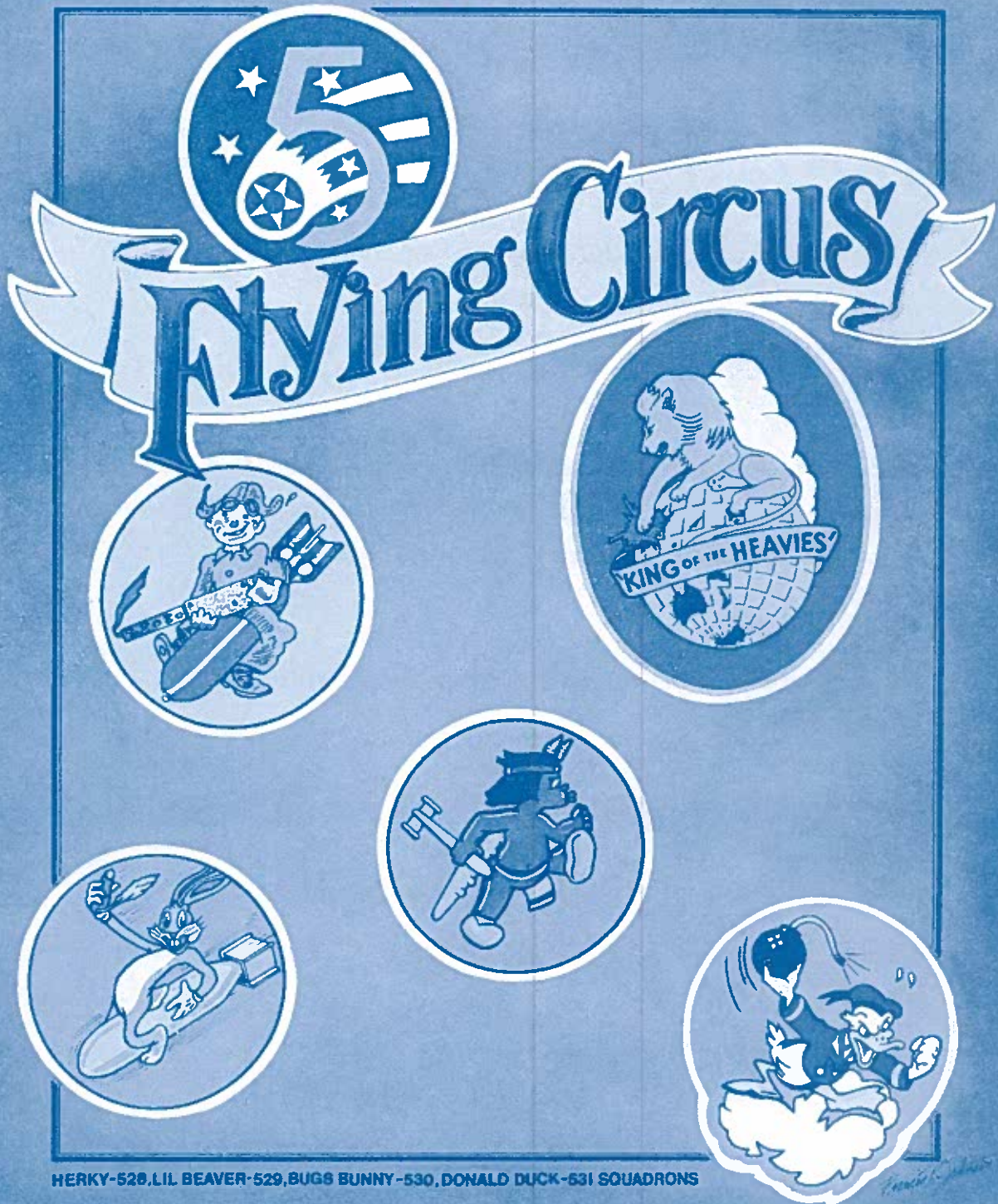


380TH BOMB GROUP



Francis Henrich

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 person-
nel 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 #13

December 2002

Compatriots and Friends:

We had a tremendous Reunion in Salt Lake City, 148 members and guests were present and tours and events were well attended. We hope everyone present had a grand time and the large number of comments received indicated that this was the case. Our thanks to Pat Carnevale for arranging a great program and festivities.

The Memorial Service at the Hill Air Force Base Museum was a moving and memorable event. The use of the old chapel that we remember so well from our WWII days was especially heartwarming. We want to thank Chaplain (Major) Patrick Herring for a very beautiful and stirring service.

The B-24 under renovation at the museum was unfortunately not yet finished so we only were able to view the fuselage and tail assembly. Likewise all guns, etc., were missing. However, the high level of workmanship on the completed sections indicates a future display of which we can all be proud.

The Wendover trip, despite its length, was very successful due to Tom Hunt's planning and leadership and also the hospitality of the Air Base and townspeople who guided us. Our thanks to all responsible.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Williamsburg next September!

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

FUTURE REUNION SITES

The major item of discussion at our Members Business Meeting at Salt Lake City was the discussion of our future reunion sites beyond Williamsburg. As all members know, we had previously named 5 prospective sites for consideration at this meeting. They were:

Boston Area, Massachusetts
Las Vegas, Nevada
Louisville, Kentucky
New Orleans, Louisiana, and
St. Louis, Missouri

Promotional speeches for only Boston and New Orleans were presented by members present. As a result, only these sites received significant votes in the ballot. It was moved and passed by the members present that only these two sites be considered at present. Thus immediate Reunion sites are as follows:

Williamsburg, Virginia	2003
Boston Area, Massachusetts	2004
New Orleans, Louisiana	2005

We hope to see all of you at each of these sites.

WILLIAMSBURG -- 2003 REUNION

Our 2003 Reunion will be held on September 10-14, 2003, at the Best Western Patrick Henry, Williamsburg, Virginia. A preliminary schedule and a hotel reservation form are enclosed for your information and use. As you know, Williamsburg is a major tourist attraction in the depiction of life in Colonial Virginia and indeed all of America at the time of the Revolution. There is far more to see there than can be accommodated in a one-day visit. Therefore, please be sure to purchase the three-day pass to be offered for \$31.20 (subject to change) as part of your Registration (forms available in near-future issues). Our hotel is right at the edge of the historical area, and you will want to spend a lot of time there.

PATCHES AND ROSTERS

Squadron and Group insignia patches were available at the 2002 Reunion as announced in the last FLYING CIRCUS newsletter. Sales were brisk to the attendees. Since our supplier is local, we have a continuing source of these for anyone interested. Squadron and Group patches are priced at \$10.00 each. Reunion site patches are available for \$3.00 each. Please order by writing us.

We also can supply copies of the 2002 Roster and of the List of the Attendees at the Reunion. Again, please write.

B-24 LIBERATOR CALENDAR

Those of you who were at the Salt Lake City Reunion will recall that we displayed a copy of the 2003 Calendar published by the International B-24 Liberator Club. We provided there an order blank so that our members could send for their copies of the calendar, if desired. The Order Blank is reproduced here (on the next page) for the benefit of those of you who could not be there. The Liberator Club is making a donation to our Research Fund for each calendar purchased by our members.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

September 10, 2002

Mrs. Douglas S. Craig

Dear Mrs. Craig:

Thank you so much for your contribution to the 380th Bomb Group Association Research Fund in the name of Joe Roth (Captain Joseph P.), Aircraft Commander in the 528th Squadron and of one of the original deployment crews sent to Australia in the Spring of 1943. We will handle this as your request and very much appreciate your generosity and this memorialization of Captain Roth.

Ted Williams

Subject: The 380th BMW.
Date: Sun, 21 Jul 2002 12:07:01 -0400
From: Philippe Colin <mephisto@netrover.com>
Organization: FB-111A.net and PHILIPPE's Aviation Pages.

Mr. Williams,

I have some news for you and members of your association concerning the 380th BMW museum at Plattsburgh. I've been trying to save what was left in the old museum for years and finally, things have happened. When the Air Force left, the content of the museum was donated to the Clinton County Historical Association. As a volunteer, I helped moved everything to a new location and my goal is to save all historical items in our possession. It will take time to go through everything and catalog what is left. For now, I have created an exhibit for the upcoming Battle Of Plattsburgh celebration in September. Please, take a look at the following page and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

<http://www.FB-111A.net/Updates.html>

Best regards,

Philippe Colin.

Creator and webmaster of FB-111A.net and Philippe's Aviation Pages.



B-24 Liberator Club (380)

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PMB -124

Ramona, CA 92065

Please send the addressee below a copy of the 2003 *B-24 LIBERATOR CALENDAR*.
I enclose \$12.50 (\$10.00 + \$2.50 shipping & handling):

Date: _____

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Thank you.

Signed: _____

Please mail your order form directly to the address at the top of the form, to insure quickest delivery! Checks should be made payable to "B-24 Liberator Club."

380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
2003 REUNION INFORMATION

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
WILLIAMSBURG, VA
SEPTEMBER 10 -14, 2003

Wednesday – September 10

9:00am - 1:00 pm	Registration in Hotel Lobby
12:00pm - 4:00 pm	Optional Tour of Colonial Williamsburg
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Thursday – September 11

9:00 am	Buses depart for Langley Field
10:00 am	Memorial Service at Langley Field Chapel
11:30 am	Lunch at Officer's Club – Langley Field
1:00 pm – 3 pm	Tour of Virginia Air & Space Museum
4:00 pm	Buses return to hotel
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
	Dinner on your own

Friday – September 12

9:00 am	Optional Tour of Colonial Williamsburg
	Other Optional Tours:
	Visit Plantations in the Area
	Visit Jamestown – America's Home Town
	And Jamestown Settlement
9:00 am – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
	Dinner on your own
	Optional Evening at The Music Theatre
	Music from the 40's to the 80's

Saturday – September 13

10:00 am	Meeting of Members
Noon	Optional tour of Colonial Williamsburg
	Optional cruise on York River
Noon – 6:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open
6:30 pm	No-host cocktails
7:00 pm	Dinner Dance

Sunday – September 14

Departure day

380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
2003 REUNION INFORMATION

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
BW Patrick Henry Inn
Williamsburg, VA

September 9-13, 2003

Name _____

Spouse or
Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Rate: \$77 (single or double occupancy) + 9.5% room tax (Total \$84.32 per night)
This rate includes a continental breakfast each morning.

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: _____

Signature _____

Name on card _____

Please print

Cancel policy for this event: 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty
Reservations made after August 22 are subject to availability and possible rate change

Please mail or fax reservation form to:

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Sonoita, AZ 85637
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380TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING UPDATE

T/Sgt Tracy L. English, Historian for the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, has sent us the following message concerning their celebration of our (and their) initial mobilization at Davis-Monahan Air Base on November 2, 1942. As you know, they are stationed at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.

Subject: 380th Rocks!

Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 11:26:26 +0400

From: 380 AEW/HO Wing Historian <380aew.ho@dhafra.af.mil>

A little bragging here....

My wing (380th Air Expeditionary Wing) has the highest percentage of personnel who know their wing history... better than any other in the AOR....or the Air Force. My personal stamp is on that statement.

We celebrated our 60th Anniversary this past Saturday. We wanted to have a "Combat Dining In" but world events kept us from doing such. Instead, we combined some of the more interesting aspects of the dining in with our Saturday night bingo.... we had a "60th Anniversary Combat Birthday Bash" To answer some of the questions that I had (to win prizes) the assembled mass had to know the history of the 380th... it was great. It bought tears to this poor historians eyes (!!) I saw people printing out the information I made available and studying it!!! Can any other HO (historian) claim such a thing???

Truth be told, this wing has quite a bit of history and most of you reading this letter know this already.

To those before us, our wing has a slightly different mission than from our inception during WWII, but we continue the job you started....we defend democracy. You gave the wing numerous awards and recognitions from WWII, Vietnam, Grenada and the Gulf War. Those of us here and now will add OPERATIONS SOUTHERN WATCH AND ENDURING FREEDOM to the list.

Thank you for showing the way....

Strength and Confidence

Tracy L. English, TSgt, USAF



A-2 JACKET RAFFLES

We are happy to report that Isabel Williams and Barbara Gotham sold 57 raffle tickets at the Salt Lake City Reunion on the A-2 Jacket so generously donated by Andrew Martinez, son of Conrado Martinez, Gunner on Gus Connery's Crew. Andrew is to decorate the jacket as requested by the winner.

Tickets for the raffle were drawn by Tom Hunt at the Reunion Banquet and the winner was:

John W. Carroll
Australian RCM Operator
529th Squadron, 380th Bomb Group

John was overjoyed at winning the jacket and told us he had been envious of us and our leather jackets and had always wanted one for his own! His address is:

Mr. John Carroll

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Andrew has most graciously offered to repeat the A-2 Jacket Raffle next year at Williamsburg. We are most grateful to Andrew for his generosity and interest in promoting our 380th Bomb Group Association.



Tom Hunt and Barbara Gotham drawing the winner's name!



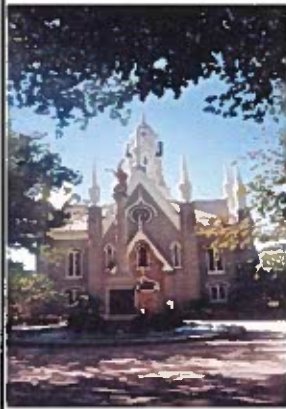
At the right is the winner, John Carroll, along with Tom Hunt and Barbara Gotham

Conrado Martinez's Jacket Design



380TH REUNION -- SALT LAKE CITY -- SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2002

Salt Lake City and Area Attractions



Chapel at
the
Mormon
Complex
(Gotham)



Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Rehearsal (Gotham)



Mormon Temple (Gotham)



Mountains near Sundance (Gotham)



Mormon Temple (Gotham)



Utah Statehouse (Gotham)



Bobsled Run, 2002 Olympic Site,
Park City (Gerards)



The White Curve, 2002 Olympic Site,
Park City (Gerards)



Utah Countryside (Gerards)

Registration and Hospitality Room



Jack Banks, Tom Hunt, Ted
Williams (Gerards)



Alice Nemcek, Barbara Beilstein,
Pat Carnevale (Gerards)



Isabel Williams, Elizabeth
McPherson, Jean Stevens
(Gerards)

THESE AND MORE PHOTOS WILL ALSO BE
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE IN JANUARY
(IN COLOR AND LARGER):

[http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/REUNION/
2002Reunion/Reunion.html](http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/REUNION/2002Reunion/Reunion.html)

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Welcome Dinner, September 18



Tiny & Russ Brooks, John Carroll, Joe Wells (Stevens)



Joe Wells and Colin Campbell (Stevens)



Olga & Richard Bill (Beilstein)



Cliff & Georgia Toepperwein (Stevens)

Memorial Service September 19



Arriving at the Chapel (Gotham)



View of Chapel from Museum (Maloney)



Outside the Chapel (Gotham)



The Chapel (Gotham)



The Chapel (Gotham)

Luncheon at Hill AFB Officers Club



(Gotham)



(Gotham)



Emil & Dorothy Smolek, Chris & George Gerards (Gerards)



Betty Maloney, Sara Bejoian, Jim Bejoian, Bud Offerle, Joe Maloney (Bejoian)



(Gotham)



(Gotham)



Standing: Jim Bejoian, Dexter Baker, Joe Maloney, Bob Daffer, Jack Banks
Sitting: Betty Maloney, Sara Bejoian, Bud Offerle (Maloney)

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Hill Aerospace Museum



B-24
(Under Restoration)
(Debevec)



B-24 (Debevec)



B-24 (Debevec)



B-24 (Gotham)



Joe Maloney & George Poy
(Maloney)



Stealth Bomber (Debevec)



Sculpture Outside Museum
Entrance (Gotham)



Outdoor Exhibits (Gotham)



AT6 Trainer (Gotham)

Miscellaneous Photos



Marie & Robert Daffer,
Marilyn & Robert Daffer, Jr.
(Gerards)



Elizabeth McPherson
& Jean Stevens
(Stevens)



Tom Hunt, Joe Wells, Al Busedu
At Peppermill Casino, Wendover,
Nevada
(Gerards)



Bob Daffer & Joe
Maloney (Gerards)

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Dinner/Dance, September 21



Dexter Baker, Bill Moran,
Jack Banks (Maloney)



Colin Campbell, Annabelle &
Jim Scalese (Maloney)



Marvin Gardner & Ray
Oeth (Maloney)



Tony & Donna Gioia
(Maloney)



Pat Carnevale
(Maloney)



Gwen & Glenn
Horton (Maloney)



Marian Hritz &
John Annesser
(Maloney)



Marian Robinson &
Lloyd Fry (Maloney)



Paul & Barbara Beilstein, George
Stevenson, Alice & Syl Nemcek
(Beilstein)



Tom Hunt
(Maloney)



Geoff Paddock,
Kathleen & Bud
Offerle (Maloney)



Lyle & Clara Sears
(Maloney)



Greg & Crystal Baker, Dexter
Baker Sr., Dexter Jr. & Georgia
Baker (Gotham)



Barb & Doug
Gotham (Gerards)



John Shultz Family: Steve & Jenny Galos,
Catherine Rein, John Sr., Linda Childers, Andrea
& John III, Donna & John Jr. (Maloney)



Al & Alicia Jansen
(Maloney)



Dave & Jonell Kalamar, George
& Chris Gerards, Dorothy &
Emil Smolek (Gerards)



Curly Sprowls
(Gotham)



Isabel Williams, Elizabeth
McPherson, Ted Williams
(Stevens)



Jo Ellen Mitchell, Betty
Maloney, Anne Watson, Joe
Maloney (Beilstein)



John Shultz & Anna
Debevec (Gerards)



Harry Badow & Mary
Snyder (Gotham)



Donna Crowell &
Anna Debevec
(Beilstein)



Sara & Jim Bejoian
(Gotham)



Ted Williams & Tom
Hunt (Stevens)



Emil & Dorothy
Smolek (Beilstein)



Claire & Richard
Benson
(Gotham)



George & Chris
Gerards
(Gerards)



John Carroll & Joe
Wells (Stevens)



Tiny & Russ
Brooks
(Debevec)

380TH REUNION -- SALT LAKE CITY -- SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2002

Dinner/Dance, September 21



Colin Campbell, Cliff & Georgia Toepperwein,
Sharon & Bil LaFlech (Gotham)



Robert & Marilyn Daffer, Jr., Marie & Robert Daffer, Sr.,
John Shultz, Jr., Donna Shultz, Jen & Steve Galos (Gotham)



Marvin Gardner Sr., Fran Allor,
Marvin Gardner Jr. (Gotham)



Lawrence & Lana Gardner, Kathy &
Dave Clements (Gotham)



Bill Moran, Robert DiDomenico,
Colin Campbell (Gotham)



Doug & Barb Gotham,
Anne Debevec, Donna
Crowell, Alice Nemcek, Pat
Carnevale (Gotham)



Albert Jansen, Marilyn & Gail
Stephenson (Gotham)



Virgil & Jean Stevens
(Gotham)



Jessie & George Poy
(Gotham)



Donna & Loyd Oakes
(Gotham)



Syl & Alice Nemcek, Olga & Rich Bill, Gwen
Horton, George Stevenson (Gotham)



Chuck & Jack Parrott
(Gotham)



Chuck & Carolyn
Parrott (Nemcek)



Jim & Annabelle Scalese, Russ & Verna
McCrea (Gotham)



Steve Borgstrom, Terry & Terry Snyder (standing),
Helen & Carl Borgstrom, Barbara & Bill Fortenberry
(Gotham)



Jeannie & Jim Meredith
(Gotham)



Sam & Mickey Leiner
(Gotham)



Terry Snyder & Carl
Borgstrom (Nemcek)



Peggy Baker & Bill
Vance (Gotham)



George Stevenson & Glenn
Horton (Nemcek)



Raymond & Janie
Oeth (Gotham)



On the Dance Floor
(Gotham)

380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
2003 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

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.

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*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.*



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530th Jones, Paul D., Flight Engineer, Morris Crew (24), Mesa, Arizona, DOD 2001, reported by Curly Sprowls

530th Koumarelos, Tally P., Flight Engineer, Connery and Vick Crews (25, 56), Northern California, DOD Summer 2002, reported by Curly Sprowls

530th Merklin, Edward H., Crew Chief-Airplane and Engine Mechanics, Indianapolis, Indiana, DOD 07/02/1998, reported by his daughter, Pamela S. Yohler

530th Savanovich, George (NMI), Gunner, Tovarez Crew (65), Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, DOD 08/15/2002, reported by Gerald Englert

531st Buss, Fred J., Radar Navigator, Various Crews, George, Iowa, DOD 1988, reported by his daughter, Betsy Buss

531st Engel, Donald A., Nose Gunner, Henderson Crew (92), Syracuse, New York, DOD 09/29/2002, reported by his son, Thomas Engel

