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# SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE REUNION PATCH

As you may recall from the last newsletter (November 2017), 2018 will be the last of the planned 380th annual reunions. A special commemorative reunion patch is being created to be sold to our members. Final design is underway, but here's a mock-up.

If you are interested in purchasing one (or more) of these special patches, please contact Barb Gotham by email, text, or letter. (This is so she can make sure to order enough patches for all who would like one.)

#### Cost of each patch will be: \$10.00

Note that the "regular" reunion patch for 2018 is also available. Cost for that patch is: \$3.00



## **REUNION FUND**

If you are unable to attend this year's 380th Reunion, but would like to donate to the Reunion Fund (to help fund travel for 380th veterans), please send your contribution (checks or money orders, no credit cards) to: Barbara Gotham/Reunion Fund

(make check payable to: 380th Bomb Group Association) 130 Colony Road West Lafayette IN 47906-1209 USA

## **REUNIONS - THEN AND NOW**

At the earlier 380th reunions, reunion buttons were either sold or given to all attendees. This ended with the 1999 reunion. The buttons printed here were sent to Barb Gotham from Linda Hawkins, John A. Cutt's daughter.

Starting in 2012, silver dog tags were given to all attendees, and will be available this year also.

Note: if anyone has an extra 2014 (Norfolk) dog tag, please send to (or bring to this year's reunion) Barb Gotham for her collection! Thanks!



# REAL ID ACT

The REAL ID Act establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver's licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards.

Starting October 1, 2020, every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of identification, *for accessing Federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants, and boarding commercial aircraft.* 

For more info, go to: https://www.dhs.gov/real-id

REAL ID does NOT apply to the following:

- Entering Federal facilities that do not require a person to present identification
- Voting or registering to vote
- Applying for or receiving Federal benefits
- Being licensed by a state to drive
- Accessing Health or life preserving services (including hospitals and health clinics), law enforcement, or constitutionally protected activities (including a defendant's access to court proceedings)
- Participating in law enforcement proceedings or investigations

REAL ID Documentation: https://www.dhs.gov/securedrivers-license-documentation#

You can also check with your state's department of motor vehicles.

# Q: What do I need to do if I am visiting a federal facility or a military base?

Residents from a state/territory that is compliant with REAL ID or non-compliant with REAL ID, but has received an extension may continue to use their current state/ territory-issued driver's licenses and identification cards, regardless of whether the card is REAL ID compliant or not, for accessing federal facilities, including military bases. This is what we call "state-based" enforcement. Only the state that issued the resident's license/ID must be either compliant or have been granted an extension in order for that resident to use that license/ID for accessing Federal facilities.

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or another acceptable form of identification, for accessing Federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants, and boarding commercial aircraft. The card, itself, must be REAL ID compliant unless the resident is using an alternative acceptable document such as a passport.

# **Q:** Will a federal agency accept my Enhanced Driver's License?

Yes. State Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) designated as acceptable border-crossing documents by DHS under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are acceptable for official federal purposes such as accessing a Federal facility or boarding a commercial aircraft. Individual agency policies may still apply. Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington are the only states that currently issue EDLs. For more information on EDLs, please go to www.dhs.gov/enhanced-drivers-licenseswhat-are-they.

#### Q: When will I need to change how I travel domestically?

Starting January 22, 2018, passengers who have driver's licenses issued by a state that is not yet compliant with REAL ID and that has not received an extension will need to show an alternative form of acceptable identification for domestic air travel. Please see TSA's website for a list of acceptable forms of identification. Passengers who have licenses issued by a state that is compliant or that has an extension to become compliant with REAL ID requirements may continue to use their licenses as usual.

#### Q: Will minors need to have driver's licenses to fly domestically?

TSA does not require children under 18 to provide identification when traveling with a companion within the United States. The companion will need acceptable identification.

# Q: What happens to travelers who show up without a compliant license? Will TSA turn them away?

Starting January 22, 2018, travelers who do not have a license from a compliant state or a state that has been granted an extension (a complete list of non-compliant states/ territories can be found here) will be asked to provide alternate acceptable identification. If the traveler cannot provide an acceptable form of identification, they will not be permitted through the security checkpoint.

For more info, go to: https://www.dhs.gov/real-id

# POTENTIAL DONATION SITES FOR WWII MEMORABILIA

If you have military memorabilia to donate, here's a few suggestions of places that may take your items.

A longer list of places is given on our website at: http://380th.org/MemorabiliaDonationList.pdf

American Military Museum South El Monte, CA Phone: (626) 442-1776 Email: tankland@aol.com http://tankland.com/ http://tankland.com//donating-to-the-museum

Army Air Corps Library and Museum Dallas-Fort Worth TX Phone: (214) 957-1393 Email: history@armyaircorpsmuseum.org http://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/ http://www.armyaircorpsmuseum.org/artifact-donations. cfm

Commemorative Air Force Airpower Museum Dallas/Midland TX Phone: (214) 330-1700, ext. 105 Email: development@cafhq.org https://www.commemorativeairforce.org/ https://www.commemorativeairforce.org/root/shop/ donate

Commemorative Air Force Museum Mesa AZ Phone: 480.360.8439 Email: info@azcaf.org https://www.azcaf.org/ https://www.azcaf.org/support-us/

The International Museum of World War II Natick MA Phone: (508) 651-1944 Email: visit@imwwii.org https://museumofworldwarii.org/ https://museumofworldwarii.org/support/donateartifacts/

March Field Air Museum Riverside CA Phone: (951) 902-5204 https://www.marchfield.org/ https://www.marchfield.org/support/donate/museumwish-list/ https://www.marchfield.org/support/donate/donatingartifacts/ National Museum of the Pacific War Fredericksburg TX Phone: (830) 997-8600 http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/ http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/get-involved/donatean-artifact/

National Museum of the US Air Force Dayton OH Phone: (937) 255-3286 Email: nationalmuseum.mup@us.af.mil http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Collections/ Donation-Wish-List/ http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Collections/Donatean-Item/

National WWII Museum New Orleans LA Phone: (504) 528-1944 https://www.nationalww2museum.org/give https://www.nationalww2museum.org/common-worldwar-ii-donations

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor Ford Island, Honolulu, Hawaii Phone: (808) 441-1000 https://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org/ https://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org/supportus/ donate/

San Diego Air & Space Museum San Diego CA Phone: (619) 234-8291 http://sandiegoairandspace.org/ http://sandiegoairandspace.org/support/donate/

Veterans Memorial Museum Casper WY Phone: 307-472-1857 https://wyomilitary.wyo.gov/veterans/museums/vetsmuseum/

Yankee Air Museum Belleville (near Detroit) MI Phone: 734-483-4030 Artifacts Email: Gale.Robinett@YankeeAirMuseum.org http://yankeeairmuseum.org/

Disclaimer: This is just a list of sites compiled from an Internet search on 4/3/18 – this list does not imply recommendations for any particular site.

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At the members' meeting at the 2017 Dayton Reunion, it was decided that we would hold one final "last hurrah"! This decision was made based upon low recent attendance but mostly due to the advancing age of our WWII veterans.

*Why Tucson?* The 380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group was activated on 3 November 1942 at Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona. It is only fitting that we end our annual reunions where (and when) it all started! This is also where the first "final" reunion was held in 1999!

REUNION WEBSITE: http://380th.org/REUNION/2018Reunion/Reunion.htm

#### DEADLINES:

<u>Hotel Reservation Deadline</u>: **September 21, 2018** – reservations made after this date at the group rate are subject to availability - if you miss this deadline, you can (first) call the hotel directly (online link may not work after the September 21 deadline) and ask if the 380th Group rate is still available, or (second) contact Barb Gotham who will see if she can still get you a room at our group rate. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.

Event Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (unless prior arrangements have been made with Barb Gotham)

#### HOW TO REGISTER:

Use the event registration form. Note that pre-registration is required for the reunion , the museum tours, and the dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. Everyone interested in taking the boneyard/AMARG tour through Pima Air & Space Museum (Friday) must provide in advance (in our case, by October 10) background information. See page 2 of the Event Registration Form. Note also that the \$25/person registration fee is required - this fee pays for your reunion packet, name tag, etc., as well as for the bus to the Pima Air & Space Museum (and for all tours at the museum) on Friday.

#### Radisson Suites Tucson 6555 E Speedway Blvd Tucson AZ 85710

#### RESERVATIONS

Online link for hotel reservations: https://www.radisson.com/380thbomb

If you need any room configuration not listed on the online men (such as accessible or connecting room for the 2-queen rooms), please call the hotel.

#### Hotel room reservations: Call 520-721-7100

- When calling in to make your reservations, be sure to give the 380th Bomb Group code: 1018BO to get our group rate.
- Group Rate: \$104/night (plus taxes) for single occupancy with each additional guest charged \$5 up to a fourth occupant (so it is \$109/night (plus taxes) for two people in a king room).
- This rate is also available three days before or three days after the event, based on hotel availability.
- ADA rooms are available upon request and are based on the hotel's availability.
- The 380th Bomb Group rate includes a complimentary, hot breakfast buffet.
- Shuttle services to Tucson International Airport will be available for \$20 per person, each way. Shuttle requests need to be made in advance with the hotel by calling 520-721-7100 and cannot be guaranteed on the day of arrival without previous arrangements.

Booking Deadline: September 21, 2018 – reservations made after this date at the group rate are subject to availability.

#### Room Types Available:

Radisson Suites Tucson provides comfortable suites with separate living area (with sofabed and work desk) and separate bedrooms. All rooms are non-smoking. Suite types and highlights include:



- 1 king bed- accessible
- 1 king bed- either mountain view or courtyard view
- 1 king bed –connecting door
- 2 queen beds
- Free Wi-Fi
- Two flat-screen TVs
- Microwave and refrigerator

#### ABOUT THE RADISSION SUITES TUCSON

The Radisson Suites Tucson, on the city's east-side, is a gated community, surrounded by attractive landscaping that includes towering trees and a grass courtyard. Situated less than six miles from The University of Arizona, Radisson Suites Tucson also lies less than five minutes from Park Place Mall and the city's well-known Restaurant Row.

#### Shuttle service:

Complimentary shuttle provides transportation within a three-mile radius of the hotel. (Service subject to availability.)

Shuttle services to Tucson International Airport will be available for \$20 per person, each way. Shuttle requests *need to be made in advance with the hotel* by calling 520-721-7100 and cannot be guaranteed on the day of arrival *without previous arrangements*.

#### Hotel Amenities:

- Fitness center, open daily 6 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Heated outdoor pool, open daily 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Hydro-spa, open daily 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Business center with computers, printer and fax
- On-site parking
- Laundry facilities
- Same-day valet laundry
- Free Wi-Fi
- Pets welcome for a non-refundable fee of \$75

#### HOTEL - BREAKFAST / DINING

Breakfast coupons will be available to our group for free hot breakfast at the Breeze Patio Bar & Grill - Hours: Mon-Fri, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. - Sat-Sun, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### HOTEL - LOUNGE

Breeze Lounge offers a laid-back setting to enjoy drinks and appetizers. Hours: 4:00pm – 1:00am (depending on business). Menu available until closing.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to change):

<u>THURSDAY</u>, November 1 - Early arrivals, sightseeing/ meals on your own

3:00-10:00pm: Hospitality room will be open - LaCholla Room 101 (first floor) -- come here to pick up your reunion packets and name badges, have some drinks and snacks, and meet and greet other attendees.

#### FRIDAY, November 2

7:30am: Meet in hotel lobby to go to the Pima Air & Space Museum 7:45am: Depart hotel

8:30-9:00am: Memorial Service at B-24 in the museum 9:00-10:00am: Museum tram tour (our bus)

10:15am: You can do one of two things at this point: (1) return on the bus to the hotel OR (2) museum tours (either with docent or on your own) (walking tours)

Lunch: On your own in the museum cafe

1:00-3:00pm: (1) AMARG/Boneyard tour (our bus) (pre-registration required) <u>OR</u> (2) tour the museum on your own

3:00-4:00pm: Time permitting, additional time at museum - exhibits, gift shop, snack, etc. 3:00-4:00pm: Bus returns to hotel

12:30-4:00pm: Hospitality room may be open for those who return early <u>IF</u> someone volunteers to "man" the room

5:30pm: Cash bar (Catalina Room at hotel) 6:00-8:00pm : Buffet dinner (Catalina Room) After dinner – 11:30pm: Hospitality room open (La-Cholla, Rm 101)

#### SATURDAY, November 3

10:00-11:00am: Member Meeting and Presentations (Catalina Room) - all are invited to attend Noon-4:00pm: Hospitality Room open 5:00pm: Group photos – hotel 5:30pm: Cash bar (Catalina Room at hotel) 6:00-7:15pm: Banquet (Catalina Room) 7:15-9:00pm: Socializing / dancing

SUNDAY, November 4 - Departures

#### AIRPORT AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

#### Flights to/from Tucson

Tucson is served by six airlines with daily nonstop service to/from major and connections around the world: www. flytucson.com

#### Hotel Shuttle Service

Radisson Suites Tucson provides shuttle services to/from Tucson International Airport available for our group at \$20 per person, each way. Shuttle requests need to be *made in advance with the hotel* by calling 520-721-7100 and cannot be guaranteed on the day of arrival *without previous arrangements*.

#### **Other Transportation Options**

#### Train & Bus Service to Tucson

The Sunset Limited Amtrak train line runs three days a week and connects Los Angeles to New Orleans with service to downtown Tucson: www.amtrak.com

Downtown Tucson is home to the Greyhound Bus station, open 24 hours all year long: www.greyhound.com

#### Renting a Car

All of the major car rental agencies have fleets at Tucson International Airport. You'll also find a number of rental car agencies throughout the city if looking for a shorterterm or specialty rental during your stay.

*Tucson's Sun Link Streetcar* connects five major activity centers—the University of Arizona, Fourth Avenue, Main Gate Square, Downtown Tucson, and the Mercado District—in central Tucson. The four-mile route has 18 stops adorned with public art and located within walking distance of more than 11,000 parking spaces. Cash is not accepted on the streetcar; please see their website for how to ride, costs, and schedules: www.sunlinkstreetcar. com

#### Taxis, Limos, Shuttles & Charters

In many parts of Tucson, including downtown and the University area, you can walk to great dining, shopping, and entertainment. For longer distances, if you prefer not to rent a car, taxi and limo services can get you where you need to go.

Shuttle services and charter services also offer convenient transportation to the airport and other locations. Uber and Lyft services are also available.

#### Bus Service within Tucson

Tucson's Sun Tran bus service offers more than 40 routes throughout the city and its outskirts, including 13 express routes - www.suntran.com

#### Flights to/from Phoenix

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is the main airport for the Greater Phoenix area. Sky Harbor serves more than 100 domestic and international destinations, with 1,200 daily flights—about 500 of them nonstop: www.skyharbor.com

Phoenix Airport is less than 2 hours drive from Tucson.

Rental car services are available at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Rental Car Center (1805 E Sky Harbor Circle South). The common Rental Car Shuttle makes frequent stops, every few minutes at the curb on baggage claim levels of each terminal. The Rental Car Center accommodates all airport rental car companies, their rental counters and vehicles. If you are planning to rent a car at PHX Sky Harbor, be sure to make a reservation. Vehicles are limited for walk-up customers.

https://www.skyharbor.com/ParkingTransportation/ RentalCars

#### Transportation between Tucson and Phoenix

Arizona Shuttle provides shuttle service between Tucson and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, offering 21 scheduled round trips daily from three Tucson locations, including the University of Arizona to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport: https://www.arizonashuttle.com/schedules/ tucson-phoenix-sky-harbor/

#### ABOUT WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Pima Air & Space Museum does not have any wheelchairs or scooters available for use/rent. If you think you will need one for the museum, please be sure to make arrangements *in advance* for chair rentals.

Recommended by Visit Tucson (Visitor's Bureau): http://medicalsupplytucsonaz.com/rentals/3057831

Transport & Wheelchair rentals: \$25/day or \$40/week Power scooters and power chairs rentals: \$50/day or \$140/week - Call for quotes (free estimates): 520-325-3340

Disclaimer: This information is only provided as one option; the 380th Bomb Group Association intends no endorsement of this company or its products/services.

### GROUP ACTIVITY:

Pima Air & Space Museum: http://www.pimaair.org/ Friday, November 2, 2018 - Depart hotel at 7:45am -Return at either 10:15am or 4:00pm (see schedule)

*NOTE:* We all need to travel together to the museum in one bus because we'll be using it for the tram and AMARG tours.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

All of the museum buildings are accessible (but the museum does not provide wheelchair or scooter rentals - see About Wheelchair Access on previous page). The floors are poured cement. Accessible parking spaces (handicapped permit required) are located near the entrance to the museum. A paved walkway connects the Main Hangar, Hangar 3 and Hangar 4 while the remainder of the outdoor acreage is generally hard-packed dirt. It can be difficult for a thin-wheeled vehicle to move easily in the areas with loose sand when viewing the 150 aircraft outdoors.

#### **RESTAURANT**

The Pima Air & Space Museum's restaurant, Flight Grill, is a quick-service grill that overlooks the Navy and Air Force fighters. Flight Grill has a wide variety of food items, but be prepared to maybe spend \$15+ on lunch.

#### AMARG/'BONEYARD" TOUR

All guests interested in taking this tour must have made a reservation and received a security clearance in advance. The security clearance will be given by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from information collected at the time of reservation (reservation being made by Barbara Gotham on behalf of our Reunion Group).

The information requested on page 2 of the Event Registration Form will be provided to Davis Monthan Air Force Base to perform a background check and grant security clearances.

#### Day of tour:

All individuals age 16 & older must bring to the Pima Air & Space Museum the U.S. Federal/State Issued Photo Identification (Passport for Foreign Citizens) used to make their reservation.

# Everyone will be asked to get off the bus at the AFB for security purposes.

Security measures for the U.S. base are in effect. The U.S. Air Force prohibits the carrying of firearms, weapons, il-

legal substances, backpacks, camera cases, and other nonessential items on the "Boneyard"/AMARG tour. Carry-on items may include a small camera without the case and a small purse or fanny/belt pack. All items will be visually inspected before re-boarding the bus. (There may be exceptions to these rules since we are using our own bus – any questions about what you can bring, please ask in advance.)

IMPORTANT: If you do not have advance clearance for this tour and/or do not have your ID with you the day of the tour, you will not be able to attend this part of the Pima Air & Space Museum tour – you will be able to attend the Memorial Service being held at the museum, take the tram tour, and other museum tours, just not the boneyard/AMARG portion.

- In the event of cancellation of the tram tour due to weather/mechanical/personnel/late arrivals or other conditions beyond museum's control, there will be a refund of \$5.50/person.
- In the event of cancellation of the "Boneyard"/AMARG (due to restrictions levied by the AFB) you will be refunded your \$10 fee.

### **MENUS:**

#### FRIDAY DINNER BUFFET

Grilled Flank Steak Champignon with caramelized shallot, garlic & onions, served with wild mushroom demi-glace Seared Chicken Breast with Chardonnay chive cream sauce

Served with salad, garlic mashed potatoes; fresh seasonal vegetables; warm rolls & butter; chef's choice dessert; coffee & iced tea service - Cash bar at 5:30pm & during dinner

#### SATURDAY DINNER

All entrees served with salad; wild rice pilaf; fresh seasonal vegetables; warm rolls & butter; chef's choice dessert; coffee & iced tea service - Cash bar at 5:30pm & during dinner

Choose one of these entrees:

- Marinated Flat Iron Steak topped with roasted tomato salsa crowned with garlic & herb butter
- Grilled Salmon Edamame: Salmon grilled with a succotash of edamame, peppers, red onions, tomatoes, corn, garlic, lemon & fresh herbs
- Chicken Piccata: Seared chicken breast finished with a lemon-caper butter sauce
- Child's menu (ages 5-12) also available

*Special dietary needs?* Please indicate on your event registration form. We'll do our best to make it work for you!

# ABOUT TUCSON



From upper left: Downtown Tucson skyline, Pima County Courthouse, Old Main, University of Arizona, Saguaro National Park, St. Augustine Cathedral, Santa Catalina Mountains



Radisson Suites Tucson



Tucson is the county seat of Pima County, Arizona, and home to the University of Arizona. Tucson is the second-largest populated city in Arizona behind Phoenix. The city is located 108 miles southeast of Phoenix and 60 mi north of the U.S.–Mexico border.

The Spanish name of the city, Tucsón, is derived from the O'odham Cuk Şon], meaning "(at the) base of the black [hill], a reference to a basaltcovered hill now known as Sentinel Peak, also known as "A" Mountain.

#### <u>Climate</u>

Tucson has hot summers and temperate winters and is almost always cooler and wetter than Phoenix because of its higher elevation. Tucson has a desert climate, with two major seasons, summer and winter. Tucson averages 11.8 inches of precipitation per year, more than most other locations with desert climates. The weather in the fall is much like that during spring: dry, with cool nights and warm, hot days. Temperatures above 100°F are possible into early October. Temperatures decline at the quickest rate in October and November, and are normally the coolest in late December and early January.

#### Weather Averages:

	October	November
Average High:	84.8	73.5
Average Low:	57.3	46.1
Average precipitation (inches):	0.89	0.57
Average relative humidity:	38.4	42.7

#### All Souls Procession Weekend

The All Souls Procession, held in early November, is one of the largest festivals in Tucson. Modeled on the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), it combines aspects of many different cultural traditions. The first All Souls Procession was organized by local artist Susan Kay Johnson in 1990 and involved 35 participants; by 2013, participation was estimated at 50,000.

The Procession, held at sundown, consists of a non-motorized parade through downtown Tucson featuring many floats, sculptures, and memorials, in which the community is encouraged to participate. The parade is followed by performances on an outdoor stage, culminating in the burning of an urn in which written prayers have been collected from participants and spectators. The event is organized and funded by the non-profit arts organization Many Mouths One Stomach, with the assistance of many volunteers and donations from the public and local businesses.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tucson,\_Arizona

For a list of attractions and things to do, go to our reunion website:

http://380th.org/REUNION/2018Reunion/Reunion.htm#Attractions

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#### PAGE 2 - "BONEYARD"/AMARG TOUR @ THE PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Through a special Support Agreement, the Pima Air & Space Museum is the exclusive operator of the "Boneyard" Tour aka the 309TH Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) Facility on the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The tour will be on our group's bus and the Museum will provide a friendly docent to join us on board to narrate the tour of the 4,000+ aircraft from the U.S. Air Force, Navy-Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, and several federal agencies including NASA in varying degrees of storage, being regenerated or recycled.

All guests interested in taking this tour must have made a reservation and received a security clearance in advance. The security clearance will be given by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from information collected at the time of reservation (reservation being made by Barbara Gotham on behalf of our Reunion Group).

# Everyone interested in taking the boneyard/AMARG tour <u>must</u> provide the following background information:

U.S. Citizens: 16 and older (Note: passports are NOT accepted for U.S. Citizens)

- Full name as shown on U.S. Federal/State Issued Photo ID, including middle initial or middle name. (*i.e. Driver's License or State Issued ID*)

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*Please fill out and include this page with your event registration form <u>if you plan on taking the</u> <u>boneyard/AMARG tour</u> on Friday, November 2.* 

#### **DEADLINE – OCTOBER 10, 2018**

Anyone providing information later than the above date may not be given a clearance.

## MAIL CALL



Linda Hawkins, John A. Cutt's daughter, wrote:

I have numerous buttons from the reunions which my Dad attended. I thought some may be fun for your group.

He passed away in 2004 and we miss him terribly. However, he is still up there flying overhead watching us.

The buttons she sent are pictured earlier in this issue. To the left is one of the photos she also enclosed with her letter.

John A. Cutt, 530th Squadron, Gunner, Engen's Crew (76) / DEANNA'S DREAM-BOAT was this crew's favorite B-24!

#### Fri, Dec 29, 2017

Happy New Year to you, your family and to all members of the 380th.

I am still researching the crash of Beautiful Betsy with only one photo left to locate, of all who lost their lives on the 26th Feb 1945.

Would it be possible if you could put out a message to all of the members of the 380th if they ever knew, or have a photograph of

F/L Thomas John Donald Cook Service No 124854 Royal Air Force, 548 Squadron

He was a Spitfire Pilot and jumped on Beautiful Betsy to fly to Brisbane to the bestman for a wedding with another English RAF Pilot who was going to get married.

F/O Roy Albert Arthur Cannon Service No 142064 Royal Air Force, 548 Squadron

Kind regards

Michael Musumeci

If anyone has any information or photos for Michael, please send to Barb Gotham, who will forward to him.

Newsletter #65 - May 2018

These letters were written by Raymond K. Benedict (531st Squadron) and sent to us by his daughter, Norma Lamicella. Here's a short bio of Raymond:

After graduating from Tri-State College in Indiana, Raymond Benedict worked as a mechanical draftsman in Vermont. He enlisted in September 1943 and became a turret gunner with Fowler's crew in the 531st Squadron. During his time overseas, he was in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa. He left the service in December 1945.

After the war, he returned to his hometown in New York and worked as a farmer. He married and was blessed with five children. Along the way, he started working as a power plant worker for NYS to bring in extra money. Eventually, he quit farming but continued to work for NYS & worked his way up to Plant Superintendent. He died in 1978.

Like so many other vets, he almost never talked about his time in the service. After his wife died, his family found a stash of his war-time letters and photos that he had sent to his parents. These are a few of those letters.

Jan 18, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

It's hard to write a letter because most of the interesting things I've seen or done can't be written about.

Over the past few days I've been working around the camp. One day I had to cut up two by six planks with a power rip saw. Yesterday I had to load cement and building materials on a truck.

This place has more pets than I've seen yet A few days ago a parrot wandered into our tent and tore up some magazines. There is the usual collection of stray dogs plus a litter of pups that spend a lot of time fighting each other. One of the squadrons has an animal that looks something like a small kangaroo. Naturally the dogs have quite a time chasing that.

There are about a dozen different kinds of flies but there are very few mosquitoes. The camp is clean so there is no malaria or dysentery.

There is a refrigerating outfit here so we have ice water and cold drinks. Quite often we have fresh meat and eggs. One morning we even had milk. In a few minutes I expect to have someone call us out for more work so I'll close for now.

Raymond

Feb 3, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

Nothing much has happened since I wrote last · I have been sitting around getting fat during the past two weeks · A few nights ago the enlisted men's club held a dance. Music was furnished by an orchestra and there were several girls from The Red Cross and women's units of the Australian Army.

I have been issued an air mattress and have managed to get a mattress cover so it isn't necessary for me to sleep on wool blankets now  $\cdot$  Some of the fellows are lucky enough to have pillows and sheets  $\cdot$  If they issue us more equipment we will need a truck to haul it around  $\cdot$ 

I haven't received any mail since coming here and haven't been paid since October. The pay doesn't bother me much as there aren't many places to spend money here. It would be a relief to get just one letter.

That's about all the news so I'll close for now.

Raymond

Feb 17, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

I received some letters from you a few days ago<sup>.</sup> They were quite old and were evidently written before you received my letter from Hawaii<sup>.</sup>

There isn't much for me to write about as I have worked only one half day since writing my last letter. I haven't flown in nearly a month and it looks as though I won't fly again for another month. That doesn't hurt my feelings too much.

I suppose you are enjoying plenty of snow and cold weather now  $\cdot$  It's the middle of summer here and the weather is quite hot and rainy.

I collected twelve dollars from the Finance Dept a few days ago. It was part of the allowance I had for the trip over here.

I hope you will be able to send the tools that I asked for Don't send any food unless it is something like canned fruit or fruit juices and canned peanuts I would like to get some pocket editions of books and magazines such as The Saturday Evening Post

You can judge just how busy we are from the fact that the officers have started to play marbles.

Raymond

March 12, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

A few days ago I received some mail – the first in several days. There were several letters from you and a letter from Ruth Woodard. She seems to have fully recovered from her operation.

I have been in the Philippines for several days and haven't figured out just why anyone would want to claim this place. The place where our camp is located reminds me of Texas. The climate here is not too bad. The nights are quite cool so there is nearly always a breeze.

Most of us have been busy since we came here as there is a lot of work to be done. I have been working on a headquarters building and a mess hall.

The change in paper is due to the fact that the first page is written on the cover of this writing pad.

We were able to bring quite a few things with us from Australia including three folding chairs. The floor of our tent is still too rough to make it practical to use much furniture.

I had a letter from Carp recently. He seems to be making quite a tour of Europe. Right now he is with an Engineering Maintenance Company and is driving a truck.

Lately I have been playing quite a bit of chess and would appreciate your sending me a book on the ins and outs of the game so that it won't be so difficult for me to stay ahead of the opposition.

It is just as well that you were not able to send my pocketbook as the climate here soon ruins leather goods. It would like to have you send one of those cellophane picture holders that fit in a pocketbook.

I bought a small stove in Australia and also managed to acquire a kerosene lantern which is our chief

source of light. To date the most serious bottlenecks have been fuel and lantern wicks.

Yesterday I did quite a bit of washing which the navigator said was full of tattle tale gray. That is one job I'm hoping to be able to pass off on some Filipino one of these days.

Raymond

April 9, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

Two of your letters just came, one enclosed the wicks and card holder, the other the pictures of the snow Incidentally I would appreciate your sending any other recent pictures you may have taken.

With the exception of guard duty and gun cleaning I have done nothing for several days so there isn't much for me to tell.

One of these days I may hunt up a suitable container and send my wristwatch to you. I paid the large sum of 20.00 for it in Honolulu and like most cheap watches it worked for about three months and then took a vacation.

Don't let the date on this letter fool you· I started it four days ago and didn't finish it·

This morning we heard that the President had died and everyone is wondering what will happen now Most of the fellows seem to think that without him the country is more liable to get a raw deal when the war is over

Before we can go back to the States we have to earn 100 points each. So far I have eighteen points although just what I did to earn them is still a mystery to me.

Tomorrow I have the privilege of working in the mess hall for the second time since coming here. Most of the food including butter is canned so there isn't much work to do.

My armorer gunner is the proud father of a baby daughter. He had been saving a box of cigars for two months and finally had a chance to give them out. Let me know the outcome of the case of Howell vs Batz.

Raymond



Raymond Benedict

May 3, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

I haven't been getting much mail lately and haven't done anything worthwhile for a long time so there isn't much for me to write about.

The only thing I've done lately is a few six hour shifts of guard duty. In a few days someone will probably extend to me the privilege of working in the mess hall again for a day.

Some of the fellows on my crew bought an antique Victorola and a few miserable recordings for twenty five dollars. Now when they want to enjoy some music they turn the thing by hand because the driving spring is missing. Most of the recordings were made in Australia and really smell. At any rate it's better than whistling.

Believe it or not I have at last written to Uncle Will and hope that the shock won't be too great for his heart. He must have given up hope of receiving an answer to the letter he wrote to me last Oct. Inhave owed Gladys and Remy a letter for a long time but my conscience is fairly clear on that score because I don't have their address.

#### Raymond

#### (over)

I just received the Christmas package from Marcella and Efford. The packages of razor blades were about the only things that survived the trip. This is the only package so far.

I am sending you \$100 through the Finance Dept· You should also get a twenty five dollar allotment which is made out to you· Aug 12, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

After not writing for so long it seems as though there should be something to write about but actually there isn't.

I have moved to the Ryukyu Island Group and have been doing too much manual labor to suit me. It's beginning to look as though The Fifth Air Force is going to war. I hope my replacement gets here before someone decides to take part in any drastic action.

At the present time I am not living with my crew but have a tent with three gunners from other crews. One of the boys is Thomas F. Cain.

A few nights ago a peace rumor started a lot of celebration and of course some nitwits did plenty of wild shooting with the usual results.

A newspaper reporter had quite a bit to say about the climate here and compared it with some of the Southern States. Frankly I think he must have been out in the sun too long. It does have red mud and pine trees like Georgia has but the comparison ends there. One good feature of the place is that the evenings are cool.

Movies are shown every evening in a nearby Marine Camp so our entertainment facilities are better than before. Last night we saw the ancient picture "Gentleman Jim."

My mail seems to be having a rough time of it A few days ago I received a letter postmarked May 22.

When you write again send me Mark LaRue Jr's address

Raymond

Aug 26, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

Tomorrow will be the end of my ninth month overseas. It seems hard to believe that we have been out of the States that long.

I had hoped to be able to get home in a few months but things don't look too good right now The fellows that do get home from here seem to be getting discharged right away.

The outfit kept me very busy for about three weeks until I managed to get assigned to permanent guard duty. Now I loaf around under the wing of a plane for five hours and have the rest of the day to myself.

My bonds may not be sent to you at regular intervals but you should get one every month Don't bother to send any more needles as the phonograph was a victim of the move from the Philippines.

During the past week we have been building a floor and frame for our tent. It is a large tent so there are six from my crew and six from another crew living in it. That's a fair sized crowd.

Ruth Meisinger wrote that the local paper tossed out quite a line about my activities here. They must have mentioned some things that I hadn't heard about as yet.

That's about all the news I have for now.

Raymond

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Here is a photo of the Fowler crew. Norma's not sure where or date it was taken, but it had to have been before July 1945. In June 1945, Dale Wherley died because he and a buddy were given bad booze in the Philippines. Sept 23, 1945

Dear Ma and Dad,

Well I'm still here and this outfit is just as mixed up as usual. There is a transport which is supposed to dock at New York that is loading tomorrow. Some of our fellows are going on it but so far I'm not on the list. We were supposed to fly home but our planes are being used to ferry Prisoners of War. We have been ferrying a regular Coxie's Army lately. At first most of the liberated prisoners were our own men that had been captured in the Philippines. After that there were the Australians, the black natives of Australia and British Indians.

Now we are hauling Dutchmen from Borneo Timor and Java· Most of the Dutch were captured early in 1942 and have been in Japanese labor camps ever since· The hands of some of them are so calloused that they look like claws·

Today we had ice cream, beans, and canned meat for dinner. How do you like that combination? The ice cream had about as much flavor as cold water and was full of crystals but it was still good. Most of the cooks are amateurs as the regular cooks have gone home.

I am enclosing \$180 what is left of two month's pay. I am the only one on my crew that has been paid since June so I've had to finance the rest. We probably won't get paid again until we get back to the States.

Tonight we had a hard shower that filled our rain barrels. I did my laundry and we still have about one hundred gallons for everyday use. If it doesn't rain we carry out drinking water and wash water from tanks that are hauled into the camp area.

There's no telling when or where I'll write the next letter but don't worry about it  $\cdot$ 

Raymond

Thanks, Norma, for sharing these letters and photos with us!!!



528th – Benbow, John Warren, Aircraft Commander, Benbow Crew (15), DOD December 6, 2017, San Antonio, Texas, reported by his daughter, Mary Benbow

528th – Clapsaddle, Harold D., Pilot, Dally Crew (9) and Dunseth Crew (10), DOD April 21, 2007, Fort Myers, Florida, reported by returned newsletter

528th – Clapsaddle, Norma, Widow of Harold Clapsaddle, DOD January 6, 2017, Fort Myers, Florida, reported by returned newsletter

528th – O'Day, Russell M.H., Pilot, Vance Crew (2), Aircraft Commander, O'Day Crew, DOD March 26, 2018, Gold River, California, reported by his daughter, Kathy Curtis, and Dean Baker

528th – Rader, Betty E, Widow of John Rader, DOD November 17, 2017, Fruita, Colorado, reported by her daughter, Janet Jones

529th - Beegle, Betty, Widow of Woodrow Wilson Beegle, DOD December 16, 2017, Portland, Oregon, reported by her daughter, Trudy Hull

529th – Lanners, Irene, Widow of Louis N. Lanners, Jr., DOD January 20, 2018, Lufkin, Texas, reported by her daughters, Flora Young and Carrie Elliott

529th – Senger, Stephen E., Flight Engineer, Morabito Crew (41), DOD February 28, 2018, Portland, Oregon, reported by his granddaughter, Tina Nelson

529th – Smith, Robert G., Pilot, Hughes Crew (32), Aircraft Commander, Smith Crew, DOD February 11, 2018, Prospect Hills, Illinois, reported by his son, Lawrence Smith

529th – Strepko, Mitchell T., Gunner, Fry Crew (28), DOD November 19, 2016, Lansford, Pennsylvania, reported by his widow, Bernice

530th – Schofield, Jack J., Navigator, Huet Crew (51), DOD December 17, 2016, South Pasadena, Florida, reported by his widow, Lucille

531st – Grieb, Donald Leon, Navigator, Blum Crew (91), DOD February 25, 2018, Houston, Texas, reported by his daughter, Linn Wright, and his grandson, Gavin Grieb

531st – Walker, Earl Eugene, Gunner, Kilbury Crew (98), DOD February 22, 2018, Hillsborough, North Carolina, reported by his son, Bryan Walker

OTHER – Iverson, Richard ("Dick"), Honorary Member, DOD September 19, 2017, Anacortes, Washington, reported by Bill Moran



Newsletter #65 - May 2018



B-24J at the Pima Air & Space Museum - our Reunion Memorial Service will be held near here on November 2, 2018

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This Newsletter is Dedicated to All the Men of the 380th Bombardment Group (H) in World War II

with special thanks to

Forrest E. (Tommy) Thompson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) and Helen H. Thompson who had the foresight, perseverance, and love of the 380th Bombardment Group (H) and its history, traditions, and personnel to organize, succor, and guide the 380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc. (our predecessor organization, from 1982-1999)

and to Theodore (Ted) J. Williams for his dedication to preserving the 380th's history and for continuing the work of the Thompsons in guiding our current organization from 1999-2006

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Our everlasting thanks and love go out to them all.

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