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TWENTIETH REUNION Washington, DC

Having the Twentieth Reunion in our Nation's Capital was exactly the right choice and everyone seemed so pleased with the tours and events that were so well planned and prepared. There was no doubt that seeing the World War II memorial was one of the highlights, if not the highlight of the trip. Many of us had not seen it since it was finished a few years ago and this was so appropriate for our veterans and their wives. What better way to recognize them for all they sacrificed so many years ago.

The troops began to gather at the McLean Hilton on Tuesday, well in advance of the reunion dates of 14-17 September, and many of us did some private sight-seeing and meeting with old friends. It was a chance to spin-up for the exciting times meeting with our Group friends and taking all those photos and hashing over old and not-so-old times we've had together over the years. It was also a chance to meet new friends.

Thursday was check-in for most of our troops and also the day the Board met to make decisions on this and the next reunion. We solidified plans for this reunion with slight adjustments being made in times and locations to accommodate changes in availability, etc. A vote was taken and passed on keeping the Reunions on a bi-annual plan, with the 21st being in 2008. That reunion location was voted on and accepted to be in Dayton, Ohio with the plan including visiting and possibly using the Air Force Museum. The more central location will hopefully attract more members to attend with hopefully more reasonable travel costs and distance.

Friday morning began very early for some, as at 8:00 the first Next Generation (NexGen) meeting was held to gather all those who might be interested in perpetuating the legacy of the 384th through assisting the Group in planning, funding and executing future 384th BG operations, including reunions, gatherings, preservation of artifacts and recording history. All who attended are invited to join the 384th as associate members and help us sup-



port this important effort. Your dues will be the most immediate support, but you are encouraged to contact NexGen members through Frank Alfter or Fred Preller.

At 9:30 we boarded buses and headed downtown to the memorials, with the first stop being at the Korean memorial. The Korean memorial gave us all exactly the feeling I think it was meant to . . . they were ghost-like figures of soldiers in that "forgotten" war and brought alive some of the visions of that war. We walked from there to the Vietnam memorial, probably the most celebrated memorial in DC, and

then boarded the buses for the short trip to the other end of the Reflecting Pool where the WWII memorial is located. This is a very well laid-out memorial with so much information and fantastic bas reliefs that told many stories.

After a very rushed lunch in Union Station, which is rich in architectural beauty, we headed for Arlington Cemetery for a tram tour of part of this vast resting place for so many heroes. The tram took us to John F. Kennedy's gravesite and also provided us with a panorama of the city of Washington. It was very interesting that Robert Kennedy's grave is marked with the only wooden cross in the entire cemetery. From there we hurried over to the Tomb of the Unknowns to witness the precision demonstrated in the changing of the guards. This was a very special treat for all of us to see and will undoubtedly remain vivid in our memories for a long time.

Friday evening found all of us at the no-host cocktail party which preceded the evening dinner. This was a great opportunity to chat with friends old and new and learn more about our Group's legacy first-hand from our heroes. The day was a very busy one and we all retired at a respectable hour in preparation for the following day's events.

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*Please Consider The 384th In Your Will
(A Pittance Of Course) So We Can Keep Up Our Good Work!!*



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Saturday morning again began early for some of us as the business portion of the NexGen meeting was conducted at 8:00, right before the Group's General Business meeting. During the NexGen meeting most of the organizational planning was done and sub-committees were established with chairs selected and plans for future business were drafted. It was decided that the NexGen organization would be called the 384th Bomb Group NexGen Committee, making it totally a sub-function or unit of the 384th BG. The only purpose of the committee is to support the operations of the Group and preserve the legacy of the same long into the future. For more details about the meeting and the committee, please contact Frank Alfter at

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That afternoon at 12:30 we boarded buses again and headed for the new National Air & Space Museum at the Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport. The first order of business upon arrival at the museum was to take a group photo of all attending veterans in front of the Boeing Model 307, an airliner based mostly on the B-17 and the closest aircraft they have at the moment to our famed Flying Fortress. We had 30 guys posing for photos and about 20 cameras or more flashing at them. It was really a magical moment that seemed to attract cameras like the true heroes they are. We then took photos of the guys who were on the first and last missions of the European War. The rest of the afternoon was free to wander about the expansive new NASM to see all the great displays from WWI through current fighter aircraft like the F-35. I believe the Enola Gay was the most impressive of all.

Saturday evening turned out to be the grandest of all balls. At the cocktail lounge there were dozens of our people wandering around trying to photograph as many people as they could, thinking they didn't want to miss the chance to record this evening of comradeship and memory-making. As we were "chimed" into the ballroom for an exquisite dinner, the music of Glenn Miller could be heard and many folks seemed to be dancing their way to their tables to drop purses and coats and then VFR to the dance floor. It was as if the Pied Piper were drawing everyone to the floor. It was magic and the whole evening progressed that way leading all of us to not want it to end. Again, the cameras were ever-present and much frivolity was recorded for posterity. It was well towards midnight before the last of the 384th retired for the evening. It was indeed a night that won't soon be forgotten and was the perfect way to lead many to the next reunion in Dayton.

Frank Alfter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 20th Reunion of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. took place at the Hilton Hotel, McLean, Virginia on September 14th to September 17th, 2006.

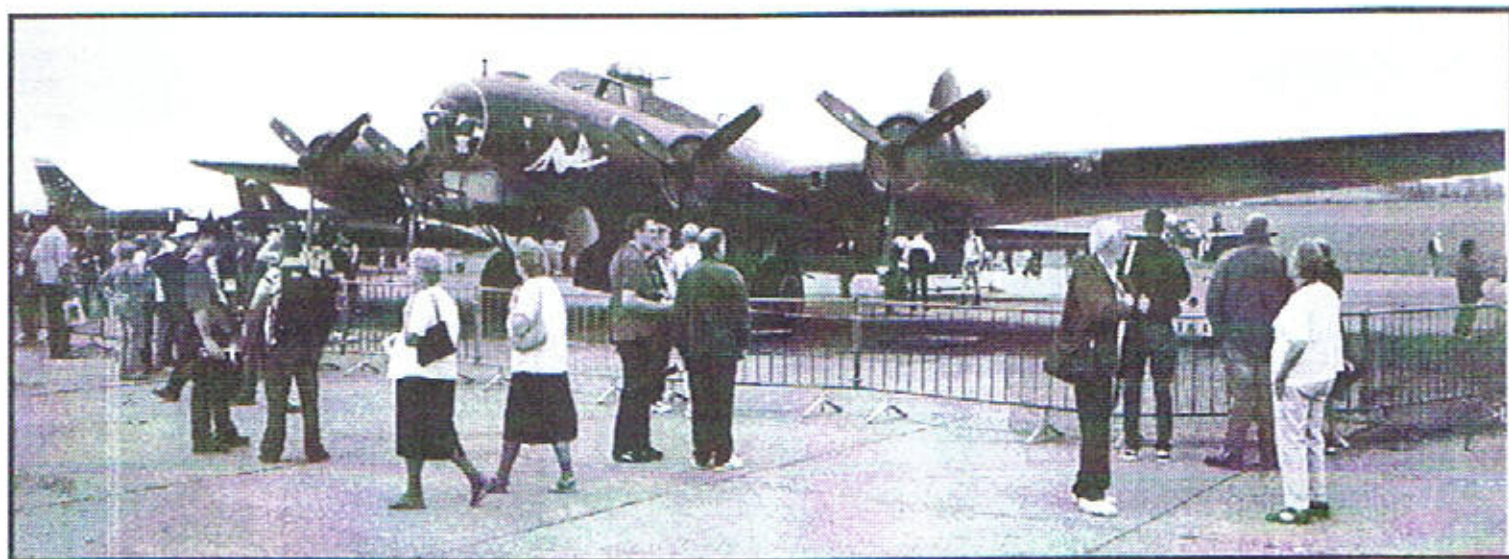
We had an excellent turnout for the Reunion, 110 Members, Spouses and Guests, this number included a number of our Associate Members. These younger members have taken a keen interest in the 384th and thanks to their interest they will keep the memories of the 384th alive for years to come. These Associate Members are headed by Frank Alfter, who's Father was a Member of the 384th and based at Grafton Underwood during WWII. Frank is a very active Member. During the Reunion Business Meeting he was elected Reunion President for the 21st Reunion. As you may know, the Reunion President for the 20th Reunion was Quentin Bland. Because of the excellent work both men have done for the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. was not only the reason for their selections for Reunion President but also the reason that they have both been appointed members of the Board of Directors. These appointments, along with the other Associate Members, will keep the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. alive and well.

The next Reunion will take place at Dayton, Ohio, time and place will be announced in a forthcoming Newsletter. After much discussion, the City to select for the next Reunion took place. We are aware that Dayton was the city for a past Reunion, but because McConnell Air Force Base is in Dayton and the fact that Frank Alfter is a resident of Dayton, are the prime reasons for the selection of Dayton, Ohio. At the past Dayton Reunion we were hosted by the Air Base, Frank Alfter is a Retired Air Force Colonel and we are hoping, through him, that the Base will again Host our Reunion.

I will be making a trip to Dayton in the near future to select the Hotel and meet with Frank and Members of the McConnell Air Force Base.

Until next time!

*Lloyd W. Whitlow, President
Board of Directors
384th Bomb Group, Inc.*





Lynn Kaessner, Elsie O'Leary, Donna Whitlow



*384th Members & Guests
Boarding Bus For Tour*



Board Meeting



Lloyd & Donna Whitlow



*Irene Thompson, Kathleen Porter,
Spencer Porter, Don Thompson*



*Left to Right: Ted, Quentin, Lloyd, Frank Alfter,
Donna, Margaret. Cocktail Reception before Dinner Dance*



Lynn Kaessner



*The Ziebas - Jean, Nathan, Linnea & Andy
Sept. '06*



Don Thompson, Quentin Bland



Ladies 384th Registration



Frank & Carol Alfter



Joe & Jean Carnes, Don & Irene Thompson



Peggy & Vern Arnold & Fred Preller



Bill & Elsie O'Leary



Don Thompson, Roy Snyder



Joe & Jean Carnes



Col. Horace Frink



Jerry Meehl & Mark Meehl



Jean Guilmet & Gene Goodrick



Happy 384th Members



Bill Wilkens & Lloyd Whitlow



Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Castro



*Isabelle Engels, Gene Goodrick &
Daughter Chaisty*



384th Members



*Gene Goodrick, Irene & Don Thompson,
Isabelle Engels*



Bill O'Leary



Members 384th on Tour



Spencer & Kathleen Porter



Donna, Margaret, Ted & Wally Davidson



Ted Rothschild, Stella Snyder



545th Squad Member at Arlington Cemetery
BETTY & HARRY SWIFT



Col. Horace Frink



*Frank & Carol Alfter
Irene & Don Thompson*



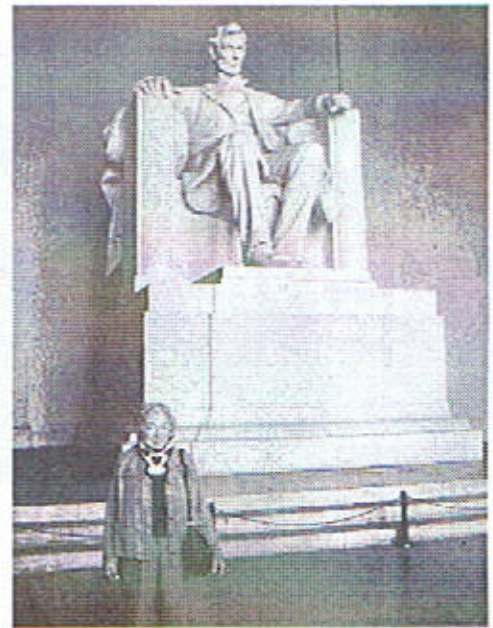
Anyone Know Who This Lady Is?



Arlene & Morgan Himmelstein



*Jean Zieba & Grandsons
Nathan & Andy (Cousins)*



Peggy Arnold at Abe Lincoln Memorial

OUR DEBT TO THE
HEROIC MEN AND VALIANT
WOMEN IN THE SERVICE
OF OUR COUNTRY CAN
NEVER BE REPAID. THEY
HAVE EARNED OUR
UNDYING GRATITUDE.
AMERICA WILL NEVER
FORGET THEIR SACRIFICES.
PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

D-DAY JUNE 6, 1944
YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK UPON THE
GREAT CRUSADE TOWARD WHICH WE HAVE STRIVEN THESE
MANY MONTHS. THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE UPON YOU.
I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR COURAGE,
DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SKILL IN BATTLE.
GENERAL MARSHALL

CENTRAL EUROPE



View up Mall from Lincoln Memorial





Korean War Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Memorial of the Nurses



2006 REUNION

The 384th B.G. (H) 2006 Reunion is now part of history, nearly 30 veterans attended and with dependents the total was 100.

It was always nice meeting old friends, regrettably some familiar faces were missing. From my point of view some of the veterans I had not seen for 30 years. As ever the Reunion was a great success. Most poignant was the visit to Arlington Cemetery where the remains of over 270,000 veterans are interned. What a price freedom has.

The tour of the US Capital was a real experience as one was able to see for real the sites we have heard of, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, White House and the future Air Force Memorial to name but a few.

The tour of the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles airport was quite an eye opener, the size of the space shuttle was mind blowing and to see the Enola Gay close up was to see a true piece of history. The pilot of Enola Gay, Paul Tibbetts flew as pilot of a B-17 of the 97th B.G. (H) when this unit flew the very first mission of the Eighth Army Air Force when they bombed the railway marshalling yards at Rouen France on August 17th, 1942. This mission was flown from the airfield here at Graton-Underwood and all we all know the 384th B.G. (H) had the distinction of dropping the last bombs carried by the Eighth U.S.A.A. from England in World War II when from the same airfield they bombed the Skoda Works at Pilsen Czechslovakia on the 25th April 1945.

At the Board of Directors meeting it was decided the next Reunion would be held at Dayton, Ohio in 2008. Dayton is the home of Wright Patterson A.F.B. which houses the largest collection of aircraft in the world. The 384th B.G. (H) has a Memorial Tree planted by members many years ago along with other artifacts.

The NexGen, that is offspring from veterans had meetings and decided on future projects that would keep the flame burning for the 384th in the future.

The 2006 Reunion was a great success and 2008 will be here before we know it, so make a date for 2008.

KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Sincerely,
Quentin Bland

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

We have a very good group of younger Associate Members, who are working to improve the 384th. One I will mention to you all is Mark Meehl. He is taking over collecting our records, pictures and any information on the 384th Bomb Group. He will catalog and record everything he gets and will make it all available to us, if we should need same. So whatever you have that you want to keep in the 384th Bomb Group, send it to him.

Address: Mark Meehl
628 North 2nd
Seward, NE 68434

I personally approve of this, from a letter I received from Mark Meehl. I believe he will do a great job.

We are trying to provide you all better service and save the Group money at the same time with letters, the newsletter, and any other correspondence. If you have an e-mail address, would you please send it to Frank Alfter at:

FAlfter@NexGen.384thBombGroup.com

INFORMATION FROM WAR MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

How can I register a name in the Registry?

You may enter a name in the registry via the internet or by mail. To register a name via the internet, go to <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>. Click on the "WWII Registry" button at the left. Follow the online instructions to enter the name you wish to honor. To register a name via mail, call 1-800-639-4992 and a form will be mailed to you with instructions.

*Ted Rothschild
Chief Cook & Bottle Washer*

DUE'S ENVELOPE IN NEWSLETTER WILL BE FOR YEAR 2007



JAPS as of 11/1/2006

ADAMS, JACK	SWEET HOME, OR
CHESLOW, MORRIS	MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ
FIELDS, JAMES	PHOENIX, AZ
FEINGOLD, AL	ALEXANDRIA, VA
HARTENFELD, LOUIS	STOCKTON, CA
JACKSON, WILLIAM	SAN MARCOS, CA
LIPPENCOTT, EARL	NEW BLOOMFIELD, PA
MORGAN, JAMES	RENO, NV
SHADE, WILLIAM	FLEETWOOD, PA



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