And there, once again, got quite a surprise.
The clerk poured coffee which he handed to me.
He said, "For you Seniors the coffee is free."

Understand--I'm not old--I'm merely mature;
But things are changing temporarily, I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day,
And people speak softer - I can't hear what
they say.

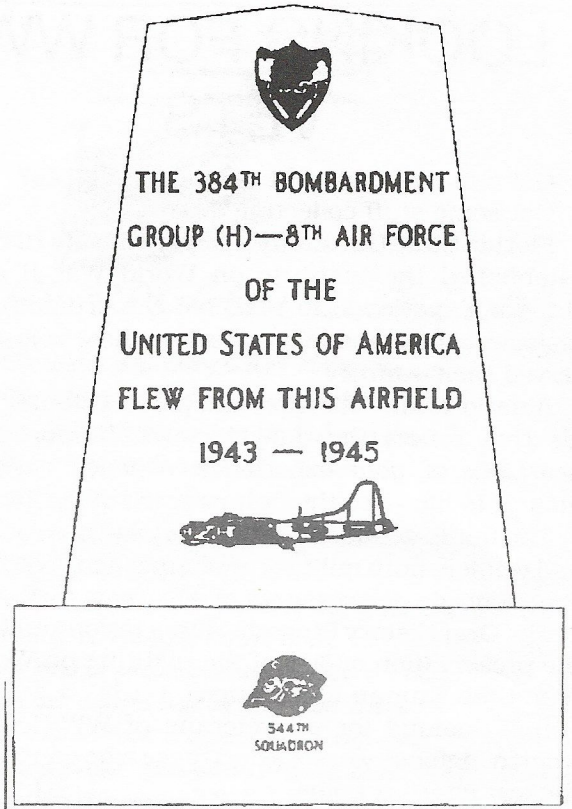
My teeth are my own (I have the receipt).
and my glasses identify people I meet.
Oh I've slowed down a bit, not a lot I'm, sure,
You see, I'm not old -- I'm only mature.

But I'm keeping up on what's hip and new,
I think I can still dance a mean bogaloo.
I'm still in the running - in this I'm secure
I'm not really old -- I'm only mature.

PROPOSED BILL IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

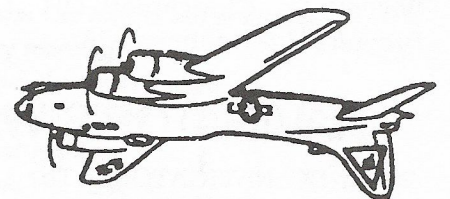
H.F. No. 3633, as introduced: 81st Legislative Session (1999-2000) Posted on Feb. 17, 2000.

1.1 A bill for an act relating to state observances; designating Mighty Eighth Air Force week; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: Section 1. (10.60) (MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE WEEK.) The week of October 8 to 14 is designated as Mighty Eighth Air Force Week in honor of the Eighth Air Force, the largest military unit to serve in World War II, whose heroic actions during the week of October 8 to 14, 1943, served as a turning point for daytime strategic bombing, despite the loss of 26,000 persons killed in action, over 28,000 prisoners of war, uncounted persons missing in action, and over 100 heavy bombers. Each year the governor shall issue a proclamation honoring this observance.



"Keep the Show on the Road"...

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