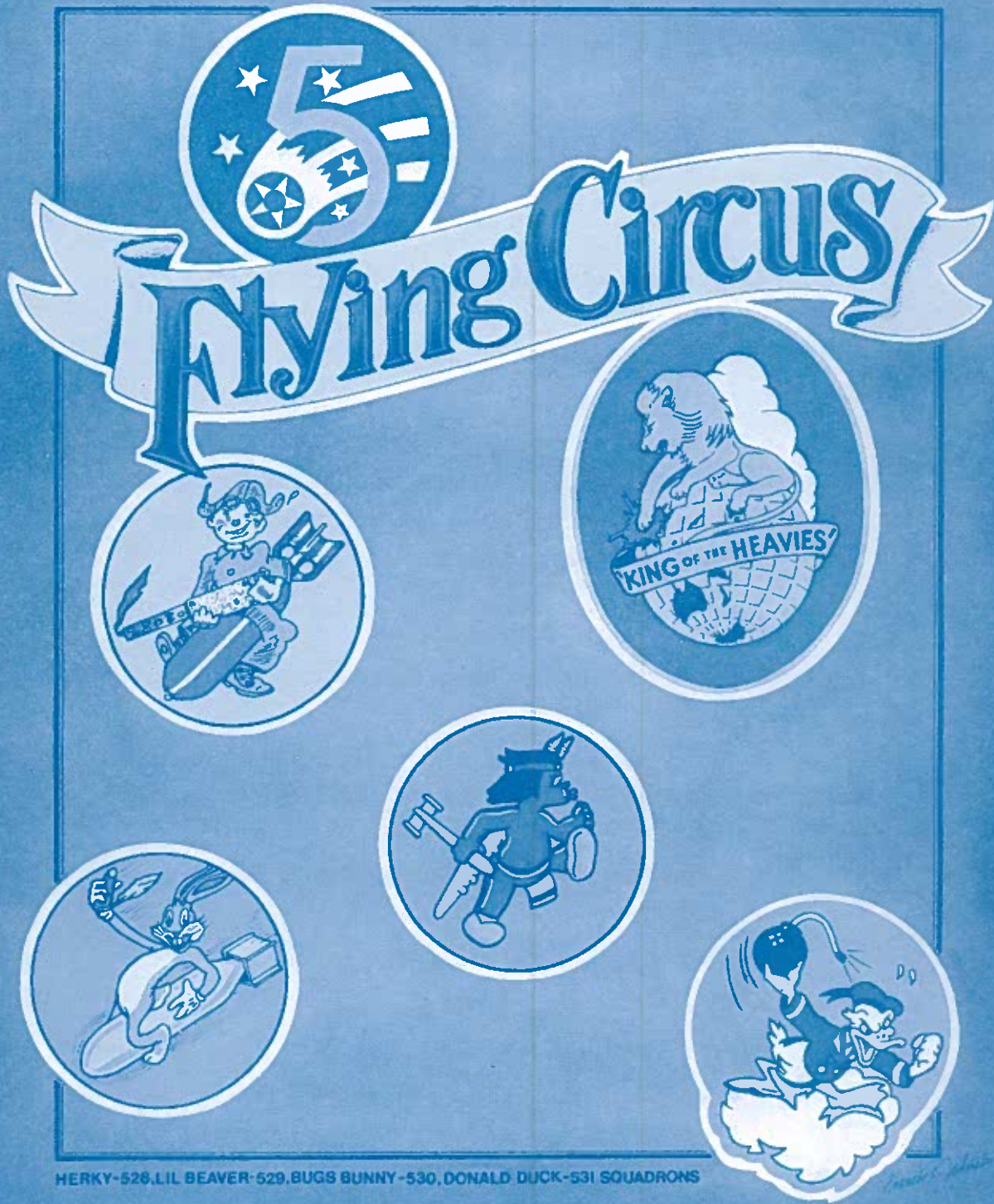


# 380<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP



Francis Penstock

*This Newsletter is Dedicated to:*

*Forrest E. (Tommy) Thompson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)  
and  
Helen H. Thompson*

*They 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, for the past eighteen years  
(1982-1999).*

*Our everlasting thanks and love go out to them.*

# THE 380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION 5th AF - RAAF

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## The Flying Circus

208 CHIPPEWA ST.  
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NEWSLETTER #1

December 1999

Compatriots and Friends,

As Tom Hunt has explained, in his letter in the last newsletter of the previous Association, our officers and directors felt that they had to give up our incorporation as the 380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc. because of potential liabilities to those involved since much of the work of running the Association was carried out in private homes. He has explained the procedure involved in his letter. They had assumed that this would mean the end of our reunions, with Tucson 1999 being the last one. However, as you know, the members voted at that reunion that they did not want to stop.

It is necessary in developing a new format to make certain we don't give the impression of trying to bypass Internal Revenue Service rules. Thus we should do the following:

1. Change the name of our organization, if only slightly.
2. Do not have the same formal officer structure as before.
3. We need funding to finance the publication of our quarterly newsletters and our historical studies, but we cannot have a dues fund as in the past.

We are therefore proposing the following as outlined by Tom in his earlier letter:

1. Barbara Gotham and I will prepare and mail the Quarterly Newsletter.
2. We have made an arrangement with Carnevale & Associates, Inc., to handle our reunion arrangements. Pat Carnevale has informed us she is working on a Fall 2000 date in San Antonio as we requested in Tucson (see her letter enclosed).
3. Carnevale & Associates has offered to handle our bank account for us without charge. They would then reimburse our publishing and mailing costs to us from this fund.

Just as with the Association, we must have funds to publish and mail the Society newsletter. Your dues as members provided this means for the Association. We understand that we must not call members' fees "dues" in the new organization. We are therefore proposing the following to avoid IRS problems:

1. You are asked to make a donation of \$20.00 (same as Association dues).
2. As noted above, Carnevale & Associates will handle our bank account for us at no charge, so please make out your checks to "Carnevale & Associates" but mark your checks "For 380th Bomb Group," so it can be earmarked for our fund.



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Gary L. Horton

#### HISTORIAN, AUSTRALIA

Bob Alford

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3. In addition to providing the account, Carnevale & Associates will report all "donations" to us to form our membership rolls.
4. Those who have already sent contributions to me for the Rosters will be considered as having joined up this year.

Pat Carnevale has given us her report on the reunion negotiations in San Antonio. See below. We look forward to returning there for a memorable occasion; the dates selected are November 8-12, 2000.

Please be sure to send me your address changes, Taps, and other pertinent Society news to be published in our quarterly newsletters.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,



Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

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### *PROPOSED SCOPE*

The 380th Bomb Group Association is being formed to help us:

1. To discover, record and preserve the history of the 380th Bomb Group (H).
2. Provide means to let members of the 380th Bomb Group (H), their families, friends and other interested persons maintain contact with their compatriots, and learn more of the heritage of the 380th through:
  - a. A Quarterly Newsletter (December, March, June, and September)
  - b. Annual Reunions
  - c. Research studies of the details of the history of the 380th to extend the excellent work already carried out by the Hortons and Fain, et al.
    - i. A Roster of All Wartime Members (completed)
    - ii. Details of the History of the Individual Aircraft of the 380th (in progress)
    - iii. An Overall Compilation of the Combat Missions of the 380th
  - d. An Internet Web Site for the 380th for presentation of the results of the above works to anyone interested in order to spread knowledge of the 380th and its history to the world, plus up-to-date news of 380th people, and latest details of forthcoming reunions and other items important to 380th people (now up and running) at: <http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/380.html>
3. Our Goal: **REMEMBRANCE, FELLOWSHIP, AND HISTORY**

It will take the place of our previous organization, the 380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc. that has carried out many of these functions over the past 18 years.

**Tom Hunt**  
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**Dallas, Texas 75201**

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November 22, 1999

Dear Flying Circus Members,

Ted Williams asked me to write this letter for his and Barbara Gotham's first newsletter and with the help of Helen Thompson, I can furnish this information.

The paper work to disband our former association has been done. Today we are sending a check to the Arizona Aerospace Foundation, Tucson, Arizona 85706-9403 EIN 86-6031135 in the amount of \$8,500.00. This will help the museum to maintain and display the memorabilia which we have given them and to preserve the record of the activities of the 380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (H) from November 1942 to September, 1945.

Now to fast forward, Pat Carnevalle has signed with the Menger Hotel in San Antonio for a meeting of Flying Circus Friends November 8 - November 12, 2000. I think it is most fitting that Saturday, November 11 is Veterans Day.

With information from Pat Carnevalle of Carnevalle & Associates and Ted Williams' newsletters a new means of keeping in touch for members has been implemented. It will be up to you to follow through to insure that you won't be left out.

I'll brag a little. My check to Carnevalle & Associates was the first one, since I plan to be in San Antonio in November, 2000. I am looking forward to being able to sit and visit with friends, to be able to make some of the tours and to just relax without having to solve a problem. I think this new format, with others than members handling the work, will be a-okay.

In summary, get behind Ted Williams with information for the newsletters and participate in Carnevalle & Associates proposals so we can stay in touch.

Sincerely,



Tom Hunt

TH/dlw

## REQUESTS AND RESPONSES

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Tony Caferella has recently sent us a copy of his small book, *Corunna Downs, The Invisible Airfield, WW2 Air Field*. It brought back many memories of our trips there, and I'm sure it will to you also. The book is priced at \$8.50 Australian plus postage. I'm sure a check for \$8.50 US should cover everything. His address is:

Mr. T. Antonio Caferella  
P.O. Box 24  
Hawker, S.A. 5434  
AUSTRALIA

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Several of you asked how to get copies of the picture of CARROT TOP which Sherwood Sheehan showed at the Tucson Reunion after receiving it from Ian Quinn, who was at the San Diego Reunion in 1998. Here is Ian's response to our request:

The "Carrot Top" painting was commissioned by me to commemorate Bill Ross, my father in laws' mission in it on the 2nd Sept '44 to Lautem Timor. According to his logbook he had to feather #1 engine, the artist has done this as #4 but as it is such a good painting this is a minor detail.

I can get direct scans off this like the one your may have seen at the reunion which are done commercially as the painting is 2'6"X2'. I don't wish to make any gain out of this personally and the cost is quite high but I will try and get it down by bulk orders to \$50. I will pay the postage and post them in the US when I have a flight there.

Contact me via email at [quinns@hkstar.com](mailto:quinns@hkstar.com)

Fax ++ [852] 28952434

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HONG KONG

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Dr. Jack Feinberg, nephew of Kenneth R. Heyman, Navigator on John A. Thomas' Crew (39) of the 529th Squadron is interested in any available information on that crew, its missions (particularly the one of July 19, 1944, when Lt. Heyman was wounded), and on Ken Heyman himself. Please contact Jack at:

Dr. Jack Feinberg  
7201 N. Mockingbird Lane  
Paradise Valley AZ 85253  
Phone: 480/991-3613

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## REUNION NOTES AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Carnevale & Associates welcomes you to the revived 380th Bomb Group Association. We're looking forward to meeting all of you at the planned reunion in San Antonio. The historical Menger Hotel will be the site for the 2000 gathering from November 8-12, 2000.

The original two-story, fifty-room hotel was built in 1859 and many additions and changes took place over the years with the latest renovation having been completed in 1992. Now a modern 350-room hotel, it is a masterpiece of traditional elegance and atmosphere.

The Colonial Room Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and features southwestern favorites -- recognized among the best in Texas. The fabulous Menger Bar is an exact reproduction of the House of Lord's Pub and is where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his Rough Riders for the Spanish-American War.

The Menger is next to The Alamo, adjacent to Rivercenter Mall, the IMAX Theater and River Walk. The hotel fronts Alamo Plaza where the Sea World shuttle and sightseeing tours depart.

The hotel rate for this event is \$100 (single or double occupancy) plus tax. We have secured some rooms for early arrivals starting on November 6. All reservations are to be made through Carnevale & Associates.

There will be a welcome dinner on Thursday, November 9, and the special Veterans Day banquet on Saturday, November 11. We will also have a hospitality suite available throughout the reunion. We hope you will mark your calendars now so that we have a record crowd for this special occasion.

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ 380th Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_ or an Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual payment of \$20 payable to **Carnevale & Associates** will help defray costs of mailings throughout the year. The mailing address for Carnevale & Associates is given on the next page.

We have already received membership contributions from several people. They include: Tom Hunt, Daniel Bruen, Eugene Gaddis, Warren Jackson, Rocco Seneca, William Sloane, R.H. Turner, and Robert Winans.

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# CARNEVALE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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MEETINGS AND CONVENTION MANAGEMENT

(520) 455-5844

FAX: (520) 455-5866

## PRELIMINARY REUNION REGISTRATION

The Menger Hotel  
San Antonio - Texas  
November 8 - 12, 2000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Single \_\_\_\_\_  
Double (1 bed, 2 persons) \_\_\_\_\_  
Double/Double (2 beds/2 persons) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantee by credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax reservation form to: Carnevale & Associates, Inc.  
P O Box 1230  
Sonoita, AZ 85637  
fax (520) 455-5866  
phone (800) 659-8808

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As full service travel agents, we are also able to assist you with your travel arrangements including air and rental cars. This would include any destinations you may have in 2000 in addition to this reunion.

**"ONE PHONE CALL DOES IT ALL!"**

(800) 659-8808

ask for Pat, Sue or Laura

P.O. Box 1230, Sonoita, AZ 85637



## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA



**CHIEF MINISTER**

PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
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10 September 1999

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Dear Bob

I have been informed that you are to attend the final reunion of veterans from 380 US Bombardment Group this month.

I can well imagine the mixed emotions of this occasion.

Can you please convey the following message to 380 veterans:

**'Greetings and best wishes from Australia's Northern Territory on this final gathering of the 380 Bombardment Group.**

**Your gathering is not only a celebration of friendships forged but it is also a commemoration of the dramatic events, which hold a place at the forefront of the history of Australia's Northern Territory.**

**On 19 February 1942 when the Japanese first bombed Darwin, 21 Allied ships were sunk or damaged, between 25 and 30 civil and military aircraft destroyed, major damage caused to Darwin and 243 people were killed and more than 300 wounded. It was the first of 64 Japanese raids on Darwin during World War II.**

**The Territory of today is filled with a sense of energy, enthusiasm and optimism for the future.**

**The 380 was among those who gave so much to make Darwin what it is today.**

**The Territory community is indebted to the 380 Bombardment Group and its efforts on our behalf during World War II.**

**Be in no doubt that the 380 will have an enduring place in the hearts and minds of its Aussie mates from Australia's northern most city.**

**History records your work out of Fenton and Longfield in defence of Australia and the region.**

**You have great cause to celebrate, and Territorians will be celebrating in spirit with you.**

**LEST WE FORGET'**

Yours sincerely

DENIS G. BURKE  
Chief Minister of Australia's Northern Territory

(Bob Franklin requested that we include this letter in the Newsletter. It has been retyped to fit U.S. stationery and space limitations.)



Northern Territory Government

# B-24 LIBERATOR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND

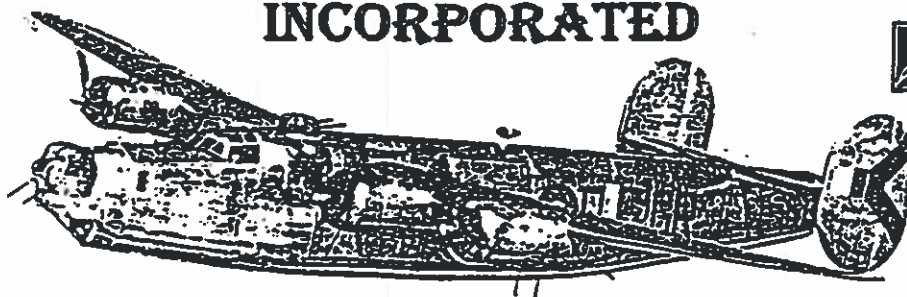
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PATRON: AIR COMMODORE D.W. KINGWELL CBE, DSO (RAAF Ret'd)

Dear Invitee;

**Re: the Dedication and Roll Out of B-24M/R Liberator R.A.A.F A72-176 (U.S.A.A.C 44-41956)  
on the 15th of August 2000**

Progress on the restoration of Australia's B-24 Liberator has been such that we will be in a position to be able to Dedicate and Roll Out a near complete B-24 airframe on the 15th of August 2000, the 55th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific War.

So it is with great pleasure that I enclose an invitation to yourself and family to attend the ceremonies on the 15th of August next year. It may seem that we are getting of the mark a little early, however whilst making inquiries regarding air travel and accommodation I learnt that a minimum of 9 months, preferably 12, is required to set up the necessary infrastructure for air fares and accommodation. Hence this very early mail out.

Please forgive the short notice regarding the RSVP, but if you have planned to make the trip to Australia or are considering the trip to take part in the ceremonies I would appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible how many in your group would be coming and for what period they would like to stay.

Accommodation is limited in Werribee, most accommodation will need to be arranged in the City of Melbourne with travel to and from the Restoration Site either by organised coach travel, about 20 minutes, hire car or private arrangements.

We have been offered very competitive air fares through AIR NEW ZEALAND ex L.A and accommodation from two large motel chains. However as you are probably aware the higher the number of travellers the cheaper the seats.

If you desire any further information regarding the travel you can contact me at the address shown below, on the telephone at 61-3-5956 7952, or on E.mail [kitchingept@bigpond.com.au](mailto:kitchingept@bigpond.com.au).

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Colin Grey".

Secretary & Restoration Co-ordinator: Colin Grey, P.O. Box 34 Cowes, Vic. 3922 Phone: (03) 5956 7952

# AN INVITATION

To attend the  
Dedication and roll out of Australia's only surviving heavy bomber of World War 2  
**B24-M/R LIBERATOR RAAF SERIAL NO. A72-176**

is extended to

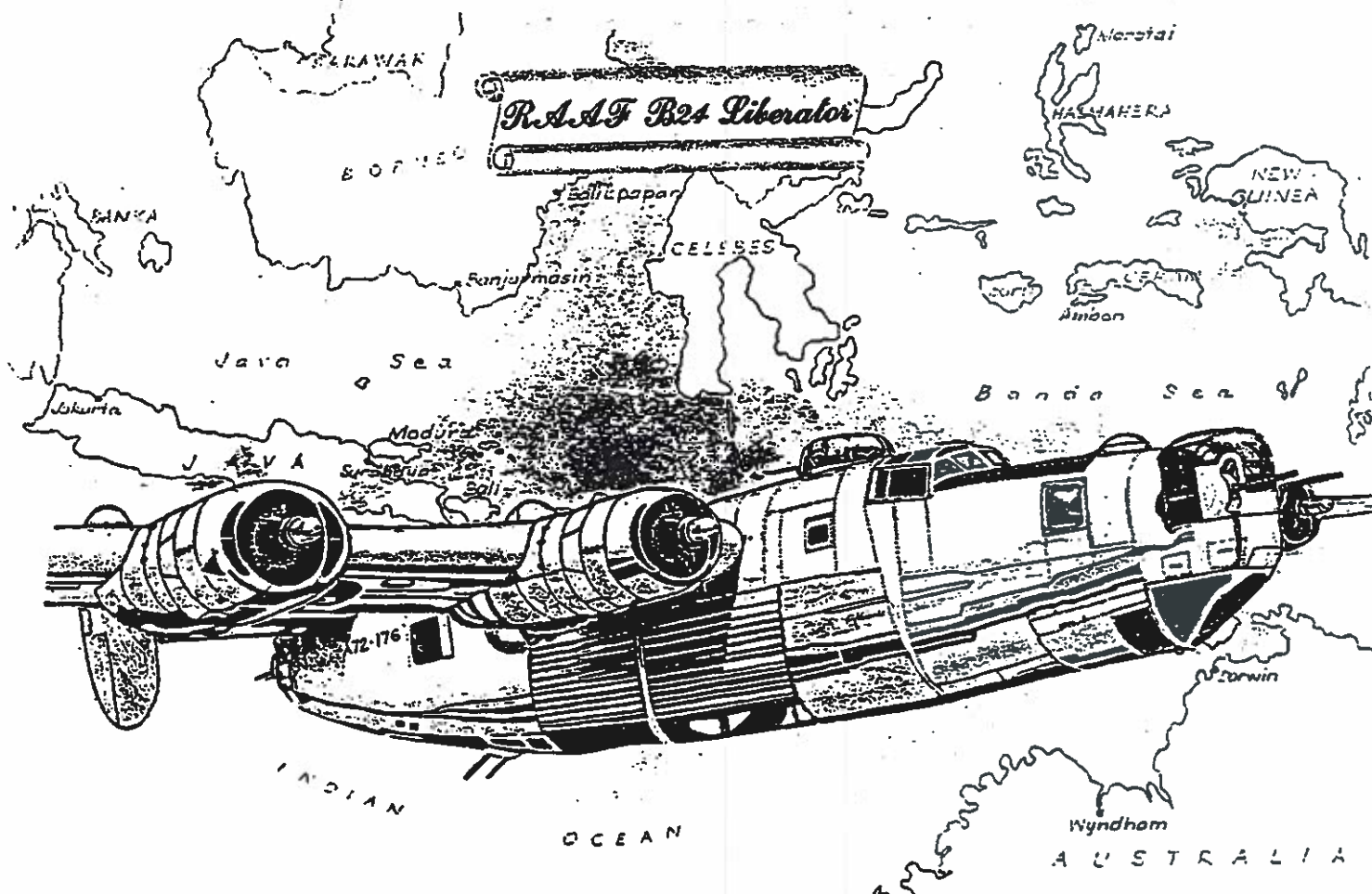
**MEMBERS OF THE 380<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP  
ASSOCIATION**

The Dedication and roll out will take place on the  
**15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2000 AT 3.30PM (1530 HOURS)**

(The 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific)

The Celebration will be held at our Restoration Hangar situated Corner of Farm & Geelong  
Roads, Werribee, Victoria

*RSVP: The Secretary, P.O. Box 34, Cowes, Vic., 3922*



**B24 LIBERATOR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND INC.**

