

380TH BOMB GROUP



HERKY-528, LIL BEAVER-529, BUGS BUNNY-530, DONALD DUCK-531 SQUADRONS

Francis Henstone

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 per-
sonnel 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.

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5th AF - RAAF**

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NEWSLETTER #10

March 2002

Compatriots and Friends,

Good news! The 380th Aircraft Project is up and running on our website with the first 40 aircraft already listed. The rest will follow as soon as Barb can find time to do it. Please see our more detailed discussion inside.

Progress has been made in arranging the Salt Lake City Reunion; the preliminary hotel and associated activities information, along with the preliminary program, is included in this issue. We look forward to seeing all of you there and to having a great reunion!

Please note the discussion herein concerning the Memorial Register at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and also those being established by others. These provide another way of assuring our remembrance in the years to come. Listed also is discussion of a method to assure preservation of our wartime correspondence and our other mementoes for posterity. Although most of us would rather not have to consider such things, there are many priceless items of history lost or discarded every day by unthinking relatives and others settling our final affairs. We need to specify ahead of time what we wish done with them.

I call your attention to the A-2 Jacket Raffle offered by Andrew Martinez to help raise funds for our history research project. Our most sincere thanks go to Andrew for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,



Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

STATUS OF OUR 380TH AIRCRAFT PROJECT

When you next visit our website and its History project, you will find considerable change. It was originally organized around our Rosters Project and was so-labeled. This was because we did not know then how far we could proceed in supplying detail concerning our history that one cannot include in a narrative history book like the wonderful ones done by the Hortons.

The completion of the initial manuscript of the Aircraft Project and its showing at the Dayton Reunion emphasized to us that there is a great deal that we can do, but that the previous format with its emphasis on the rosters was incomplete and even misleading. Thus, as you can see when you visit the site, it has been completely revamped and now emphasizes all aspects of our history. We hope you will like it and find it convenient to visit.

As promised in the last FLYING CIRCUS (No. 9), Barb Gotham has completed the placing of the first 40 airplanes on the site and arranged for placing of the remainder of the 137 that were involved in our Australia-New Guinea operations on the site as well. These will happen individually as she has time. The Philippines operations will then follow as soon as possible as a separate section.

The work on the missions manuscript has already begun. We will bring with us what we have at the time to Salt Lake City so that you can review and comment on this aspect of our project at that time.

If you have any photos of the aircraft or the mission sites that you'd like to share, we would be happy to receive copies, either electronically (computer scans sent by email) or by regular mail. You can send your submissions to:

Barb Gotham
130 Colony Road
W. Lafayette IN 47906-1209
or by email at: barb@purdue.edu

RAFFLE/LOTTERY OF A DECORATED A-2 JACKET

Andrew Martinez, son of Conrado Martinez, Assistant Radio Operator, Gunner on the Ross/ Handorf Crew (57) of the 530th Squadron, has generously offered to provide an authentic A-2 jacket for us to chance-off at the Salt Lake City Reunion. He will decorate the jacket to the winner's specification. Attendees at the last Tucson Reunoin may remember Conrado and Andrew Martinez there. Andrew had decorated the superb jacket worn by Conrado at that reunion. This jacket will be similarly decorated but customized to the winner's wishes. Chances will be sold at registration and throughout our reunion. The winner will be picked at the Saturday evening banquet.

Funds derived from the raffle of the jacket will be devoted to our historical research project. Andrew wishes no remuneration for himself for this project. We want to thank Andrew most wholeheartedly for his thoughtfulness and generosity in establishing this project.

**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
2002 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Your Name _____

Squadron _____ 380th Duty _____

Please check if you are a * Regular Member _____ or an **Associate Member _____

**Associates: 380th Veteran's Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Sqdn: _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Spouse's Name _____

* *Regular member* means an original member of the 380th Bomb Group.

***Associate member* means a family member (or other affiliation) of an original member. If you are an Associate, please give the name of the original member, your relationship to that person, and his squadron number.

Annual payment of \$20 payable to **Carnevale & Associates** will help defray costs of mailings throughout the year. Please mail your registration form and check to:

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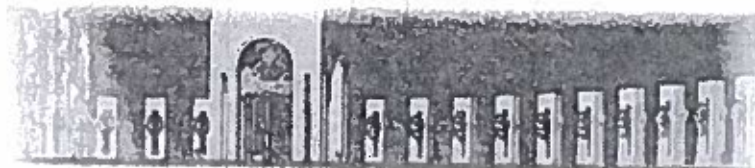
WORLD WAR II MEMORIALS

As we are sure most of you know, the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., has now finally been totally approved and is now under construction. We have included in this issue a copy of the print sent to us by Jim Cavallero, son of Masso J. Cavallero, Gunner on Planck's Crew (66) of the 530th Squadron; it well illustrates its potential beauty. Many of us have contributed to its long campaign with endorsements and donations.

Jim has also informed us of another aspect of the World War II Memorial, that of a World War II Memorial Registry project connected with it (see their website at: <http://www.wwiiregistry.org/>). This allows family, friends, and the veterans themselves to record the veteran's service on the Registry for perpetuity. Jim has already graciously enrolled his father and Ted Williams in this Registry. A copy of Masso J. Cavallero's listing is presented below for your information.

We are also including copies of the subscription forms for the WWII Memorial and the WWII Memorial Registry. Please note that donations to the memorial are encouraged but are not required to enroll on honoree. Please compare Masso Cavallero's honor scroll as entered by Jim to help explain the enrollment form. Please contact Jim if you have further questions. His contact info is as follows:

Jim Cavallero
1000
Woodbridge, NJ
732-341-1111



World War II Honoree

WORLD WAR II HONOREE

WWII Veteran

WORLD WAR II HONOREE



Masso J. Cavallero

BRANCH OF
SERVICE
U.S. Army Air
Forces

HOMETOWN
Woodbridge, NJ

HONORED BY
Mr. Jim Cavallero, Son



ACTIVITY DURING WWII
B-24 GUNNER WITH THE 380TH BOMB GROUP AND 530TH SQUADRON
OF THE 5TH ARMY AIR FORCE IN THE PACIFIC THEATER DURING 1943
AND 1944. FLEW A TOTAL OF 42 COMBAT MISSIONS.

YES! I want to support America's National World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. I am contributing in the amount indicated below. Please list me as a Charter Member of the World War II Memorial Society and send me the following benefits:

Step 1: Your Contribution

\$20+	A subscription to the World War II Memorial Newsletter, Certificate of Appreciation and a personal Membership Card.
\$35+	All of the above, plus the World War II Memorial Lapel Pin.
\$100+	All of the above, plus a large scale Limited-Edition Print of the Memorial, suitable for framing.
\$500+	All of the above, plus a print of Norman Rockwell's famous World War II painting, " <i>The Homecoming</i> ."
\$1,000+	All of the above, plus a personal listing in the <i>Donor Book of Remembrances</i> that will be widely circulated following the Memorial's dedication.

I would like to contribute \$

How did you hear about the campaign? ▼

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Step 1: Your Information

Thank you for choosing to help support America's National World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. In order for us to process your entry to the WWII Registry of Remembrances, please fill out the following form. *Your information will not be rented or sold to third party organizations.*

Title:

Name:

(First, Middle Initial, Last Name)

Suffix:

Address:

City

State

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Zip Code:

E-Mail:

Proceed >>

Step 2: World War II Memorial Registry of Remembrances

Anyone who helped win the war, either a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible for the Registry of Remembrances. You may enter your own name, or the name of someone you wish to honor for their service to our country during the war. The Registry of Remembrances will be kept on permanent display in Washington, D.C., to ensure that the names of these Patriotic Americans are recorded in history for all time. Please complete or check all that apply, if information is available.

Honoree's Military Rank (if applicable):

Honoree's First Name and Middle Initial:

Honoree's Last Name:

Hometown:

State:

Honoree is:

- Civilian on the Homefront
 Killed in World War II
 World War II Veteran

Service Branch, if applicable:

Brief Description of Wartime Activity:

Your relationship to Honoree:

- Yes, I wish to honor another person for their service to our country during the war.
 No, I have finished submitting the names of those I would like to honor.

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WORLD WAR II MEMORIALS

There are also many other ways of honoring our veterans. Among these are:

1. VETS ROLL CALL

We have received an announcement from a group called VETS ROLL CALL which is assembling a database of all interested veterans. They request us to sign-up and supply enough information so that we can find or communicate with our former service associates. The e-mail address is: vrc@vetsrollcall.com and the website is: www.vetsrollcall.com

This sounds like a very important project and one we should all support. Only by getting a very large support from all veterans can they ever assemble something which will be truly useful to us all in looking up our former comrades with whom we have lost contact over the years.

2. THE LEGACY PROJECT, WARLETTERS.COM

Again, a most important task is to preserve for our families and all posterity the history of our service in the form of our letters home and our mementoes. This particular group claims to be an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit organization to help us accomplish this important task. We recommend you visit their website at: <http://www.warletters.com>

3. OTHERS

We have noted many such groups as the above while "surfing the web." Many are all serving and above board. Others are blatantly commercial and should be avoided. Perhaps this venue, *THE FLYING CIRCUS*, is where we could exchange our knowledge of these efforts and help everyone get the best of the remembrance services.

SALT LAKE CITY REUNION

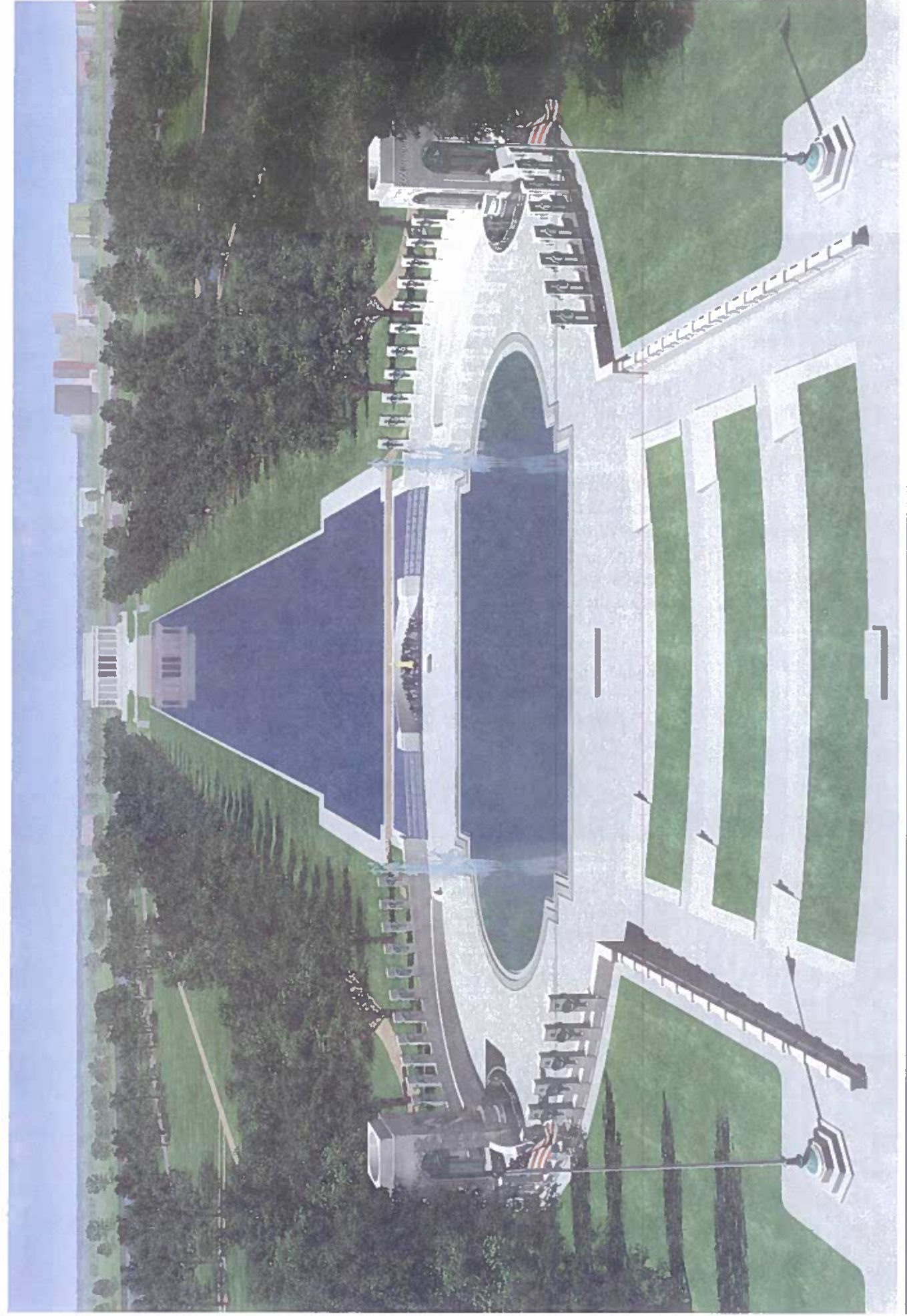
Listed next after the WWII Memorial picture is Pat Carnevale's initial schedule for the program at the Salt Lake City Reunion. Note that to get all the events in, we had to schedule Wednesday afternoon and evening. I'm sure you will find the Olympic sites tour spectacular and one you should not miss. Therefore, please plan to arrive on Tuesday or at the latest on Wednesday morning early so you can go with us.

We are also having our welcome dinner on Wednesday evening this year since the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, and this is something you also don't want to miss!

The Hill AFB Museum is installing a rebuilt B-24 from the Alaska Campaign. They hope to have it completed by our visit. The tour of Wendover will let our families see what one of the dreariest and most God-forsaken air bases of WWII looked like. This can be counterpoised by a visit to Wendover, Nevada, right next door across the State line. We are sure you will enjoy the whole reunion.

As mentioned in our last issue, the Mormon Library on Temple Square in Salt Lake City is the world's largest and best Genealogical Library and it's free. Those of you interested in your family history may want to come a day or so early to take advantage of it.

(The tentative agenda and hotel reservation form follow the WWII Memorial picture.)



Design by Friedrich St. Florian, Architect

Rendering by Joowan Lee

National World War II Memorial Washington, D.C.

380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
September 18-22, 2002

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 18

9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Registration
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Tour of Winter Olympics Sites
6:00 pm	No Host Cocktails
7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner
8:00 - 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Thursday, Sept. 19

10:00 am	Memorial Service at Hill AFB
Noon	Lunch at Officer's Club -- Hill AFB
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Tour of Aero Space Museum -- Hill AFB
	Dinner on your own
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Mormon Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (recommended!)
3:00 - 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Friday, Sept. 20

9:00 am	Tour to Wendover Air Force Base, Utah
	Visit the CASINO, Wendover, Nevada
	Stop at Great Salt Lake on Return
Afternoon/Evening	Hospitality Room Open
	Dinner on your own

Saturday, Sept. 21

10:00 am	Members Meeting
Noon	Optional tours -- afternoon on your own
Afternoon	Hospitality Room Open
6:30 p.m.	No-host cocktails
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Dance

Sunday, Sept. 22

Departure day

LIST OF POSSIBLE OPTIONAL TOURS

Fort Douglas Military Museum -- Features buildings from the 1860s
Utah's Museum of Natural History -- 200 million years under one roof
Trolley Square -- Marketplace housed in charming trolley car barns
Enos A. Wall Mansion -- Turn-of-the-century mansion open to the public

**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Sheraton City Centre Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah
September 18-22, 2002**

Name _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Rate: \$79 (single or double occupancy) + 11.2% room tax (Total \$87.85 per night)

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Room Type: S = one person, one bed; D = two people, one bed; D/D = two people, two beds
(Circle choice)

Special Needs: H = Handicap facilities; N/S = Non-smoking; S = Smoking; K = King bed
(Circle choice)

Guarantee by credit card # _____ exp date _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

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TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun, from the lake from the hill
from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.
Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun, 'neath
the stars, 'neath the sky. As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*



LEST WE FORGET



Please send TAPS information to:
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West Lafayette IN 47906-2123
Phone: 765/494-7434, 765/463-7828

Group Henderson, Harold W., Staff Operations,
Clerk-Typist, Tucson, Arizona, DOD 11/29/
2001, reported by his son, Ron Henderson

528th Holmquist, Theodore E., Ground Staff, Engi-
neering, Maintenance, Crew Chief, Kalispell,
Montana, DOD 02/05/2002, reported by his
grandson, Jeff Holmquist

528th Luehring, Lester W., Pilot, Shek's Crew (7),
Dunseth's Crew (10), Burns' Crew (13), DOD
03/03/2002, reported by his friends, Mike and
Kathy Tomchek

530th Bevers, Aaron Paul, Aircraft Commander/
Gunnery Officer, Bever's Crew (52), Lubbock,
Texas, DOD 08/27/1978, reported by his
greatnephew, Mick Bradley

531st Anderson, Robert J. (Andy), Pilot, Grand
Rapids, Michigan, DOD 02/03/2002, reported
by his wife, Marie Anderson

531st Goodman, Sidney (NMI) Gunner, William
Henderson's Crew (92), Philadelphia, Penn-
sylvania DOD 02/24/1998, reported by his
grandnephew, Scott D. Sherman

531st Hillman, Jr., Edward (NMI), Tail Gunner,
Hicken's Crew (114), Madeira, Ohio, DOD
07/01/1999, reported by his son, Edward
(NMI) Hillman, III

