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# The Flying Circus

**NEWSLETTER #34**

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## ***380th MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION***

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As a request from our members, and in order to save room for more articles, the membership form will not be included in each issue. BUT please continue to send in your yearly renewals! You can get the form from an old newsletter, or on-line from our website.

Or you can also send a letter with the following information:

Name  
Squadron / 380th Duty  
Renewal or New  
Regular Member (original member of 380th Bomb Group or 380th Bomb Wing)  
Associate Member (if associate, please include the name of the 380th veteran and your relationship to him)  
Your address (street address, city, state, zip)  
Your phone number  
Your email address  
Your spouse's name (if applicable) (if deceased, name and date of death would also be appreciated)

Your annual donation of \$20 payable to 380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION will help defray costs of mailings throughout the year.  
Mail to: Barbara Gotham, 130 Colony Road, W Lafayette IN 47906-1209 USA

*Thanks to all who've sent in donations!*

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### ***BUDGET REPORT***

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At the time of the 2007 Reunion, one of our members suggested that a **Reunion Fund** be started to help with the costs associated with the reunion. These would be extra funds donated by our members (in addition to the event registration fees) to help keep our costs down.

For those of you who would really like to participate in the reunions but cannot be there in person, this is one way to help others.

We have received about \$100 so far for the Reunion Fund - thanks to all who have contributed!

If you think this is a good idea and would like to contribute, please send a check payable to "380th Bomb Group Association" to Barbara Gotham, 130 Colony Road, W Lafayette IN 47906-1209. Please mark "Reunion Fund" on the memo line of your check, or send a note indicating how you'd like your donation to be used.

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### ***FUTURE REUNIONS***

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#### **2009 Reunion**

As you know, the 2009 Reunion will be held in Savannah, Georgia. Barb Gotham is in contact with the Savannah Convention & Visitors Bureau and she is working with them to get bids/proposals from various hotels in the Savannah area to host our 2009 Reunion.

If you live in or near Savannah, or have had recent experience at hotels in the area, please send Barb your input regarding:

- (1) The best month to hold our reunion there (September, October or November).
- (2) The best location for our hotel (Midtown or outside the city, such as Pooler - which is where the Mighty 8th AF Museum is located).
- (3) Suggestions for group activities.

#### **2010 and 2011 Reunions**

Barb Gotham has been approached by visitor bureaus in various Western and Midwestern cities interested in hosting the 380th Bomb Group Association reunions for 2010 and 2011. Proposals from these cities will be presented at the Members Meeting at the 2008 Reunion, and will also be printed in the Winter 2008/2009 newsletter issue.

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## **2008 REUNION - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION**

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The 2008 Reunion will be held in Tucson, Arizona, from November 5-9, 2008

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Pat Carnevale and Larry Farnum are serving as our 2008 Reunion Coordinators. The site for the 2008 Reunion will be the Hotel Arizona (formerly Holiday Inn downtown). Their rate is \$84 + tax and would include a full breakfast. They have offered us a meeting room off the lobby (quite large - definitely more than 700 sq ft) for our hospitality room. The Hotel Arizona offers complimentary airport shuttle and free parking.

The hotel reservation form is included in this issue. Pat has requested 50 rooms starting on Wednesday, November 5th, with check-out on Sunday, November 9th. The hotel is offering us the same rate is effective 3 days prior and 3 days after the event for those wishing to extend their stay.

**PLEASE NOTE** the following change from the agenda posted in the last newsletter: On Friday, we will be having our memorial service and a luncheon at Davis Monthan AFB, instead of at the Pima Air and Space Museum. Thanks to Pat Carnevale for arranging this for us through her Air Force contacts.

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### ***Tentative Agenda***

**Wednesday, November 5:** Registration in afternoon. Buffet welcome dinner that evening at the Hotel Arizona.

**Thursday, November 6:** Optional group tours. Dinner on own.

**Friday, November 7:** Morning: Memorial Service and luncheon at Davis Monthan AFB. Afternoon: Museum tours, Pima Air and Space Museum. Dinner on own.

**Saturday, November 8:** Members' meeting in morning; optional group tours in afternoon. Dinner/Dance at the Hotel Arizona

**Sunday, November 9:** Departure

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Here are a few suggestions for optional group tours:

Biosphere 2

Kitt Peak National Observatory

*Do you have a suggestion for a site for an optional tour? If so, please contact Barb Gotham <Email: bjgotham@gmail.com>*

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**For planning purposes, it would be appreciated if you could let us know if it is your intention to attend the Tucson Reunion. Please cut out and return the following form to Barb Gotham regarding your planned participation at the 2008 Reunion.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Yes, I plan on attending*          \_\_\_\_\_ *No, I cannot attend*

*If yes:*

Number of people in my party attending \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of attendance \_\_\_\_\_

*Return to: Barb Gotham, 130 Colony Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906-1209 (or email info to bjgotham@gmail.com)*

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**2008 REUNION ~ HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

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The Hotel Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

**November 5-9, 2008**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Rate: \$84 (single or double) + 12% room tax + \$1 per night city surcharge (\$95.08 per night)  
(Rate is good 3 days prior and 3 days after reunion subject to availability)

Rate includes full American Breakfast, transfers to/from Tucson Airport and complimentary parking at the hotel.

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room type: \_\_\_\_\_ Single (one person, one bed)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Double (two persons, one bed)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Double/Double (two persons, two beds)

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap facilities \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking;

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please print

Credit card will be used for guarantee only. Your card will not be charged until arrival or unless you fail to cancel on time. If making hotel deposit by check please make check payable to The Hotel Arizona and include tax (\$95.08).

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

*Reservations made after **October 14th** are subject to availability and possible rate change.*

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

e-mail: [carne@dakotacom.net](mailto:carne@dakotacom.net)

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As full service travel agents, we are also able to assist you with your travel arrangements. A modest service fee will be charged for airline tickets.

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## FEATURED CREW PHOTOS

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### Sears Crew (85) 531st Squadron

Top row, L/R: Lyle Sears, Cecil Eden, Edward Walford, Elwood Bernstein

Bottom row, L/R: Nicholas Efthemois, John Chubick, Carlo Burdi, Carl Harnois, Raymond Schultz, Leo Herzig

*Submitted by Carlo Burdi*

### Blum Crew (91) 531st Squadron



Here is a photo of our crew and plane, Male Call, taken on the occasion of the plane's 100th mission. Our crew flew the last 39 missions on her. Male Call was a "D" model with no nose turret, but some time before our crew flew her, a nose turret had been attached--with the result that hydraulic fluid drips from the turret would drop onto the window below, thereby smudging the view of the Norden Bombsight. But she was a strong lady and took us back to home base 39 times!

The back row of the picture shows: Ozzie Schoemann, Radioman; Woodward Ward, Engineer; Harry Blum, Pilot; Emmett Stanley, Tail Gunner; (a non-crew member gunner); Donald Grieb, Navigator; Z.B. Cruthers, Co-pilot; and the front row: Braxton Willard, Armor Gunner; (a non-crew member photographer); Robert Winters, Nose Gunner; Tony DiNardo, Bombardier. *Submitted by Tony DiNardo*



### Finlayson Crew (RAAF) 531st Squadron

This photo was taken by the 531st Squadron 380th Bomb Group photographer. We trained in New Guinea with the Americans. Then we went to Darwin and flew with the 531st Sqdn 380th. We flew 11 missions with the 531st Sqdn and then transferred to the R.A.A.F. with 23 Sqdn.

*Submitted by A. Dave Sieber, Dianella, Australia*

Back row, L/R: Mick Finlayson (Pilot & Skipper), Eddie East (WOP), Eric Sperring (Navigator), Ned Ward (Engineer), Ted McDowell (WOP), David Sieber (Front Gunner)  
Front (kneeling), L/R: Allan Underwood (Gunnery Leader), Bill Vine (Co-Pilot), Frank Kearney (Tail Gunner), Keith Craig (Bombardier)

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## THEN AND NOW

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**Carlo J. Burdi**  
**531st Squadron, Sears' Crew**

After returning from the war, Burdi worked in his soon-to-be wife Nettie's family's grocery market in Brooklyn. He and Nettie were married shortly thereafter in Brooklyn. They raised two daughters, Joanne and Gail. He then took a job with the NYC Parks Department. Carlo & Nettie have two grandchildren, Vincent &



Joseph, and a great-grandson Carlo on the way.

Since retiring from the Parks Department, Carlo enjoys doing construction jobs in his house, working on his car, and spending time with his family. He is looking forward to attending the reunion in November 2008.

*Submitted by their grandson, Vincent Pantone*

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**Louis N. Lanners, Jr.**  
**529th Squadron, Flight Engineer, Kroes' Crew**



Louis Lanners joined the Army Air Corp in 1940 in Amarillo, Texas. He was sent to Mountain Home, Idaho, to the 380th Bomb Group in 1944, where he was trained on the B-24. After training, he operated out of the Philippines and was sent to bomb various places, such as China, Japan and Borneo. On the way to Okinawa, it was announced that the war was over.

Louis lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife of 64 years, Irene. They are both 90 years old.



The "Then" photo was taken in 1940 and the "Now" was taken in 2008.

*Submitted by their daughter, Flora Young*

This photo of Louis and Irene was taken at the 380th Reunion in 2005 (San Diego).



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## THEN AND NOW

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The following biographical sketch of Horace Eisenhard was prepared for the Veterans Recognition Project of the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society in Lehigh County, PA.

**Horace Paul Eisenhard**  
**Staff Sergeant U. S. Army Air Force**  
**8 December 1942 – 21 October 1945**  
**531st Squadron, 380th Bomb Group**  
**Gunner, Cook's and Koller's Crews**



Horace was born at home on 17 April 1922 on Quarry Road in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania to **George Washington Daniel Eisenhard** (27 Dec 1902 – 17 Jun 1954) and **Susan M. Danko** (6 June 1901 – 8 May 1985). After attending grade school in Alburdis, Pennsylvania, from 1928 to 1937, Horace worked for his father hauling, bagging and delivering coal from their home on Quarry Road. In 1939, Horace went to work for Lehigh Slag Company in Alburdis as a truck driver until 1940, and then for Traylor Engineering Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as an assembler and welder until he entered the Army.

Horace was drafted into the Army as a Private on 8 December 1942. After he was inducted at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, he was ordered to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for basic training and was then assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. After a 15-day furlough in June 1943, during which his daughter **Gloria Jean** was born, Horace reported in at Fort Custer, Michigan, for a short while before being transferred to Baco Raton, Florida, where he drove refueling trucks for C-47, B-24, and B-17 aircraft. He then was reassigned to Scott Field in Illinois, where he attended Radio Operator School. On 14 September 1944, he was transferred to Harlington, Texas, for five weeks for Aerial Gunnery School, and then to March Field near Riverside, California, for crew training on the B-24 "Liberator" Heavy Bomber as a Turret Gunner until February 1945. His next assignment was at Hamilton Field near San Francisco, California, where he was assigned to an air crew and ordered to deliver his airplane to the Far East Air Forces (later re-designated 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force) Combat and Training Center on Berokoe Drome, Biak, a small island near the northern coast of Papua, Indonesia. From there Horace flew B-24 bombing missions as a Lower Ball Gunner in the 531<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group ("The Flying Circus"), bombing oil fields on Borneo, and later from Mindoro in the Philippines to bomb targets on Formosa. The 380<sup>th</sup> distinguished itself by flying 10-12 hour missions - the longest bombing missions of the war. Horace served in the Pacific Theater from 18 April 1945 until 9 October 1945, when he returned to the States for separation at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on 21 October 1945. He was discharged there as a Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Air Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal (w/5 bronze stars), and the Philippine Liberation Medal.



Horace then returned to Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, and resumed working for Traylor Engineering until 1947, when he went to work for Nothstein Excavating & Trucking Company in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, as an Equipment Operator until he retired in 1986.



Horace married **Geraldine May Nothstein** (born 21 May 1923) on 13 December 1942 in St. Paul's Union Lutheran Church in Trexlertown. They lived with Geraldine's parents until 1947, and then moved to Brookside Road in Wescosville. In 1967, they moved to Breinigsville, Pennsylvania, and in 2003 relocated to Bushkill Township Pennsylvania. In addition to their daughter, Horace and Geraldine had a son, **Eric Paul**. Horace is a life member of VFW 8282 in Breinigsville; Wescosville Fire Company; and Rural Sportsmen's Association in Trexlertown. He also has been a member of Masonic Lodge 326 since 1968.

Both in their mid 80s, Horace and Geraldine are in good health, though she requires a wheelchair.

*Koller Crew (this crew was featured in our issue #31-July 2007)*

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## MAIL CALL

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Wed, Feb 13, 2008 at 1:19 PM

Dear Sir/Madam: First of all, this is a outstanding site! Thank you for providing it to the public! I am researching the service of Marvin R. Kern who was a navigator on Richard Locke's crew in the 528th BS. Do you have a list of missions that this crew would have flown? It appears that the crew was assigned late in the war on 13 Jul 1945. I would appreciate any information that you can provide.

Sincerely,  
Erick E. Eastes (Carmel, IN)  
eastes@yahoo.com

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*If anyone has info on Marvin Kern (528th), please contact Erick!*

Wed, Mar 19, 2008 at 3:07 PM

Barb,  
Thank you sending to me the information on Locke's crew and for sending the 380th newsletter. Other than the information found on the website, would you have any more information on Marvin Kern (528th)? I would like to find out where he came from prior to his assignment with the 380th. Thanks for all of your help!

Erick

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On Fri, Mar 21, 2008 at 7:58 PM wrote:

Dear Ms. Gotham and Friends of the 380TH BG,

My name is Jeff Kunz. I am the son of Robert H. Kunz.

My father was bombardier on-board the 'Juarez Whistle,' as part of Capt. Dennis crew, out of Fenton strip, Australia. My father retired as a Major from the USAF in the early '60's.

He went on to work in aerospace and with defense contractors, including having worked on the Gemini and Apollo missions.

My dad retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Eighties. He lived with my mother "Peggy" in Hudson, Massachusetts. The family home has been sold and my mother now resides in a retirement community in Hudson.

"Bob" died September 15, 1999, and is buried at St. Michael Cemetery, Cox Street, Hudson, Massachusetts. Would you be so kind as to include his name in the TAPS listing? His wife Peggy, my mother survives, along with his two children, myself and a daughter.

***If there are any surviving members of the Dennis Crew or members of the 530TH/380TH BG, please feel free to give them my email address.***

***I would like very much to correspond with them.***

Thank you for your attention and help.

Respectfully,

Jeff Kunz  
P.O. Box 93, Littleton, MA 01460-0093  
juarezwhistle@gmail.com

*Jeff would like to correspond with anyone who served on or knew his father and the Dennis Crew!*



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## MAIL CALL

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RE: William K Couch 529/ 18170090  
Sun, Mar 30, 2008 at 10:30 PM

I am so happy to have just discovered the 380th website. My dad (William K Couch, 529th) was a member and he talks all the time of it. He is 83 and has such a memory!!! He was just yesterday asking to look up some guys and I had visited this website once before so I looked it up again today. I will be getting his app in the mail in few days.

Linda Jones

*Editor's Note: William K. Couch, served in both the 529th and 531st Squadrons. He was Flight Engineer on the Manley, Craig Crayfish, and Deaton Crews. He flew on TENN SQUIRREL HUNTER, SUNSHINE, and JEZEBELLE*

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From: Joseph F. Sahid <jsahid@sas.upenn.edu>  
Mon, Mar 31, 2008 at 10:50 AM  
Subject: Frank Aiello

Hi Barbara,

My name is Joseph F. Sahid and I am the youngest grandson of Frank J. Aiello, who I believe served in the 380th Bomber Group during the Second World War. I know that he served in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

My grandfather's full name was Frank Joseph Aiello. He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey.

My grandfather's war buddy, Mr. Nick Nusdeu, personally told me that my grandfather was in the 380th.

I believe that he served as a tail gunner.

I am not sure what crew he may have flown with. This is basically all I know.

Do you know if there is any way I can confirm this? I'm trying to located men who may have known him during the war.

Thanks!

- Joseph F. Sahid

*Editor's Note: Our history records as compiled by Ted Williams do not show a Frank J. Aiello with the 380th - if anyone has any info on his service, please let me know! Thanks, Barb Gotham*

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March 12, 2008

Mrs. Gotham:

For several years I have belonged to AWON (American War Orphans Network) and was in Washington, D.C. for the WW II Memorial dedication. I did not know until I returned home that the veterans met in various places and I had missed a golden opportunity.

The AWON convention is in Tucson, AZ, on November 7-11. Today, as I was looking at your wonderful information on the 380th Bomb Group Association, I was shocked to see that the reunion will also be in Tucson, AZ, on November 5-9. WHAT A COINCIDENCE OR IS IT?

I hope to be able to attend. How wonderful it would be to participate in this even for a short time. My husband and I lived in Tucson twice when he was stationed there with the Air Force. (He is a 20 year veteran.)

My father was SSgt Wilson E. Page who was on the plane THE RED ASS piloted by Lt. David Lippincott. They left Fenton, Australia on Sept 11, 1943. (They did not return.)

In 2006 I received the book The Flying Circus by Jim Wright. You have probably read that. There is more information in that on my father's plane/

Thank you for all the work you have done for the Association and I am sorry that I have not contacted you before.

Sincerely,  
Wilma Page Lanier

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## MAIL CALL / PHOTO GALLERY

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### Carmichael Crew (40) 529th Squadron

Thu, Feb 28, 2008 at 1:40 PM  
Subject: Lil Beavers

Dear Barb,  
I am writing this letter at the request of my father, Ben Williams (Carmichael's Crew). He is functionally blind so I have the great honor of reading the newsletter to him. Roger Caputo's 5th Installment of Dream Time in Issue 33 brought him many a chuckle. He recalled hearing the tale of the sudsy bombing of Adelaide. It was legendary among the Fenton crews. My father has asked me to send the attached photo. We know the names of most of Carmichael's crew. Maybe someone could help identify the other member of the crew.



Carmichael's Crew:

Front Row: Benjamin H Williams, Arthur J Gregory, Walter S George, Charles H Smith, William H Stokes, Unidentified (Best recollection he was the ground crew chief, First name is possibly Bill).

Back Row: John R Davis, John B Hagler, James H Johnston, Charles C. Carmichael

Missing from Picture: Richard Carozzo - died in jeep accident; Kingdon R Lott - legs crushed in same accident, sent stateside; Eugene Hutchens - flew with crew while Williams was recuperating from shrapnel injuries.

Thanks again for all you do.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Honeycutt, for Benjamin Williams

*If anyone can help with the names of the unidentified man in this photo, please let Barb Gotham know so she can contact Cheryl & Ben.*



These photos were submitted by Dave Sieber, RAAF, Australia. Above is PATTY'S PIG, and to the right are two 531st Squadron B-24s.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Photos from C.W. Boatwright, these are photos of his father, Carroll Boatwright



Carroll W. Boatwright  
531st Squadron - Ground Staff, Supply, Supply Sgt



Carroll (right rear standing) with 531st (WWII)



At Mindoro



From: countryauto@windstream.net  
Thu, Mar 6, 2008 at 7:38 PM  
Subject: Toddy Nose Art

We are in search of any information on the "Toddy" nose art you may have. The lady on the nose is the mother of a fellow employee. Any help would help, thank you!

countryauto@windstream.net



Lt. Everett Bever is on the right, holding his pet dog, Tiny. It is unknown who the other two officers are on the left. And, of course, there is a dead kangaroo propped up in the chair with a hat on appearing to be a poker player!

*Submitted by Bill Bever*

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*PHOTO GALLERY*

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Photos here submitted by Steve Conway, Associate, 529th Squadron, son of F. Richard Conway, Pilot, Toepperwein's Crew (17)



Conway, McManus



SSgt Howard W Gross, MIA  
Mar 8 1944



Campana, OHorn, Perry, Bieber, Kopel,  
Gross



Ops Clerks Baron, Cordell,  
Barnhill, Elliott, Humphries



Miller, Robertson, Melton, and Lee



Chaussee, Conway, Toepperwein,  
Gordon



Lt Toepperwein, Sept 15 1943



Sgt Clarence H Bieber, MIA, Mar 8 1944



Capt William Hubbard, Flight Surgeon



Hudson, Bilotti, Poole, Swartz



Lt Charlie Shaver,  
POW, Jan 19 1944



Fr Leonard Katchinski

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## LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

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by Bill Bever  
Son of Everett D. Bever, 528<sup>th</sup> BS

The picture John Collins and I are holding was my dad's Combat Training Crew picture taken at the Army Air Base Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado in 1943. Dad and his entire 528<sup>th</sup> B.S. crew came together for the first time in Pueblo to start their training as a crew before leaving for Australia to be assigned to the 380<sup>th</sup> B.G.

Barb Gotham from the 380<sup>th</sup> B.G. Association sent an email to me she received from a TSgt. John Collins, stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California. John had dad's crew picture hanging on his office wall.

John Collins is originally from Texas. John's mother had bought an old suitcase at a garage sale over 30 years ago. She was told that in the case were old picture frames. She took it home, never opened it and placed in their garage. Several years ago John's dad decided to open it up and lo and behold there was dad's Combat Training Crew picture along with other old picture frames. On the back of the picture, the entire crew names were listed. John's dad gave the picture to him and John decided the mystery picture was to hang on his office wall at Edwards Air Force Base.



John, after many years of wondering who the men were in the picture decided to surf the Internet for bomb groups to find an answer. He found the 380<sup>th</sup> B.G. Association website. He read some of the articles I had submitted and found the men's names listed corresponded with the names on the back of his picture. He noticed from one of my articles there was a different name for the navigator than what he had on his picture. John was curious about the two different names and who had originally owned the picture. John emailed Barb Gotham and Barb sent John's information to me. I was in total shock when I saw dad's combat crew picture.

I emailed John Collins in California to tell him who I was and that I could answer his questions about the picture. The two different navigators were Lt. Quinton V. Tuttle, the original navigator who somehow got their crew lost on their first two missions out of Fenton, so the command pilot, Lt. John S. DiDomenico, decided to make a change and brought Lt. John H. Reid on board as their new navigator. John's other question of who discarded the picture most likely was Mrs. Thomas Murphy who lived in the Dallas, Texas area. Thomas Murphy, her late husband, better known as "Pappy," was a gunner and oldest member of the crew. John Collins's mother could not recall from whom or where she bought the suitcase from after so many years. Just to be on the safe side, I asked Lucile Miller, the wife of the late John Miller (John was the radio operator on dad's crew) from Fort Worth about this picture. Mrs. Miller told me they had lost most of John's W.W.II pictures in Fort Worth's flood in 1946. I am convinced now that Mrs. Thomas Murphy had sold the picture to John Collins's mother as Thomas Murphy and John Miller were the only two members from dad's crew living in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

TSgt. John Collins told me he would be coming to the Fort Worth area for schooling the last week in January. I invited him to dinner. John and his dad met my son and me at a restaurant to meet for the first time and look over all the information we had on the picture. John offered to give me back the picture his mother bought, but I told him I had several of that specific one and he was welcomed to keep it. John was hoping I would say that as he now has a story behind the picture he will take back to his office in California to hang back up on the wall.

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## *WHEN ADELAIDE WAS BOMBED BY ORANGES*

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*Excerpts taken from an issue of W.W.II magazine  
Submitted by Bill Bever*

During the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group stay in Australia, the various bomb squadrons had to make supply runs to feed their airman and ground crews. Thus came about “the bombing of Adelaide,” an episode attributed to a Liberator bomber carrying various items in its bomb bays .... oranges, booze, Coca Cola and so on. As luck would have it, the bomb bay doors “peeled off shortly after takeoff .... And gravity took care of the rest. Quite a sight it was to see case after case tumbling down, plus crates of oranges flying apart,” recalled American Charles Edward of the 380<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group.

Below, a crate of beer landed in Mrs. I.F. MacDonald’s back yard and a Coke carton “demolished” the roof of her washhouse. Oranges “showered down over the entire neighborhood.” Amazingly, no one was hurt.

The 380<sup>th</sup> did not win a Presidential Unit Citation for this feat, but did win one for its lengthy missions over the Dutch East Indies, including the war’s longest bombing raid before the advent of the B-29 “Super Fort.” Operating the B-24 Liberator, the 380<sup>th</sup> lost 49 of its bombers in one year, and more then 260 men overall, before decamping from the Northern Territory .... No longer the vulnerable Northern Territory exactly because of such sacrifices by American, Australians and their various allies in the down under part of the world.



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**THESIS SURVEY: WORLD WAR II AND REMEMBRANCE**  
*Thesis by Ralph DiCarpio*

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**Ralph DiCarpio**  
P.O. Box 472  
Round Top, NY 12473-0472

Dear Sir:

I am currently working on my master's thesis at Empire State College, a division of the State University of New York. The subject of my thesis is the changes in memory concerning World War II. Before explaining my purpose in contacting you, perhaps it would be best to explain my interest in the war.

My father served as a Marine in the Pacific from 1942 onward and participated in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division. My father, who passed away in 2003, was never at a loss to relate interesting, and often humorous, stories of his time in New Zealand and Hawaii, but the only times he would speak of his combat experiences was in his nightmares. As his son, I was intensely interested in why it was that dad would wake up screaming and so, I spent the better part of my life studying the war to better understand not only his experiences, but what it was that shaped the man who raised me.

I decided that in pursuing my masters in history, I would turn an historian's eye upon the effect that World War II had upon the immediate post-war world; the world that I grew up in and that shaped my environment and, therefore, me. What I plan to do is to study the ways in which the memory of the war has changed throughout the years. I intend to gather information from news stories, popular entertainment including memoirs, novels, movies and television and from the participants themselves. It is the latter to which I address my request to you.

If you could complete the attached questionnaire as fully as possible and return it to me via mail or email, it would assist me in no small measure. I believe that you will deduce from the tone of the questions that I want your opinions and feelings as to how the war is remembered by the succeeding generations. I hope that the final product will be a comprehensive analysis of the ebbs and flows of remembrance especially from the viewpoint of those who made history.

My thesis should be completed by the end of summer. Thanks for your help.

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If anyone would like to fill out the questionnaire on the next page, please do so. You can return it directly to Ralph DiCarpio (his address is at the top of this article, his email is at the bottom), or send to Barb Gotham (who will forward them to Ralph).

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*THESIS SURVEY (Continued from previous page)*

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**Post-World War II Survey (page one)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Service Information*

Branch: (circle) Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard Merchant Marine

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Theater: \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

2. *Post-War Information*

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: Highest Level Attained: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use the GI Bill to attend college? Y N College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational school? Y N School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Children: \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Post-War Attitudes (Kindly attach additional pages if necessary)*

In your opinion, how has the war been portrayed in the media since 1945?

**Post-World War II Survey (page two)**

In your opinion, how has the war been presented to school children since 1945?

In your opinion, will the legacy of the war be forgotten?

Additional comments

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Please send this survey to Ralph DiCarpio - he plans on finishing his thesis this summer.

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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/Group Bauguss, Claude W.**, Clerk, Ordnance and Administration, DOD 02/26/2008, Greensboro, North Carolina, reported by his son, Claude Bauguss Jr.

**528th Olson, David Hedge**, Navigator, Tate Crew (9), DOD 05/21/2007, Portland, Oregon, reported by his son, Steve Olson

**528th Stark, Myron**, Gunner, Moran's Crew (7), DOD 2007, reported by Will Moran and Curt Chamberlain

**528th Wyckoff, Amy C.**, wife of Jack S. Wyckoff, DOD 04/17/2006, Hendersonville, North Carolina, reported by her husband

**529th Beaudoin, Janet**, widow of Bruce Beaudoin, DOD 05/01/2006, Las Vegas, Nevada, reported by her daughter, Nicki Prevou

**529th/530th/Group Kiser, Julian A.**, Intelligence Officer, DOD 01/24/2008, Northbrook, Illinois, reported by his daughter, Miranda K. Mandel

**529th Libengood, Regina**, widow of Paul S. Libengood, DOD 11/24/2007, Middleton, Idaho, reported by Bertha Quigg Strouse

**529th Rossman, Elmer C.**, RCM Operator, Various Crews, DOD 10/14/2007, Port Washington, Wisconsin, reported by his widow, Margaret

**530th Englert, Gerald W.**, Tail Gunner, Ross/Handorf Crew (57), DOD 03/27/2008, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported by his widow, Doris; and Milton Savanovich

**530th Kunz, Robert H.**, Bombardier, Dennis Crew (23), Vick Crew (56), DOD 09/15/1999, Hudson, Massachusetts, reported by his son, Jeff Kunz

**531st Kilbury, William M.**, Aircraft Commander, Kilbury Crew (98), DOD 11/14/2005, Indianapolis, Indiana, reported by his son, William "Fritz" Kilbury

**531st Mitchell, Thelma**, wife of Charles W. Mitchell, DOD 01/04/2008, The Villages, Florida, reported by her husband



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