



384th Bomb Group Newsletter

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Last Minute Notes for Attending the Reunion in October

This is the final (short) newsletter before our 21st Reunion on 2-5 Oct 08. Please be sure you have made your hotel reservations by calling the Holiday Inn Fairborn at **937-426-7800**, and be sure to tell them that you are with the 384th Bomb Group to get our special rate of **\$89 per night**. Also, if you require transportation from the airport, let Kris Davis (**937-431-4603**) know your flight number and time of arrival at the Dayton Airport. She will arrange transportation and it will only cost you \$15 per person. Some of you have made hotel reservations, but have not paid your reunion fees and others have paid the fees, but have not made hotel reservations... please confirm both. If you are arriving on Friday, 3 Oct, be sure to arrive at the hotel in plenty of time to make the bus departure at 2:30 pm, which is when we leave for a tour of the Presidential aircraft and Huffman Prairie Interpretive Center before going on to the Air Force Museum. Please do not be late, but if you are, please drive or catch a cab to the AF Museum to be there at 6 pm. If you plan to rent a car upon your arrival, you may want to look into flying into Columbus and driving to Dayton, because some airlines have better fares into Columbus than Dayton. It is only an hour's drive from Columbus to Dayton and it's all interstate. What to wear?? The average Oct temperature in Dayton is: low of 44 and high of 82, with less than 3 inches of rain for the month. They are forecasting a colder winter here this year, so I would think the temps might be around the mid 60s and cooler in the evenings, so bring jackets and sweaters. Bring your cameras, because the Ohio colors are wonderful at that time of the year, and besides, you will want to capture photos of all our 384th family! There are plenty of eateries within walking distance of our hotel, so you needn't worry about having to eat all of your meals in the hotel. If you need any last minute information, please call Frank or Carol at **937-306-2142**

Those Paid Up for the Reunion

It's now the end of Aug and we have 85 people who have paid their reunion fees, with more coming in every day. Carol and I are certain we will break 100 before the event, which is about what we had in Washington, DC two years ago. We feel the Air Force Museum is probably the biggest draw, but being fairly central in the United States has to help. And then there is the great camaraderie that goes with this august group of veterans and their better halves. I cannot think of a better, more fun-loving group of folks I would rather be with!

While we have 85 who have already paid, there are another 12 who have hotel reservations, who have not paid the reunion fees. That could be an-

other 24 attendees, and added to the 85, that makes 109! We are getting there, folks! This will be one reunion to remember.

Below is a list of people coming to the Twenty-First Reunion:

ALFTER	GODDRICK
BLAND	GORDY
CARNES	HARVEY
CASTOR	KAESSNER
CASTRO	LEHENBAUER
CAUSA	LUSTIG
EDWARDS	MAGILSON
EUTING	MEEHL, G
FISHER	MEEHL, M
GOETZ	O'LEARY
PEEBLER	SWIFT
PRELLER	THOMPSON
RICHERT	TRAYLOR
ROWLEY	WHITLOW
SCHUBMEHL	WEENING
SIENKIEWICZ	WILKENS

SNYDER	WOOD, R
STURGESS	WOOD, JR
SWIFT	BUIS
FLEENOR	GUILMET
VOILAND	MILNE

The 12 with hotel reservations, but have not paid the reunion fees should please send in your checks soon! The hotel has a total of 50 rooms booked now, which already meets our minimum goal, but now we would like to see our attendee list grow to over 100.

Please know that we will not be set up to do registrations upon arrival. You will be given your welcome packet at hotel check-in.

**THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE
REGISTRATION**

Men of the Fortress

There have been some great traditions
Through a thousand years of kings,
Long centuries of battles fought,
Crusades, campaigns and things—
That gave to many regiments
Traditions tried and true,
Honors aged and multiplied,
As they fought decades through.
The echo of the trumpeter
Whose repertoire at large,
Embraced but one great battle call:
"Forward! Bayonets! Charge!"
There's the spirit of the Alamo,
Of courage unsurpassed;
Concord Bridge and San Juan Hill,
Verdun's "They shall not pass!"
Such fighting makes tradition.
But today, unlike the past,
A fledgling code without prelude
Becomes tradition fast.
The Air Force carved its heritage
On the highways of the skies,
Blazing there the fighting code
Of every man who flies.
Yet few know this tradition
The armadas built upstairs,
Where the bombers' blazing fifties
Defy the flak, and dare
The fighter packs, the rocket bombs
And shell blasts—to attack!
It's a mighty proud tradition
To have "never been turned back!"
Cpl. Ellsworth B. Lawrence

"Keep the Show on the Road...."



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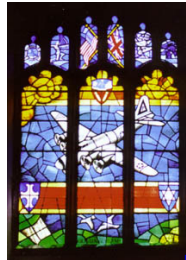


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TAPS as of Aug 2008

DILLINGHAM, MAURICE	San Antonio, TX
MINER, ALFRED	Apopka, FL
SMISEK, WILLIAM	Omaha, NE



Keeping the Show on the Road

Almost monthly we receive the sad news that yet another one of our heroes has passed, and we are deeply saddened to get the call from one of the family. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time, and we always ask if the caller or writer is interested in carrying on the legacy of the member who is now gone. The 384th cherishes its members and their families and makes the offer so that we can stay together in these difficult times and look after one another's needs.

We welcome the wives to help us Keep the Show on the Road and likewise offer descendants the opportunity to join in our Next Generation group, or NexGen. The sole purpose of that group within the larger Bomb Group is to carry on the legacy and teach our children about the sacrifices our fathers and grandfathers made so that we can live under the blanket of freedom.

Some of us have been associated with the 384th since long after our fathers passed on, because we realize that someone must help to keep their memory alive. Please consider joining us and contribute to this worthy goal. Frank Alfter



DIRECTIONS FROM DAYTON AIRPORT

- Follow signs to I-70 and go east towards Dayton and Columbus
- Take Exit 44A onto I-675 going south (towards Cincinnati)
- Take Exit 17 onto N. Fairfield Rd, go right and then get in far left lane
- Go left onto Col Glenn Hwy (bottom of hill) and go to first traffic light
- Go left onto Center Park Blvd... Holiday Inn is at the end

