



384th BOMB GROUP INC.

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October 2003

BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 4-03 OGDEN MARRIOTT HOTEL

Members Present: Harvey, Snyder, Thompson, Rothschild, Whitlow, Arnold, Kaessner, Voiland, Arauz, Mazer, O'Leary.

Members Absent: Carnes (proxy), Barnes (proxy) (wife fell), Turner (proxy), Bland (proxy), Guilmet (illness).

Others Present: Alfter (Honorary Member), Goodrick (Member).

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. Opening words by Mazer regarding the picnic at the base tomorrow night that we are invited to, dress will be informal. He mentioned trying to get activities for women set up. He said that his medical problems appear to be an over dosage of medications. Absence of some members was mentioned, particularly Art Guilmet who suffered a stroke recently. Mazer opened with a prayer. Roll call by Rothschild. Bland's family are having serious health problems.

Minutes of last meeting was waived, motion by Mazer, 2nd by Harvey.

Arauz made a motion that we should think about replacement of Officers by members able and capable. Motion held over as new business.

Treasurer's report: money is getting short so must be careful. Buck Nelson's estate provided many of our public monuments. Keep 384th in your will. Copies of report were distributed. Money has been provided for Bland to pay insurance on our facilities at Grafton Underwood for about five years. If insurance ever lapses, it cannot be reinstated due to vandalism. Some of the trees behind the monument will be removed at request of the Duke. Some trees are diseased. We own the land that the monument is located on. The Duke owns more land than the Queen. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Voiland, 2nd by Mazer, passed unanimously.

New membership roster discussed, very well done, several typos noted but ignored. Nice letter from Spencer Baldwin, read and discussed. We started out with 3000+ members and now we are down to 535 members. "Pop" Dolan delayed formation of Club a number of years in order to let members get their civilian lives started, encouraged it to be made up of all ranks, not just officers. Discussion of Chapin and Roche in

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THE 384TH BOMB GROUP CRUISE

At the Eighteenth Reunion Business Meeting, the members elected to have our Reunion in 2004 take place on a cruise ship. 70 members replied to the questionnaire mailed to all members. Alaska was the first choice from the responding members. The majority selected a 12 day cruise as the desired length and the majority requested the cruise be a luxury 5 Star Cruise Ship.

Based upon this information the Crystal Cruise Line was selected and the Cruise is scheduled for Sept. 15 to Sept. 27, 2004 on the Crystal Harmony round trip from San Francisco, California to various ports of call in Alaska.

Crystal Cruise Line was selected over other Cruise Lines as it fit the choices selected by members that sent us a Questionnaire. The enclosed brochure explains the various choices of cabins and what is included, ie: shipboard credit, etc. There will be four (4) Host Cocktail Parties and there will be an area on board for our members to use for get-togethers, etc.

Information will be available in the near future on the Hotel for the stay in the San Francisco prior to boarding the Crystal Harmony. The 384th will furnish a coach to take our people from the hotel to the ship.

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(A Pittance Of Course) So We Can Keep Up Our Good Work!!*



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the early days of the Club. Vote of thanks to the Rothschilds for the big job on the roster. Place spot on dues card for voluntary contributions, none received.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding preservation of historical records of 384th B.G. Board will recommend to surviving members of the 384th that all official records be sent to National Archives for preservation. Personal records and group records will be sent to John Edwards or some other place. Discussion will continue at next meeting. Whitlow will contact Archives by e-mail to find out what kind of material they will accept from our organization. Personal stories and records will be stored by Edwards. Several universities are asking for oral interviews from veterans. We are extremely well represented at the Savannah Museum as well as Hill AF Base museum.

Mazer presented a report on Hill AF Base museum. He is working on projects to complete "finishing" of the museum and Chapel. He asked the board to approve a contribution of \$10,000 to complete the display of flags, plaques, etc. Discussion followed regarding the need for completion of our memorabilia display at the museum. Funds to be acquired as soon as possible. Arauz moved that funds be advanced, Arnold seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

There is need to give thought to ending the 384th as we know it. Arauz, Arnold and Harvey will form a committee to study the closing of the organization. Harvey will be Chairman. Mazer made the motion, Snyder seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Gene Goodrick joined the meeting. Arauz suggested that assistants to key officers be appointed to act in the event of some serious loss. Harvey would act for Arauz, Barnes would act for Rothschild, and Kaessner would act for Whitlow. All candidates were contacted and all have accepted. Mazer made a motion to accept list of back-up officers, Arnold seconded, motion passed. Thompson made motion to accept candidates - Arnold 2nd, carried unanimously.

Whitlow presented selection of 2004 reunion polls. Cruise to Alaska was the most popular. Brochure covering a selected trip to Alaska was circulated. Discussion of a short "land" reunion prior to cruise was discussed. Mazer moved to accept cruise in principle, 2nd by Voiland, carried. Bill O'Leary joined the meeting, cruise discussion continued.

After further discussion, it was decided to eliminate the "land" portion of the reunion as impractical and too costly.

Motion to close, many seconds, closed at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Howard Kaessner, VP Public Relations.

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DO NOT SEND YOUR CHOICE OF CABIN OR DEPOSIT TO TED ROTHSCHILD.

All gratuities are included in the price, soft drinks and food throughout the ship. Breakfast and Lunch are normally open seating, but we will have assigned seating for Dinner, we have selected the early seating for dinner as this gives one time for the evening shows.

There will be entertainment each evening and plenty of activities during the day. There will be the Captain Welcome on Board Cocktail Party, and the 384th will have two private Cocktail Parties, and the cruise will end the evening before arriving in San Francisco with the Captain Farewell Cocktail Party. When you receive your Cruise Package it will list the various tours available at

ports of call.

You have no doubt seen lower cruise prices than those listed in the brochure, however those cruise ships do not provide the type of entertainment or offer the things you will enjoy on the Crystal Harmony. The old saying: "You get what you pay for" and the best is never at the lower prices.

"If you plan to take the cruise, or even if you do not plan to take the cruise, we would appreciate your returning the enclosed Questionnaire after 1st December 2003, to Lloyd Whitlow so he can make the hotel reservations and hire a coach."

REMEMBER DO NOT SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TO TED ROTHSCHILD, BUT SEND IT TO "CRUISE HOLIDAYS OF LAS VEGAS."

Respectively,

384th Bomb Group, Inc. Board of Directors

If we do not get a big enough response to this cruise we will look into a smaller 7-day cruise. At the suggestion of Bill Harvey if the 7 day cruise does not go, we might plan a trip to Washington, D.C. for "THE WORLD WAR II MONUMENT" which will be finished by then and we could go see it and all the other memorials there.

By 1st December, tell Lloyd Whitlow what you want to do."

DEAR TED

*(A Timely Bouquet - to the Innovator)
from Jim Munday*

As a tri-monthly volunteer at the 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, I can vouch for the full time attention the church and especially "Your Window in the Chapel" is receiving. Not only does it evoke considerable pride from its myriad of viewers, but it is especially revered by its latent discovery by an occasionally startled but exceptionally proud itinerant 384th 'er.

To you and your volunteers who cultivated this project, I can personally vouch for its daily warm reception by a deeply impressed audience from all walks of life. An impromptu salute to these daily visitations from we the close observers, hopefully goes a long way in repaying your past and continued efforts towards this unique memorabilia.

Yours Sincerely,

Jim Munday



Betty Harvey, Margaret Rothschild



**Carol Alfter, Lynn Kaessner
FUN TIME**



Elsie O'Leary, Gene Goodrich, Bill O'Leary



**Gene & Gay Voil and
BREAKFAST**



Margaret, Donna, Carol & Betty



**Irene & Don Thompson
Dinner in the Chuck Wagon
Prairie Schooner**



Sam Arauz & Sharlee



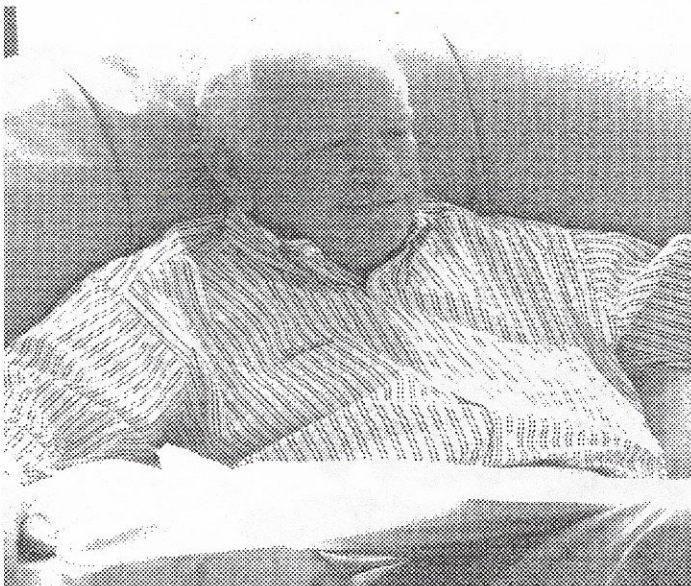
384th Group in Hill Air Force Base Hanger



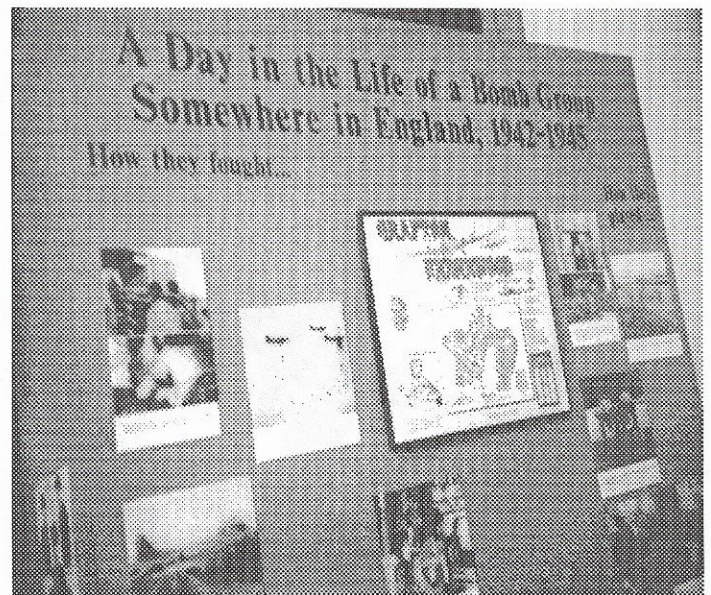
Part of 384th Display at Hill Air Force Museum



**Margaret & Ted - Dinner in Chuck Wagon
Prairie Schooner**



"The End" - Bill Harvey at Rest



384th Display - Hill Air Force Museum



**Group Members in Hill Air Force Museum
Hanger - 384th Memorabilia**



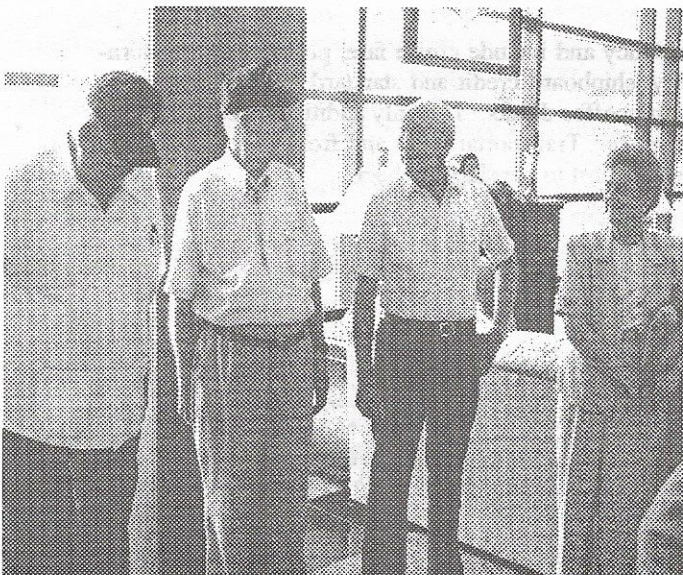
Bill O'Leary, Vern Arnold



**Ted Rothschild, Gene Goodrich, Don & Irene
Thompson, Margaret Rothschild**



384th Group in Chapel at Hill Air Force Base



**Ted Rothschild, Gene Goodrich,
Don Thompson & Irene Thompson
Waiting for Action**



Mike Mazer - Entertaining the Group

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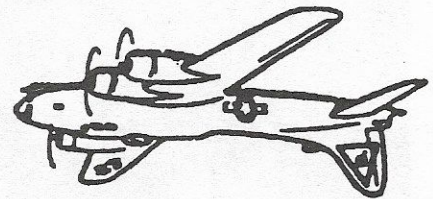


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