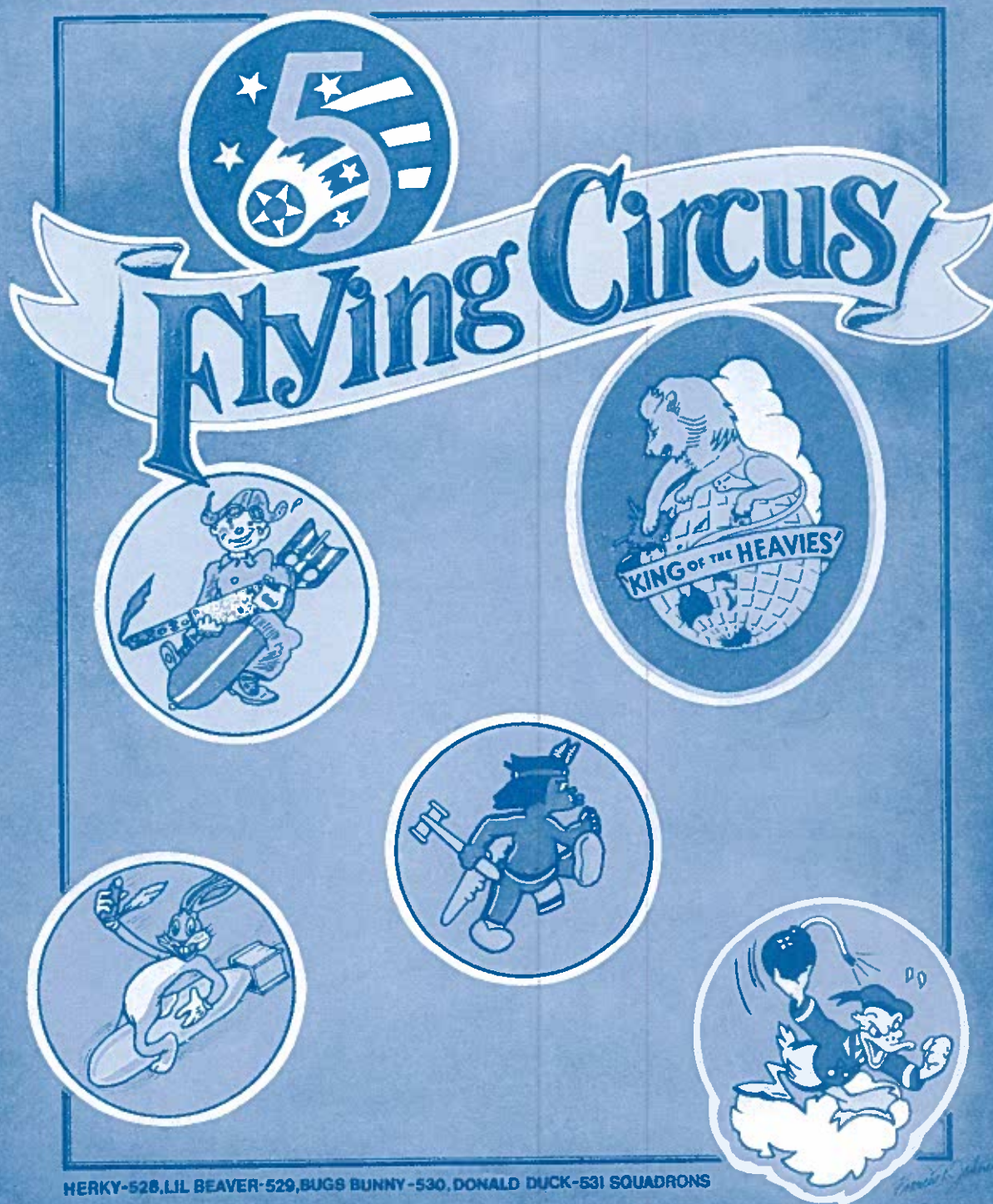


380TH BOMB GROUP



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

Francis H. Kenstler

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.

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NEWSLETTER #12

August 2002

Compatriots and Friends,

Everything is "go" for the Salt Lake City Reunion. Pat has done a marvelous job in making our arrangements. The hotel is beautiful and the tours should be enjoyable and memorable. Many of you are already registered and we hope many more of you will choose to come.

As noted elsewhere herein, the major topic of our Business Meeting on Saturday morning will be a selection of sites for our next several reunions. As you know, we have already listed Boston, MA, area; Las Vegas, NV; Louisville, KY; New Orleans, LA; and St. Louis, MO, as potential sites. Other candidates can also be proposed before the vote is taken. We look forward to a spirited but gentlemanly discussion.

I want to especially thank Andrew Martinez for providing the A-2 Jacket to chances at this reunion. He will decorate it for the winner's squadron and aircraft, etc., as the winner wishes. Proceeds go to the History Project. Buy lots of tickets!

Again, we look forward to seeing you all at Salt Lake City on September 18-22nd.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

Status of Our 380th Detailed History Project

As at past Reunions, we will bring the current products of our History Project with us for your inspection in the Hospitality Room. These will include:

1. The Rosters and related documents (Parts I-IV)
2. Soft-cover bound volumes of the Australia/New Guinea Aircraft (Part V)
3. The Manuscript for the Philippines Aircraft (Part VI)
4. The Manuscript for the Missions History (Parts VIII and IX)
5. Copies of the existing 380th Histories

Miscellaneous

If anyone is still interested in contributing to the National WWII Registry (as reported in the March 2002 issue of *THE FLYING CIRCUS*), please go to the following website:

<http://www.wwiiregistry.org/dnrprocess/donation.asp>

There is a form there for contributors to fill out. Note that contributions are voluntary and are not required. If you should choose to contribute, please do not send any checks to the 380th Bomb Group Association; we were only reporting on this Registry, and are not associated with this organization.

380th Wing Reactivation

We were very pleasantly surprised recently to learn that the 380th has been reactivated as the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing for the War on Terrorism. MSgt Alexander, historian for the new Wing, sent us the following message:

The 380th Air Expeditionary Wing was reactivated on January 25, 2002 to support Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. The Wing is based outside Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and is currently conducting refueling missions with the KC-10A aircraft and reconnaissance missions with a classified aircraft.

*MSgt William P. Alexander
380 AEW Historian
Email: William.Alexander@dhafra.af.mil*

Reunion Notes

- ◆ **REGISTRATION FEES:** Please turn in your registration form and fees so that we know how many people will be attending each event. This is very important for us to be able to schedule the correct number of buses for the three trips planned. A copy of the form is included in this newsletter.
- ◆ **AIRPORT TO HOTEL:** There is a complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel from 6:30 am until 11:00 pm. Call the Sheraton City Centre from the baggage area and allow about 10 minutes for the van to arrive. There is complimentary parking at the hotel for all reunion guests.
- ◆ **TRAVEL:** Carnevale & Associates has discounts on Southwest Airlines for the September reunion with 10% off the lowest fare including senior discounted fares. Call Carnevale Travel at (800) 659-8808. Other airlines and rental cars may be booked as well.

(More notes follow after the next page.)

**380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

September 18-22, 2002

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 18

9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Registration
12:00 - 4:00 pm	Optional - Tour of Winter Olympics Sites Lunch on your own
6:00 pm	No Host Cocktails
7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner
8:00 - 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Thursday, September 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	Optional - Mormon Tabernacle Choir Rehearsal (recommended!)
3:00 - 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Friday, September 20

9:00 am	Optional 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, September 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, September 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

Reunion Notes (continued)

- ◆ **SALT LAKE WEATHER:** According to the information released by the Salt Lake City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the average daily temperatures in September range from 51° - 80°. Bring a jacket for chilly evenings.
- ◆ **WELCOME PACKETS:** After arriving at the hotel and getting settled into your room, be sure and visit the Registration Area in the Lobby to pick up your welcome packet. If you arrive later in the week, you can pick up your packet in the Hospitality Suite.
- ◆ **HOSPITALITY ROOM:** Check at the front desk for the location of the Hospitality Suite as that was not available in time for this publication. The hospitality room will be open starting on Wednesday, September 18th, as soon as the tour returns, if time permits before the Welcome Dinner. Seating charts for both dinners will be available in the hospitality room. Please reserve your table early. There will be tables of 10 (8 if wheelchairs are necessary).
- ◆ **SCHEDULE NOTES:** Please note from the agenda (previous page) that we had to schedule Wednesday afternoon and evening. We're 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!

- ◆ **MEMBER'S MEETING:** The Member's Meeting will be held on Saturday at 10:00 am. Check your packet for location. Bring your ideas for future reunion sites. Our main order of business will be a discussion and choice of the next few sites. Come prepared to "defend and sell" the location of your choice. Past experience shows the discussion will be lively!
- ◆ **RAFFLE:** 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 specifications and wishes. Chances will be sold at registration and throughout our reunion for \$10/chance; you need not be present to enter. 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.
- ◆ **HILL AFB AND WENDOVER TOUR:** The Hill AFB Museum is installing a rebuilt B-24 from the Alaska Campaign. They hope to have it completed by our visit. The Museum has a great video show of the rescue of the B-24 from the Aleutians. 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 will be counterpoised by a visit to Wendover, Nevada, right next door across the State line. Being in Nevada, it has casinos! We will stop at the Great Salt Lake on the way back to the hotel.
- ◆ **MORMON LIBRARY:** 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.
- ◆ **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Any photographs from the Reunion you would like to contribute to the next (December) issue of THE FLYING CIRCUS would be appreciated. Please be sure to get names! You can send your photos to: Barbara Gotham, 130 Colony Rd., West Lafayette, IN 47906-1209, or send electronic copies to: barb@purdue.edu
- ◆ **PATCHES:** The patches project is proceeding very well and group and squadron patches will be available at Registration and later for purchase.

The agenda, registration forms, and maps of the area are included in this issue.

September 18 – 22, 2002
Sheraton City Centre Hotel
Salt Lake City, UT

TOTAL: \$_____

NOTE: Due to the cessation of airline commissions to travel agents, we are now forced to charge a \$15 per ticket service charge.

**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 _____

Cancel policy for this event: 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty.

Reservations made after August 19 are subject to availability and possible rate change.

Please mail or fax reservation form to: Carnevale & Associates, Inc.

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E-mail: carne@dakotacom.net

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Look Who's Coming to Salt Lake City!!

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Dexter Baker
 Dexter and Georgia Baker
 Gregory and Crystal Baker
Jack Banks
 Jack Banks, Jr.
 Ray and Connie Banks
Robert English and Margaret Snodgrass
Sam and Mary Failla
Bill and Barbara Fortenberry
William and Sharon LaFlech
Murray and Alice Marks
 Donald and Dolores Foster
John and Lucille Miller
Loyd and Donna Oakes
Slim Powers
John and Betty Rader
Patricia Roth
Sherwood and Norma Sheehan
William Vance

529TH SQUADRON

Paul and Barbara Beilstein
Jim and Sara Bejoian
Richard and Olga Bill
Carl and Helen Borgstrom
 Steve Borgstrom
 Terry and Terry Snyder
Al Busedu
Robert A. and Marie Daffer, Sr.
 Robert A. and Marilyn Daffer, Jr.
James Elam and Grace Killion
Lloyd Fry and Marian Robinson
Anthony and Donna Giola
Lou and Irene Lanners
Joe and Betty Maloney
 Ann Watson and Jo Ellen Mitchell
Sylvester and Alice Nemcek
Carl and Kathleen Offerle
 Bill and June Offerle
 Geoff Paddock
Virgil and Jean Stevens
George Stevenson
Clifton and Georgia Toepperwein

RAAF

Russ and Tiny Brooks
Colin Campbell

530TH SQUADRON

Marvin Gardner
 Marvin Gardner and Fran Allor
 Lawrence and Lana Gardner
 Bryan and Kathleen Clement
Leonard "Ed" Gronkowski
Ralph Henderson
Delmar Sprowls
Jim Wright

531ST SQUADRON

John Annesser and Marian Hritz
Dick and Claire Benson
George and Chris Gerards
Thomas Hunt
Al and Alicia Jansen
Samuel and Mickey Leiner
William and Verna McCrea
Charles and Carolyn Parrott
George and Jessie Poy
Jim and Annabelle Scalese
Ozzie and Mary Schoenemann
 Brian and Nikki Schoenemann
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Ted and Isabel Williams
 Elizabeth McPherson

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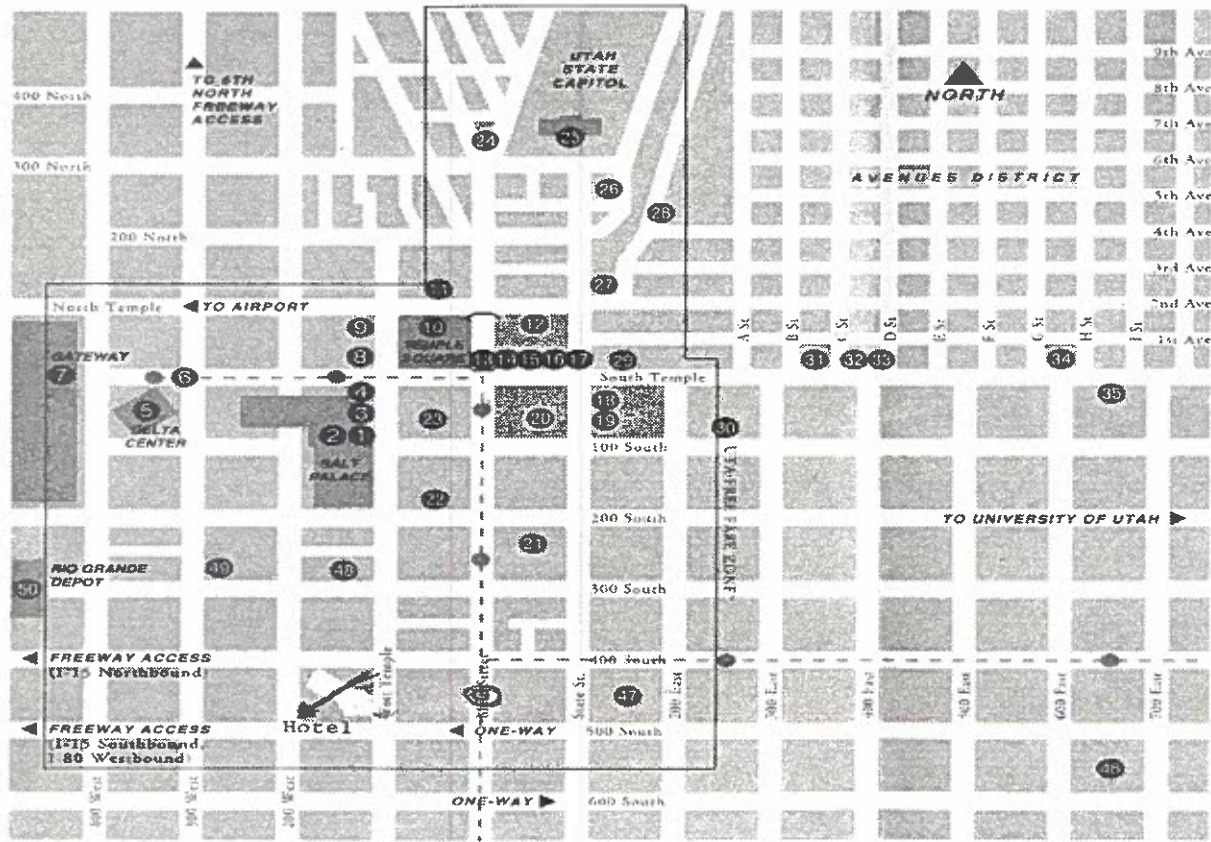
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Anna Debevec and Donna Crowell
Barb and Doug Gotham
Jonell and David Kalamar
Gloria Leghart
Betty Swanson and Jesse Brown

CANCELLATIONS

William and Alma Brew
 Len and Joann Slama
Werner and Ruth Homuth

Location Map for Sheraton City Centre Hotel

Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
(801) 401-2000



--- LIGHT RAIL *RIDE FREE IF YOU ENTER & EXIT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FREE FARE ZONE

Downtown Walking Tour

1	The Visitor Information Center & Salt Lake To Go	521-2822
2	Salt Palace Convention Center	534-4777
3	Salt Lake Art Center	328-4201
4	Maurice Abravanel Hall	555-2787
5	The Delta Center	325-2000
6	Olympic Clock	
7	The Gateway	456-0000
8	Family History Library	240-2331
9	Museum of Church History & Art	240-3310
10	Historic Temple Square	240-2534
11	The Conference Center	240-0075
12	The LDS Church Office Building	240-2190
13	The Brigham Young Monument	
14	Joseph Smith Memorial Building	240-1266
15	The Lion House	363-5466
16	The Beehive House	240-2671
17	Eagle Gate	
18	Hansen Planetarium	538-2104
19	Social Hall Heritage Museum	321-8745
20	ZCMI Center Mall	321-8745
21	Gallivan Center	535-6110
22	Capitol Theatre	355-2787
23	Crossroads Plaza	531-1799

Salt Lake Highlights Downtown

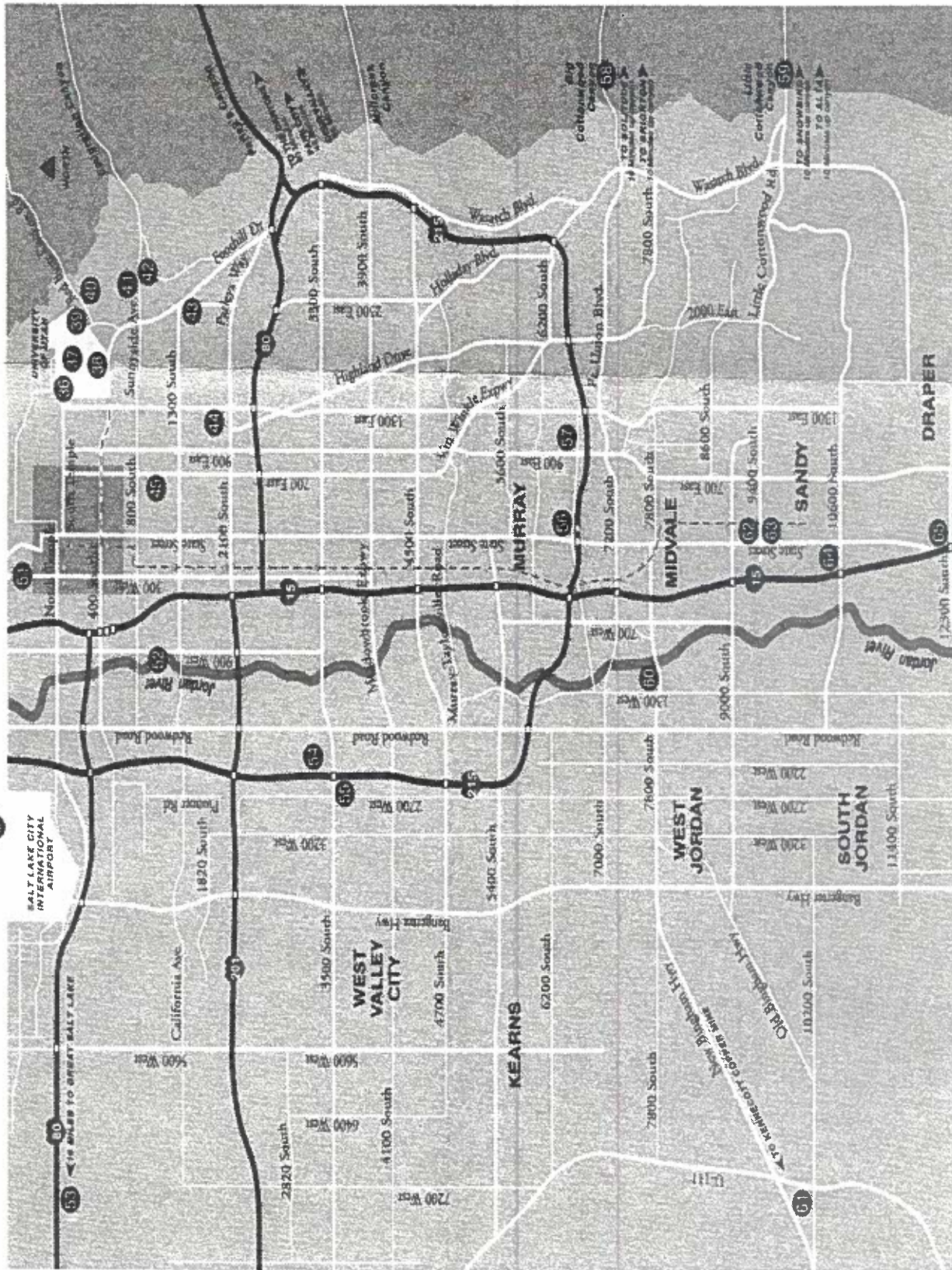
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25	Utah State Capitol	538-1563
26	Council Hall	538-1900
27	City Creek Park	483-6880
28	Memory Grove Park	972-7800
29	Mormon Pioneer Memorial Monument	
30	Cathedral Church of St. Mark	322-3400
31	Cathedral of the Madeleine	328-8941
32	First Presbyterian Church	363-3889
33	Enos A. Wall Mansion	524-8100
34	Governor's Mansion	538-1005
35	Salt Lake Masonic Temple	363-2936
46	Trolley Square	521-9877
47	City and County Building	533-0858
48	Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center	355-2787
49	Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church	328-9681
50	Rio Grande Depot	533-3500

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN SALT LAKE:

Temple Square offers free guided tours that feature historic sites, exhibits, movie theaters, parks and flower gardens, all in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City. It is also the home of the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the world's largest genealogy center. Don't miss the Thursday evening rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It is free and we are providing bus service from the hotel at no charge.

Just minutes from downtown is the Emigration Visitors District at the mouth of beautiful Emigration Canyon. Attractions include *This is the Place Heritage Park, Red Butte Garden, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Utah's Hogle Zoo, Utah Museum of Natural History and the Ft. Douglas Military Museum.*

Map of Salt Lake Valley Attractions



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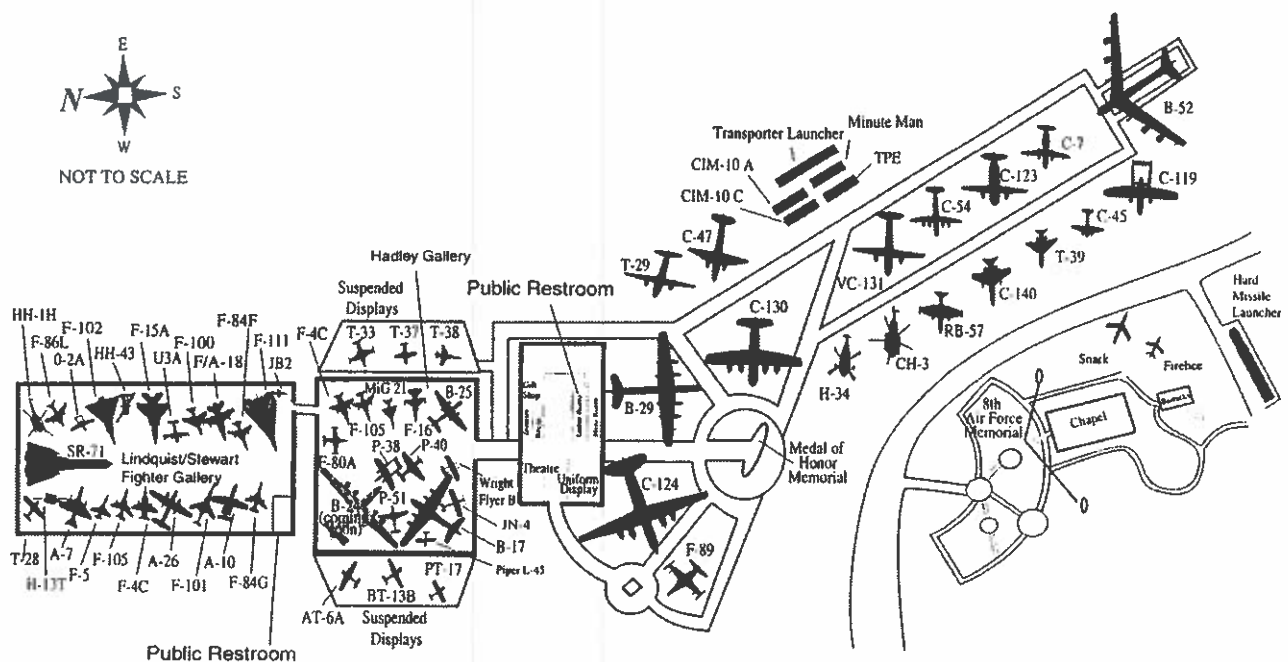
Salt Lake Highlights Valley

36	Utah Museum of Natural History	581-4303
37	University of Utah	581-5888
38	Utah Museum of Fine Arts	581-7332
39	Fort Douglas Military Museum	581-1710
40	Red Butte Garden	581-IRIS
41	This Is The Place Heritage Park	582-1847
42	Utah's Hogle Zoo	582-1631
43	Foothill Village	582-3646
44	Westminster College	832-2200
45	Liberty Park & Tracy Aviary	972-7800
51	Children's Museum of Utah	328-3383
52	International Peace Gardens	972-2411

Day Trips

53	The Great Salt Lake	250-1898
54	The E Center	988-8888
55	Valley Fair Mall	969-6211
56	Fashion Place	265-0504
57	Wheeler Historic Farm	264-2241
58	Big Cottonwood Canyon & Resorts	466-6411
59	Little Cottonwood Canyon & Resorts	466-6411
60	Gardner Village	566-8903
61	Kennecott Utah Copper's Bingham Canyon Mine	252-3234
62	Jordan Commons	304-4500
63	South Towne Exposition Center	565-4400
64	South Towne Center	572-1516
65	Factory Stores of America	571-2933

Map of Hill Aerospace Museum



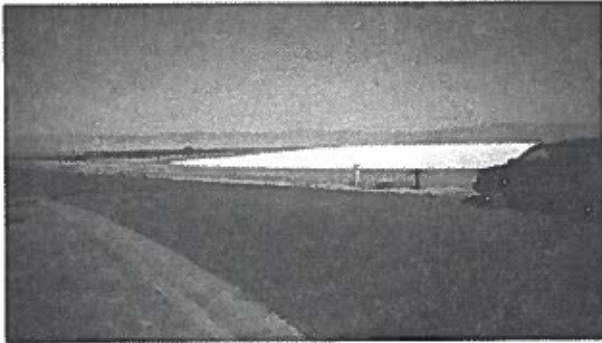
For more information, visit the Hill Aerospace Museum website at

<http://www.hill.af.mil/museum>

Wendover Photos

These pictures were taken by Ted Williams on July 14, 2002, on an auto trip to the area:

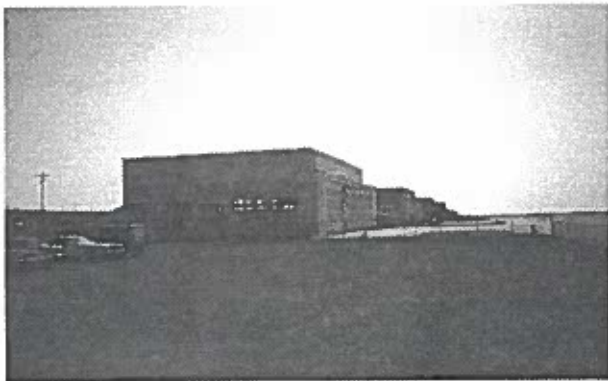
"I found more buildings still standing, and the area in so much better shape than I expected. It is still very desolate as many others of our bases were -- Tonopah, Moses Lake, Roswell, Fort Bliss, etc. The local area people are going to show us around when we are there."



Salt Flats



Salt Flats



WWII Hangers. The one on the far end is that for the 509th Group, called the *Enola Gay* Hanger.



Operations Area Buildings



Barracks in near distance. Note Chapel in middle distance beyond electric pole.



Tower

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



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528th Allshouse, Jr., Lee, Gunner, Boeshaar's Crew (4), Adrian, Michigan, DOD 05/19/2002, DOD corrected by the Allshouse family

528th Doty, Jr., Arthur B., Navigator, Tiffany's Crew, Dayton, Ohio, DOD 05/12/2002, reported by his children, David, William, Maria, Sarajane, Andrea, and Deirdre

528th MacDonald, Glenn G., Tail Gunner, Pederson's Crew (3), Puryear, Tennessee, DOD 02/21/2002, reported by his daughter-in-law, Linda Dyer MacDonald

528th Roth, Joseph P., Aircraft Commander, Roth's Crew (5), Palm Desert, California, DOD 05/09/1999, reported by his wife, Pat Roth

529th Ondes, Clarence (NMI), Aircraft Commander, Ondes' Crew (26), Albuquerque, New Mexico, DOD 06/19/2002, reported by his brother, Wil Ondes

530th Mayer, Alberta, Wife of Donald W. Mayer, Westlake, Ohio, DOD 12/28/2001, reported by her husband

