

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



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

*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.*

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

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS

# *The Flying Circus*

208 CHIPPEWA ST.  
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## **NEWSLETTER #17**

December 2003

### **Compatriots and Friends:**

We had a very well attended Reunion at Williamsburg which from all reports was enjoyed by all. Next year's will be in the Boston Area where we will get to see much more of America's history, particularly of the Revolutionary War era.

Jim Wright and Tom Hunt have asked me to prepare a briefing paper on my discovery that the 380th was originally scheduled to go to the 8th Air Force (England and Ploesti) rather than the 5th (Australia and Balikpapan). Only an impassioned plea by General Kenny to General Arnold and President Roosevelt changed our fate. There is not room to do it here because of the Williamsburg pictures. It will appear in our March issue.

Please note the request from the B-24 Memorial Fund for a donation for a model B-24 (like that at the Air Force Academy). I believe we should join this but will wait until you vote on it at the Boston Reunion.

Please also note from the Financial Report that we are very low on funds for publishing *THE FLYING CIRCUS*. Hence, like the September issue, this one must be all in black and white until our finances improve. As noted there and as I explained in Williamsburg, the Salt Lake City picture issue (last December) was very expensive without our prior knowledge. Thus the current situation.

Have a Jolly and Safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,



Theodore J. (Ted) Williams



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## **WE WENT TO WAR, PART VI**

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Part VI of our History Project, *WE WENT TO WAR: The Aircraft We Flew - The Philippines Campaign*, will be available on our website by February 15, 2004. We appreciate your patience.

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## **BOSTON - 2004 REUNION**

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Dates suggested by the membership at the Business Meeting at the Williamsburg Reunion were: September 29-October 3, 2004, for our visit to coincide with the fall colors in the Boston area.

Pat Carnevale is still working on the best site at the best price. She doesn't have all the proposals in yet for our Reunion. We should have more information on lodging and pricing for our next newsletter, in March 2004.

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## **IMPORTANT MESSAGES**

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We wish to thank Pat Sloane most gratefully for her contribution to the 380th Research Fund in memory of her husband, William E. (Bill) Sloane, Jr., whose passing was recorded at the Langley AFB Chapel Memorial Service during the Williamsburg Reunion, and in this issue.

We also wish to thank all those who sent in photographs from the Reunion to be included in this issue: John Annesser, Paul and Barbara Beilstein, Anna Debevec, Marvin E. Gardner, Peter LaLena, Joe Maloney, Don Mullinnex, Joe Wells, and Diane Whetstine.

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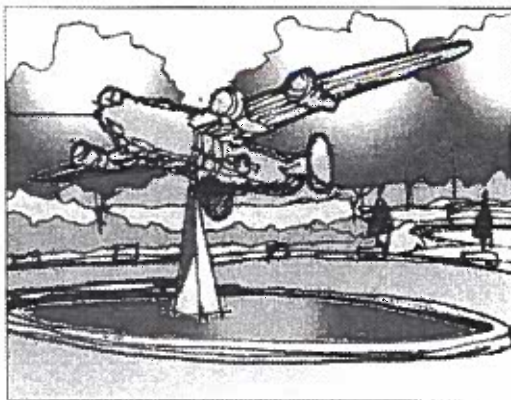
## **DEDICATION OF THE NEW WWII MEMORIAL - WASHINGTON DC MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2004**

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Carnevale & Associates has secured a block of 50 rooms for Memorial Weekend 2004 for those wishing to attend the dedication of the new WW II Memorial in Washington, DC. Pat Carnevale has requested 100 tickets to the dedication ceremony. The hotel is located in Leesburg, VA. - the Holiday Inn at Historic Carradoc Hall. Complimentary shuttle service is provided to and from Dulles International Airport. Room rate is \$99 + tax. Transportation to and from the dedication site will be arranged at a nominal fee. Please call (800) 659-8808 if you would like to make reservations.

## B-24 MEMORIAL



Design Credit: Veterans Memorial Gardens and Artists From Robbins Purshelle

# B-24 Memorial SAN DIEGO

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B-24 Memorial - San Diego  
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24 October 2003

Ted Williams  
380th BG Association  
208 Chippewa Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47906-2123

Dear Ted,


Enclosed you will find an information pack and a donation form regarding the B-24 Memorial to be placed in San Diego, California's, Balboa Park. We are inviting all groups associated with the B-24 to be part of this memorial by making a donation towards its completion.

We are asking for a \$1,000 donation in the name of your group or association. Along with the individual donations, we will have a special section on the memorial for groups and associations.

This B-24 Memorial is the only one of its kind placed in a public park - with complete public access. It will be located in Balboa Park, America's largest urban cultural park. Balboa Park houses over 85 performing arts and international culture organizations along with fifteen world-class museums. The famous San Diego Zoo is located here along with gardens, hiking and biking trails, recreational facilities, and restaurants. The park covers a huge 1,200 acres and is minutes away from downtown San Diego. The bronze Liberator will be prominently placed near a main thoroughfare, clearly visible to the thousands who travel this road daily.

I strongly encourage your organization to be part of this San Diego B-24 Memorial.

Most Sincerely,

  
George B. Welsh  
B-24 Memorial - San Diego

Due to limited space in this issue, more information on this project will be given in the  
March 2004 issue of *THE FLYING CIRCUS*.

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**380TH REUNION -- WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA  
SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2003**

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**Colonial Williamsburg**



**Anna Debevec and John Schultz  
(Maloney)**



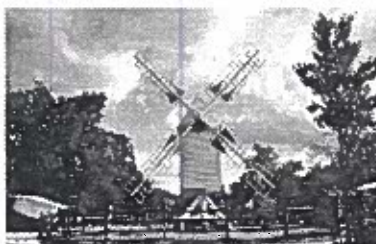
**Ann Dee Watson, Betty and Joe Maloney,  
Jo Ellen Mitchell (Maloney)**



**Betty and Joe Maloney (Maloney)**



**(Gotham)**



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**Hospitality Room**



**Cecelia Meade and Glenn Horton  
(Whetstine)**



**Pete Burris  
(Whetstine)**



**Donna and Tony Gioia  
(Whetstine)**



**Frank Boudreau (Whetstine)**



**Joe Wells, Ted Williams,  
Cecelia Meade  
(Whetstine)**



**Gordon and Norma Goecke  
(Whetstine)**



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### Aboard the "Yorktown Lady" Cruise



Richard and Olga Bill (Beilstein)



Alice and Syl Nemcek  
(Beilstein)



Lou Lanners and the Captain of the  
"Yorktown" Lady (Beilstein)



Nemceks, Bills, Kroes, Lanners, and  
Beilsteins (Beilstein)

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### Memorial Service, Langley Air Base Chapel



(Gotham)



(Gotham)



(Gotham)



(Whetstone)



(Gotham)



Chaplain David Black  
(Debevec)

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### Displays at the Virginia Air and Space Museum



(Gotham)



(Gotham)



(Whetstone)



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### Luncheon at Officers Club, Langley Air Force Base



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**Dinner/Dance, September 13, Patrick Henry Inn**



**Bill Bever & Harold Clapsaddle (Gotham)**



**Jean and Bob Johnson  
(Gotham)**



**Bonnie and Frank Boudreau (Gotham)**



**Carl Borgstrom, Terry & Terry Snyder, Jackie and Frank  
Cowell, Arthur Cowell (Gotham)**



**Geoff Paddock, Kathleen and  
Bud Offerle (Gotham)**



**Marvin Gardner Jr., Fran Allor, Laurence &  
Lana Gardner, Marvin Gardner Sr.,  
Darlene McKell (Gotham)**



**Pete Burris, Gus Cameron, Jim Wright,  
Ginny Roper, Stewart Campbell (Gotham)**



**Schoenemann Family: Debra, Klayton,  
Brian, Nikki, Ozzie and Mary (Gotham)**



**Loyd and Donna Oakes, Pat Killingsworth, Joan  
Pounsett, Tom Hunt, Viola Peterson, Gladys Brandt,  
Nancy Walsh (Gotham)**



**Baker Family: Dexter Jr., Georgia, Dexter  
Sr., Greg and Crystal (Gotham)**

THESE AND MORE PHOTOS WILL ALSO BE  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE IN JANUARY:  
[http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/REUNION/  
2003Reunion/Reunion.html](http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/REUNION/2003Reunion/Reunion.html)

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**Verna and Russ McCrea (Annesser)**



**Tom Hunt, Marian Hritz, John Annesser  
(Annesser)**



**Olga and Richard Bills  
(Gotham)**



**Lloyd Fry and Marian Robinson  
(Annesser)**



**Marie and Pete LaLena (Wells)**



**Diane Whetstine, Joe Wells,  
Cecelia Meade (Wells)**



**Bryant Family: Bonnie,  
Katherine, Elmer (Gotham)**



**Tom Hunt and Viola Peterson  
(LaLena)**



**Gordon and Norma Goecke  
(Wells)**



**Pete and Pat Carnevale  
(Gotham)**



**Joe and Betty Maloney, Marvin  
Gardner (Gotham)**



**Gwen and Glenn Horton  
(Gotham)**



**Sara and Jim Bejoian (LaLena)**



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**Jim Wright & Bob Winters  
(Mullinnex)**



**Dolores and John Lento  
(Whetstone)**



**Plassman Family: Bill and Connie,  
Esther and David (Whetstone)**



**Ozzie Schoenemann & Bob Winters  
(Mullinnex)**



**Barbara and Paul Beilstein  
(Gotham)**



**Bob & Dorothy Winters and Sharon &  
Don Mullinnex (Mullinnex)**



**Bill Bevers, Glenn Horton, Bob  
Winters (Mullinnex)**



**Marian Hritz & John Annesser  
(Whetstone)**



**Ted and Isabel Williams  
(Whetstone)**



**John Schultz and family  
(Gardner)**



**Bryan Clements, Marvin  
Gardner, Kathleen Clements  
(Gardner)**



**Barb and Doug  
Gotham (Gardner)**



**Dancers (Gotham)**



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**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION**  
**2004 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

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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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*Membership runs from Reunion to Reunion.*

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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

**528th Dally, Irene**, Wife of Joe Dally, 08/2003.  
Margate, Florida, reported by her husband, Joe

**528th Sheehan, Sherwood**, Aircraft Commander,  
Sheehan's Crew (5), DOD 11/07/2003, Boca Raton,  
Florida, reported by Joe Dally, John Annesser, Wilfred  
Moran, and Patricia Sloane

**528th Shek, William**, Aircraft Commander, Shek's  
Crew (7), DOD 04/03/2003, Redding, California,  
reported by his son, Bill Shek



**528th Sloane, William E., Jr.**, Pilot, Rice's Crew (8),  
DOD 08/11/2003, Stuart, Florida, reported by his  
wife, Pat

**528th Zeitz, Chester H.**, Tail Gunner, Russell's Crew  
(14), DOD 12/08/1994, Salt Lake City, Utah,  
reported by his son, Harry Zeitz

**529th Knapp, Jack H.**, Gunner, Sinnott's Crew, DOD  
10/28/1997, Amble, Michigan, reported by his  
grandson, James Voorhees

**529th Stevens, Virgil**, Aircraft Commander, Stevens'  
Crew (29), 08/27/2003, Fort Worth, Texas, reported  
by his wife, Jean Stevens

**528th Cowell, Bess**, wife of Arthur Cowell, 09/22/  
2001, Wana, West Virginia, reported by her husband

**530th Lewis, Clarence E.**, Aircraft Commander,  
Lewis' Crew (85), DOD 10/07/2003, reported by  
Gene Stadler

**530th Wojnilko, Frank**, Bombardier, Kendall's Crew  
(84), DOD 08/2003, Danbury, Connecticut, reported  
by his wife

**531st Belch, William D., Sr.**, Gunner and Gunnery  
Instructor, DOD 07/03/1947, Portsmouth, Virginia,  
reported by his son, W.D. Belch, Jr.

**531st Bryant, Elmer T. ("Chick")**, Gunner, Ziegler's  
Crew, DOD 11/15/2003, Currituck, North Carolina,  
reported by Bonnie Boudreau

**531st Ferris, Howard E.**, Ground Staff, Airplane  
Mechanic, DOD 09/2002, Homewood, Illinois,  
reported by Warren Goodrich

**531st Norman, James B.**, Ground Staff, Aircraft  
Maintenance Technician, DOD 08/10/2002,  
Savannah, Georgia, reported by Warren Goodrich

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