



384th Bomb Group Newsletter

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OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM



FLAG

At the banquet in Savannah Henry Sienkiewicz presented the Bomb Group with a flag that was flown on a mission over Afghanistan. The citation that accompanied the flag reads: The accompanying United States Flag was proudly flown by the men and women of the 16th Special Operations Squadron over Afghanistan during a Special Operations mission on May 27, 2009, aboard aircraft 69-6573 (an AC-130), known as **HEAVY METAL**. This flag was flown in honor of the Veterans of the 384th Bomb Group (Heavy). Capt Drew Saylor made this thoughtful presentation possible.



Vern Arnold & Les Amundson

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD CHURCH

The church in Grafton Underwood is in the process of raising £40,000 for needed renovations. Thus far they have raised about £20,000. At the Board meeting in Savannah Quentin Bland presented a brief description of the renovations and asked if the Board was willing to make a donation to the fund. The Board agreed to donate \$2,000.00 to the village church. If there are any members who would like to make a donation to the village church renovation fund please send a check made payable to the 384th Bomb Group, Inc, to Carol Alfter, 1306 Adams Way, Beavercreek, OH 45434. Please indicate on the memo line that the funds are for the church. We will collect the donations and make a bank to bank transfer into the bank account in England.

FISHER HOUSE DONATION

The Board also authorized a donation to the Augusta Fisher House. This donation was made in the memory of Corporal Matthew V Dillon, USMC, KIA 12/11/2006 in Iraq. Matt is the son of a NexGen member and the 384th was honored to make a donation....veteran to veteran...

The BX is Open!

384th BG patches are available for \$10.00 each. THIS IS A FUND RAISER and we have less than 100 patches!! This patch is approximately 4 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches in size and will look great on a blazer or hat.

Shirts with the KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD emblem embroidered on them are available for pre-paid orders as follows:

Dark denim, short & long sleeve: \$30.00 men & ladies

Faded blue denim, short & long sleeve: \$30.00 men & ladies

Easy care dress shirt, short & long sleeve: \$31.00 white/lt stone, med blue, men & ladies

Golf shirt: \$25.00 men & ladies, navy, white, red, light pink

Mens sizes: S, M, LG, XLG, XXXLG, XXXXLG

Ladies: S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16), XL (18/20), XXL (20), 1X (18W/20W) 2X (22W/24W)

We will be using the prepaid USPS shirt boxes for mailers and postage will be \$10.35 per box. I will put multiple shirt orders in as few boxes as possible. This is not a fund raiser, you are being charged actual costs. **ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 30 NOV 09. All sales are final.** Please make checks payable to 384th BOMB GROUP and send to Carol Alfter, 1306 Adams Way, Beavercreek, OH 45434.

We have **hats** in the works and will advise when they are ready.

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



Message from Your President

I, as well as all the board members, was very pleased with the large attendance at the Gathering. It was great to see all of you again. I thought it was very well organized. We had some planned activities and also free time to see the sights of Savannah, thus allowing each of us to do what we enjoyed. A special thanks to Carol for making it all happen.

At the chapel I recited a short poem in which an 85-year-old pilot was comparing himself to a B-17. It is very true of all of us who served our country in its time of need as members of the 384th Bomb Group.

Some people asked for a copy so here it is:

My engines sometimes miss a beat
And the radios just mumble,
My landing gear won't quite lock down
And my gyros often tumble.

Some say my airframe's ancient
And should be grounded for repair.
But I'll be darned if that is so,
I'm still up in the air.

I need a longer runway
Just to get off the ground,
But I'm a human B-17
And, hey, I'm still around.



Donald Thompson



BRANSON 2010

In Savannah the membership voted on Branson, MO as the site for the 2010 reunion. Carol Alfter and Christy Lehenbauer, Gene Goodrick's daughter, have already made a trip to Branson to select a hotel and viewed several shows. The Hilton Convention Center in Branson is the hotel of choice and we are currently looking at 9-12 Sep as the dates. Christy and I looked at several properties and stayed at The Lodge of the Ozarks. The Hilton was our choice hands down!!

We will be using the services of a reunion planner for this event which will make setting up shows and transportation much easier. Once the planner has set the deadline there will be no additions after that date!! Please make sure you register in time. We hope to have the registration form in the next newsletter.

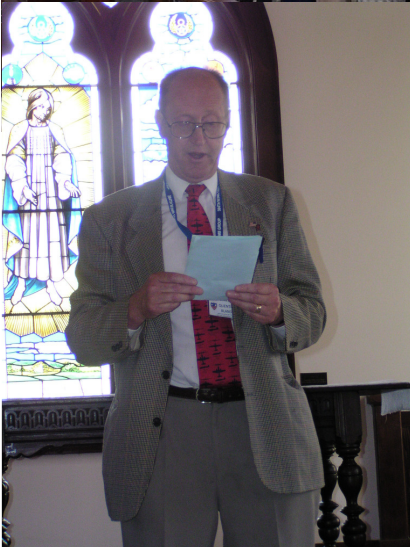
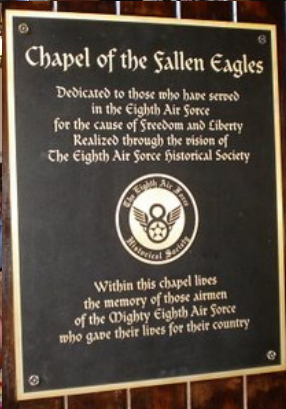
FYI - The Group usually gets a complimentary room for Quentin Bland based on the number of rooms occupied. In Savannah we had some members staying at a hotel other than the Hilton. As a result, we did not have the numbers each night required to get Quentin's room at no cost. We hope you keep this in mind when you come to Branson and make your room reservation at the hotel selected by the Board.

YOUR 2009 PHOTO ALBUM:

The Crab Shack
8th Air Force Museum
Paula Deen's
Banquet

and MORE!









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