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380th Camp Photo

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## 2012 REUNION - THE "FIRST OF THE LAST HURRAHS"

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The venue for the 2012 380th Reunion is the **Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome, New Orleans**.

**Reunion dates: October 31 - November 4, 2012**

Discussions at the Members' Meeting at the 2011 Reunion in Colorado Springs were divided as to whether it would be the final regular reunion for the group - one side would like to see 2012 be the last reunion (the final hurrah) and the other side is not ready to give them up. So it was decided to call the 2012 Reunion the "First of the Last Hurrahs!"

Doug and Barb Gotham visited New Orleans on a site tour for the reunion November 30-December 4, 2011. We looked at both the Holiday Inn Downtown and the Ramada Inn in Metairie (suburb). Besides location near the French Quarter (3+ blocks) and other downtown sites, the main reason the Holiday Inn was chosen over the Ramada was banquet facilities. Although the Ramada had cheaper rates (\$65/night versus \$129/night), they had a banquet room that could only seat about 50 comfortably, with very little, if any, room left for buffet tables and our usual DJ and dance floor. The Ramada also does not have a restaurant (hence they have to use outside caterers) or a liquor license, and any sightseeing downtown from that location would involve extra transportation costs and parking costs (limited on-street parking downtown). After email discussions with several of our members, it was decided that banquet facilities and convenience to sightseeing trumped cheap rates; \$129/night for the Holiday Inn is actually a good rate for a downtown area in a major city.

More about the Holiday Inn (HI):

\* The property is downtown, and is within 3 blocks from the French Quarter and other downtown sightseeing. They offer free shuttle service to popular sightseeing locations (French Quarter; Harrah's Casino; Aquarium; Riverwalk; Convention Center; World War II Museum) (runs daily from 7 am - 10 pm, every hour on the hour). In addition, the cable car will be in front of the hotel (they are working on it now, to be completed later this year) for a fee of \$1.25/trip or \$0.50/trip for seniors. There are nearby restaurants and shopping (though not necessarily within 1 block walking distance).

\* HI has king and double rooms. Mini fridges and microwaves in all rooms. Large work area with ergonomic desk chair; 32" flat screen TV wall units. Other standard amenities (coffee maker, hair dryer, ironing equipment, safe, etc.). Rollaways available for an additional fee. Views of the downtown area (all rooms have small balconies). ADA and connecting rooms are also available.

\* The HI has interior corridors (it is a high rise-18 floors-with elevators) - the lower level is the lobby, concierge, restaurant and some meeting rooms; floors 2-6 contain the indoor, secure parking garage; and floors 8-18 are guest rooms. Floor 8 has the ballroom, meeting rooms, and hospitality room and other amenities like the fitness and business centers.

\* We will get a discounted daily rate of \$10/day (regular \$20/day) in the hotel parking garage. Although the HI does not have their own airport shuttle service, they recommend the Airport Shuttle that is about \$20-30/trip. It is recommended for those of you flying into the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport that you take the airport shuttle rather than rent a car (unless you plan on taking excursions outside the city center) - as noted above, the hotel offers an excellent free shuttle service to various sightseeing locations, and we will provide transportation for our group activities (National WW2 Museum and other group tours).

\* HI has a lounge and full-service restaurant. Breakfast is \$16/pp. However, we can bring in our own continental breakfast items to our hospitality room to avoid the expensive breakfast each day. They can provide us with a mini fridge and microwave if we want to do our own breakfast.

\* The HI is offering us a complimentary hospitality room and we can bring in our own snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

\* The HI is newly renovated; additional amenities include heated rooftop outdoor pool, guest laundry, and free WIFI on property and in guest rooms.

**Hotel registration information is in this issue;  
Event registration will be in the Summer 2012 issue.**

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## 2012 REUNION - NEW ORLEANS

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### OTHER REUNION ACTIVITIES:

We will have our memorial service at the National WW2 Museum on Friday, November 2 - we will also have lunch there, museum tours, and see their 4D movie narrated by Tom Hanks.

Here's a rough outline of the reunion schedule:

10/31, Wednesday - early arrivals; optional group activity (suggestion: New Orleans culinary class/lunch); registration/hospitality room afternoon/evening

11/1, Thursday - more arrivals; optional group activity (suggestion: 3-hour City Tour); registrations in hospital-ity room; welcome reception/dinner in evening at hotel

11/2, Friday - Memorial Service, luncheon, tours, movie at National WW2 Museum; dinner on own

11/3, Saturday - morning member meeting; afternoon on own; evening banquet/music/dancing at hotel

11/4, Sunday - departures

Final agenda and registration forms will be in the Summer 2012 Newsletter.

Feel free to make suggestions for optional tours you think might interest the group, taking into consideration mobility issues.

**If you plan on attending, please send return the Reunion Attendance form below.**

*(Returning the form does not fully commit you to the reunion, just expresses your intention to attend.)*

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I plan on attending the 2012 380th Reunion in New Orleans (October 31-November 4)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number in party \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following optional group tours:

3-hour City Tour (includes French Quarter, Garden District, Cemetery, Katrina Disaster Area)

Culinary (Creole & Cajun) Cooking Lesson (includes lunch)

Plantation tour

Swamp tour

Mardi Gras World

Avery Island (TABASCO® factory)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to Barbara Gotham, 130 Colony Road, West Lafayette IN 47906-1209  
**BY MARCH 31, 2012**

Or send info by email to: 380th.ww2@gmail.com (new 380th email account)

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## 2012 REUNION - NEW ORLEANS

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### LOUIS ARMSTRONG NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

#### AIRLINES:

AirCanada: 1-888-247-2262

AirTran: 1-800-247-8726

American Airlines: 1-800-433-7300

Continental Airlines: 1-800-525-0280

Delta: 1-800-221-1212

Frontier: 1-800-432-1359

JetBlue: 1-800-538-2583

Southwest: 1-800-435-9792

United: 1-800-241-6522

US Airways: 1-800-428-4322

#### GROUND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

##### Taxicabs:

A cab ride costs \$33.00 from the airport to the Central Business District (CBD) for one or two persons and \$14.00 (per passenger) for three or more passengers. Pick-up is on the lower level, outside the baggage claim area. There may be an additional charge for extra baggage. Taxis are required to offer a credit card payment option.

##### Airport Shuttle:

Shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotels in the CBD for \$20.00 (per person, one-way) or \$38.00 (per person, round-trip). Three bags per person. Call 1-866-596-2699 or (504) 522-3500 for more details or to make a reservation. Advance reservations are required 48 hours prior to travel for all ADA accessible transfers. Please call in advance of your travel date for the specially-equipped shuttle to be reserved. For group reservations of 50 or more people please dial 1-866-596-2699. Ticket booths are located on the lower level in the baggage claim area. [www.airportshuttleneworleans.com](http://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com).

##### Airport Limousines:

Airport Limousine is the official limousine service for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Convenient kiosks are located in the baggage claim area and no hassle curbside pickups are available. Rates begin at \$58 for 1 or 2 passengers. Visit their web site for more information/reservations.

#### LODGING RESERVATIONS:



Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome  
330 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana

Thank you for selecting the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome to host the overnight accommodations for your event scheduled from 31-Oct-2012 to 04-Nov-2012. Your group rates are valid for booking from 19-Jan-2012 through 03-Sep-2012.

As an added benefit for selecting our hotel, we are pleased to offer you a convenient electronic booking (e-booking) link to share with your guests. Clicking on the link below will take you to the hotel's reservation web page that will pre-populate with your special group code. Your guests will enjoy the convenience of confirming their room reservations online, at the group-negotiated rate - 24 hours a day. The e-booking link is:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/reservation/roomrate>

Your Group Code is BGA

If you or your attendees wish to extend your stay outside of these dates, you will need to book a separate reservation on the website or contact us directly at Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome (+1) (504) 5811600 Ext: 4212. Your rate will also be available 2 days before and 2 days after reunion dates.

Please advise your guests to make their reservations as soon as possible. The rate will be valid as long as we have rooms available, up to and including 03-Sep-2012.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact:

Jessica Van Deventer  
Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome (MSYDT)  
(+1) (504) 5811600 Ext: 4212  
[jvande@hi-neworleans.com](mailto:jvande@hi-neworleans.com)

ROOM RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 03-SEPT-2012  
ARE SUBJECT TO ROOM AVAILABILITY.

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## NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

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### **Background:**

Founded by the late historian Stephen Ambrose, the Museum opened its doors on June 6, 2000-the 56th anniversary of D-Day. Originally called The National D-Day Museum, it was established to remember those who stormed the beaches at Normandy. One year after it opened, galleries were added dedicated to the Pacific D-Days and the War efforts on the Home Front. In 2006 the name was officially changed to The National World War II Museum and it is on its way to becoming the foremost institution dedicated to the complete history of America's role in World War II.

### **Current Exhibits:**

- *Louisiana Memorial Pavilion* - showcases essential tools of the war effort, including the Higgins Landing Craft, Sherman tank, artillery, and the C-47 plane #096.
- *The American Home Front* - galleries take you through the Prelude to War.
- *The Great Invasion of Europe*
- *The D-Day Beaches*
- *The Pacific Theater* - starts with the attack on Pearl Harbor; follow *D-Day Invasions of the Pacific* with animated maps, artifacts, photos, and personal accounts, and much more.

### **4D Movie Experience:**

The Museum offers *Beyond All Boundaries* exclusively in its Solomon Victory Theater. Created and crafted with 21st-century technology and utilizing a 120-foot wide immersive screen, the 4-D production plunges viewers into the 20th-century's most titanic struggle. It tells the tale of the Greatest Generation's journey from Pearl Harbor into the fire of epic battles to America's final victory in the War That Changed the World in the words of the veterans themselves. Narrated by Tom Hanks and including the voices of some of Hollywood's top stars brings to life the words of actual World War II participants and war correspondents.

Elements of *Beyond All Boundaries* may aggravate certain medical conditions. These elements include loud noises, flashing lights, fog effects, and sudden chair movements. Stationary seating is available. The film also contains images of a very graphic nature, including archival footage from the battlefields of WWII that may be too intense for younger viewers. Parental guidance is suggested.



### **Contributing to the Museum:**

During our recent visit to the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Barb Gotham talked with Abbie Sumners, Donor Relations Manager, about how the 380th can contribute to the museum.

Personal items they are looking to add to their collection/exhibits include guns, shoes, fighting uniforms (but not service uniforms), pictures, and other artifacts. If you have any items you think they might be interested in (or think your personal story might be of interest), you can contact Abbie by phone at 504.528.1944 ext 271. Her email is [abbie.sumners@nationalww2museum.org](mailto:abbie.sumners@nationalww2museum.org), and her address is The National WWII Museum, 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans LA 70130-3813.

Other ways to contribute:

- Become a Member - starts at \$35
- Victory Brick Program - \$200/brick
- Theater Seat Donor - \$5,000 or \$10,000
- Planned Gift

For more info on any of these donation possibilities, call 540-527-6012 or see their website online at [www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org)

Tom Hunt's family donated \$500 to the 380th last year - if acceptable to the membership, the plan is to use part of these funds to contribute to the Museum's Victory Brick Program (3 lines, 18 characters/line). Please let Barb Gotham know if you have any objection to this use of the 380th's memorial funds.



### **Expansion & Future Growth of the Museum:**

Unfortunately, the next phase of the museum won't be open until after our reunion in November 2012 (they are anticipating a Veterans' Day opening). It will be the US Freedom Pavilion; this expansion will honor all of the service branches who served in the war, and will display the large artifacts that served on land, sea, and air, including a restored B-17 and USS Tang submarine. In the summer of 2013 they plan on opening the Campaigns Pavilion which will cover each branch of the military services and all campaigns of WWII on land, sea, and in the air. The final phase is the Liberation Pavilion (2015) with three distinct levels spanning the closing months of the war and immediate postwar years, concluding with illustrated direct links to our lives today; it will include a major film production and personal testimonies about the moment when victims had their freedom and liberty restored.

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## SHADY LADY DOCUMENTARY UPDATE

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Fact Not Fiction Films

<productions@factnotfictionfilms.com>

An unfinished scene from Shady Lady for you to watch to say thanks for all your help with the film. [Needs a colour grade, music, audio post production to add more ambiance etc.]

Go to: <http://vimeo.com/35085335>

Password: 13August1943

I have created a Wikipedia page for THE SHADY LADY; the link is:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shady\\_Lady\\_%28airplane%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shady_Lady_%28airplane%29)

I am also pleased to tell you that all four episodes of our new TV series 'Flying Doctors' are now available online to watch in an industry draft screener format at:

Episode 1: <http://vimeo.com/34730055>

Episode 2: <http://vimeo.com/34962294>

Episode 3: <http://vimeo.com/35059602>

Episode 4: <http://vimeo.com/35017076>

Password: 13August1943

Additional footage can be seen on the above cited vimeo.com site of The Collings Foundation and other Fact Not Fiction productions.

Best wishes

Tristan Loraine

Mrs. Lauraine Nash, the widow of Shady Lady Navigator John Nash (TAPS 10/24/2005), visited the Shady Lady film crew and the B-24 on Saturday 21 January 2012 at Melbourne Airport (Florida). Here's a photo of her onboard the Collings Foundation B-24 at the Navigator's position.



Lauraine's daughter, Janice Nash, posted on the SHADY LADY Facebook page: "That's my beautiful Mum. She was also the "last" War Bride to enter the US after WWII."

Fact Not Fiction Films Ltd Business Resource Centre Mile Stone House 86 Hurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 2DT	 FACT NOT FICTION FILMS	<b>CHECK OUT OUR LATEST PRODUCTIONS</b> <a href="http://www.factnotfictionfilms.com">www.factnotfictionfilms.com</a> Tel: 01403 734550 (Int'l +44 1403 734550) Fax: 01403 733150 (Int'l +44 1403 733150)
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VAT Number: 895 7375 56 Company Number: 5962244  
Registered office address: 55 Worthing Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1TD

See other photos and clips from filming on SHADY LADY Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Shady-Lady/167694323310763>

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## HOPI CODE TALKER IN THE 380TH - FOLLOW-UP

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11/16/11

Hi Barbara,

The event turned out successful given it was a three-day weekend. We had nearly 400 people attend and plenty to eat (turkey meal and fixings).

We presented plaques to Rex Pooyouma's and Orville Wadsworth's families as Hopi Code Talkers. We are still awaiting the bronze plaque to formally unveil later this month, but I will keep you informed and hopefully we can identify a 380th group member to attend.

I will send photos in the near future, as I'm sorting them out from all sources who took photos that day.

Eugene "Geno" Talas, Director  
Office of Hopi Veterans Services & Safety Officer  
Hopi Guidance Center  
Second Mesa, AZ 86043  
hopivets@yahoo.com

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12/22/11

To: Carolyn Davis <cobagy@aol.com>

Hi Miss Davis,

I apologize for not responding sooner. However, here are some contact people to help with your research for the proposed book on Hopi Code Talkers (HTC).

1. Colonel John Boyd, Command Historian, 81st Regional Command, can be contacted at (205) 706-5511 on information regarding the eight HTC assigned to that unit. He also has information on a book called, "Victory at Peliliu" that could be useful.
2. William Meadows, Missouri State University, who wrote the article "Honoring Native American Code Talkers: The Road to the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-420)". He can be contacted at (417) 836-5640.
3. Barbara Gotham, "The Flying Circus - 380th WWII Veterans Group", who may have some information on the two HTC assigned to the 5th Air Force Bomb Groups. Her number is (765) 412-5370.
4. Sandra Lynch, who wrote an article about Rex Pooyouma, with a brief segment about his role in WWII. She can be contacted at (928) 777-0115.
5. Lastly, Robert Dalessandro, Assistant Chief of Military History, US Army Center of Military History, at (202) 685-2714. He can be a great help in navigating through the massive Army historical files/records.

I hope this will give you a great start. Also that would be awesome if you find more information on the tank division and its members. I believe we had several Hopis in the tank groups during WWII in Germany.

With my warmest regards,

Eugene "Geno" Talas, Director

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## MAIL CALL

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12/22/11

I was happy to see the website. I was assigned to the 380 Bomb Wing at Plattsburg AFB 1985 - 1989. I helped Col Moll in the base museum and got to know many of the vets at their reunion in 1986. Most importantly, I used the opportunity to identify and contact the Protestant Chaplains of the WWII years, Chaplain Roarke and Chaplain B. C. Trent. Father Tony Carol, the Catholic Chaplain, had died a few years before. I was able to persuade both the Wing Commander and Chaplain Roarke to bring Chaplain Roarke to Plattsburg as our Prayer Breakfast speaker. Later, when I was assigned to Hanscom AFB, the 380th had their reunion there, and I was able to make contact with them again. They gave me a beautiful jacket with the Group patch (sadly, SAC did not use the WWII patch for the 380 Bomb Wing, although they did use the WWII squadron patch for one of the squadrons.

I was wondering if there was a link to a repository of pictures from the WWII days. I have a few of the chaplains, and of their chapels and of the Easter Service of 1945 which I have scanned for posting.

Ch, Lt Col Glenn D. Rogers, USAF (Ret)  
glennrogers@comcast.net  
Santa Maria, CA

12/27/11

Glenn

Good to hear from you! I remember you from the Boston Reunion (2004)! We can add a page on our website for the 380th Chaplains, so whatever info you have, I will gladly accept! Thanks so much for whatever info you have obtained and for sharing with us!

Barb

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February 6, 2012

Many years ago contacted several members of my crew who are as follows: Dante Reale (Bombardier), Donald Grindle (Pilot), and Vernon Katen (Copilot). All had answered my communication and then stopped. Don't really know what happened to each of them. I was the Radio Operator on the crew (Grindle) and never heard of any other enlisted men of the crew. Was never in Australia. Joined the group in Mindoro in the Philippines. I remained in the Reserves and was commissioned, recalled for the Korean War but never got overseas. Was retrained as a ground electronics officer and released from active duty April 1953. Retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Major 1984. My address is: 5530 Washington St., Morton Grove, IL 60053-3462. Phone number is: 847 965 5279. It would be nice to hear from any of my former crew members. Have been very fortunate to be in good health and a young 87 years old!!

Best Regards,  
Roland Gladstone  
gar028@sbcglobal.net

January 6, 2012

Billie Conley sent me a photo of her dad [Bill Casselberry, 528th] on Xmas Eve, with the Dottie painting she gave him. I've asked her if it's ok with him to send it to you for possible inclusion in the next Newsletter, and she said he would love to be included.

Bill Shek

Bill Casselberry, Christmas 2011



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December 15, 2011

My father, John (Jack) T. Quinn, died of radiation poisoning in 1960 involving his duties as director of Nuclear Special Weapons Delivery Training at Luke Air Base. I am researching his life and found a memo written by him that "On October 10th, 1945 I received orders transferring me from the 380th Bomb Group on Okinawa to the 5th Air Force Command at Showa Army Air Base on Honshu Island Japan." So, I would like to post his taps notification here.

I and my brothers and sisters would appreciate any information/stories from his buddies. We don't know what squadron he may have been in.

Thank you,  
Dan Quinn for Michael, Patricia, Kathleen, Richard, and Timothy Quinn

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January 2012

A donation was received by THE AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE in Memory of MSgt Maurice V. Powers, USAF, Retired from CMSgt & Mrs. Don Cleveland, USAF, Retired, Crestview, Florida



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## MAIL CALL

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November 29, 2011

I received the latest 380th Newsletter and it is one of the best I've seen. It was good seeing the images of the Colorado Springs reunion as that was where Pat and I first attended a reunion of the 380th in 1990 and Pat's introduction to the giant hot dogs at the Air Force/Army gridiron game at the Academy. It was also great seeing the 'old and the bold' veterans still active and attending the reunions, where Pat and I are tied down somewhat living here in Thailand with six dogs demanding attention.

Apart from the excellent articles on the Hopi Code Talkers and Shady Lady what was also of interest to me was the item (from Tony Turner) on the trials of inserting Z Unit operatives into enemy territory by way of the Group's B-24, Beautiful Betsy. It may have been mentioned previously but the Aviation Historical Society of the Northern Territory has the slide assembly that was fabricated for the trials. This very significant item has been treated and conserved, and is now awaiting final preparations before being displayed at the aviation museum in Darwin.

I also have photos of the slide assembly in Beautiful Betsy including the image presented in the Newsletter article. As a matter of interest also, but probably more for Tony, is that I undertook the mapping, heritage surveys and preparation of a report on the Z-Unit camp and other areas at Peak Hill in Darwin Harbour for Conoco Phillips when they were developing the LNG gas plant there. Peak Hill was essentially a remote training base for the Z Unit operatives, mainly Timorese and Australians, commanded by Lt 'Dutchy' Holland of Z Unit and later known as El Tigre.

The main Z Unit camp and Luger Maintenance Section as the base was known is still intact (including frames for the 'Folboats' - folding two man boats - used to land operatives in enemy territory from submarines or from luggers disguised as local coastal vessels) at East Arm on Darwin Harbour and has been assessed for inclusion on the Northern Territory Heritage Register.

I would be interested in the remainder of the documents you mentioned Tony had sent on as I can update the report I did.

Trust all is well and I hope the reunions continue - if Gus Cameron and others can make it then I guess Pat and I should make the attempt... Please pass on our best to Ted and Isabel Williams.

Bob Alford  
Australian Historian for the 380th Bomb Group  
bo.balford@hotmail.com

January 9, 2012

My grandfather was Thayne Kershaw Hill, 528th Squadron, gunner on the Hunt Crew. I never knew much about my grandfather as a warrior. I would love to know more about the 380th and the 528th. Especially "The KO Kid." I keep trying to find all I can about him. Don't have much to remember him by, so any info y'all have would be amazing. Or any where I can look to know more about him during this time period. Thank you so much for having this site to honor these great men.

Matthew Joda Hill  
Matt11283@me.com

December 2, 2011

I was a former member of the 380th Bomb Group. Was a Radio Gunner on Grindle's Crew. Was never in Australia. Joined the group in Mindoro in the Philippines. Just sent an email to Vernon Katen who was the co-pilot on our crew. Don't really know who is still alive.

Roland Gladstone  
gar028@sbcglobal.net

January 17, 2012

I would like to have my father, Walter S. Ingram, added to the 380th Bomb Group's TAPS listing; he was a gunner with the Baker Crew on the Golden Goose. Also, if there are any pictures or memories of my father, I would love to hear the details.

Thank you very much and the website is fantastic.

Victor (Vic) Ingram  
victor.ingram@ll.mit.edu

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## B-24 PHOTOS

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### THE GOLDEN GOOSE

Serial No.: 42-40521 Model: B-24D-65-CO

528th Squadron

First Mission: 06/11/1943 to Koepang, Timor

30 Missions (Australia)

Sent for Salvage (12/1943) as War Weary, Apparently Refurbished and Used by Others

<http://380th.org/HISTORY/PARTV/GoldenGoose.htm>



Dexter Baker Crew at Corunna Downs



Crew members of a Consolidated B-24 of the 530th Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group at Fenton Field, Australia who participated in a bombing mission over Balikpapan, Borneo. They are, left to right: S/Sgt. Charles Carlson of Vinton, Iowa, waist gunner; S/Sgt. Peter Finck of Portsmouth, N. H., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Joseph Allen of Pulaski, Va., waist gunner; T/Sgt. William Marshall of Los Angeles, Calif., engineer; S/Sgt. Arthur Willer of Cincinnati, Ohio, tail gunner; T/Sgt. Ira Maxey of Spartanburg, S. C., radio operator; 2nd Lt. R. E. Gilmore of Chicago, Ill., bombardier; 2nd Lt. F. J. Estes of Redding, Mass., navigator; 2nd Lt. F. A. Hastings of Enid, Okla., co-pilot; and Major Z. S. Smith of Marlinton, W. Va., pilot. 31 August 1943.

## PHOTOS FROM CHARLEY FRENCH'S COLLECTION

9/23/11

Here are some of my father's pics from his days with the 380th/531st while he was flight engineer on "Undecided."

The 3 photos of the RAAF Catalina (found plane-rescued crew-destroyed plane) are from a mission that is specifically noted in "Undecided's" history on your fantastic site.

Sorry, but there are no names for the crewmen in the base photos. Hope you like them.

Dennis French (son of Charley French) d-pfrench@att.net

Editor's Note: From the 1945 "THE FLYING CIRCUS" history (p.47): When an RAAF Catalina was missing off Celebes, 380th B-24s took over the search, located the stricken airplane and her crew. These photographs show the PBY when first sighted with crew members waving and sea anchor out; when a rescue Catalina had answered the 380th call, it anchored along side, and crew members were transferred in rubber rafts from the disabled craft to the rescue airplane; and the final picture shows the strafing of the stricken Catalina, destroying her so that she could not fall into the enemy's hands.



## 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 - Cartwright, Harry P., Gunner, Hill Crew (25), DOD August 28, 2007, Anderson, Indiana, reported by Tilford Brunner

528th - Hill, Thayne Kershaw, Assistant Flight Engineer/Gunner, Hunt Crew (1), DOD August 18, 2009, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, reported by his grandson, Matthew Joda Hill

528th - Ingram, Walter S., Jr., Gunner, Baker Crew (4), DOD April 12, 1985, Woodbury, New York, reported by his son, Victor H. Ingram

528th - Kulp, Harry Marvin, Waist Gunner, Sheehan Crew (5), DOD March 30, 1988, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, reported by his son, Harry Nicholas Kulp (Harry's wife, Ella White Kulp, passed in 1986)

528th - Tiernan, William C., Pilot, Harwood Crew (20) and Corrado Crew (17), DOD August 6, 2011, Roseville, California, reported by his daughter, Kelly Morgan

528th - Woosley, Thomas H., Radio Operator, Hill Crew (25), DOD July 21, 2011, La Grange, Georgia, reported by Tilford Brunner

529th - Wyatt, William Burrell, Assistant Radio Operator, Johnson Crew (30), DOD June 1982, Charlotte, North Carolina, reported by his daughter, Susan Wyatt

529th - Bangerter, Leland Victor, Flight Engineer, Nakarado Crew (47), DOD December 31, 2011, Roy, Utah, reported by his son, Gary Bangerter

530th - Figueroa, Ralph A. ("Fig"), Flight Engineer, Engen Crew (76), DOD August 9, 2011, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, reported by his daughter, Dee Little

531st - Campbell, Doris C., Widow of John L. Campbell (Pilot), DOD September 19, 2011, Franklin, Tennessee, reported by her daughter, Janice Campbell-Balch

531st - Kozan, Joseph R., Gunner, Smillie's Crew, DOD September 14, 2004, Euclid, Ohio, reported by his son, Robert J. Kozan

531st - Mitchell, Charles W., Staff Sergeant, Technical Supply, DOD November 4, 2011, The Villages, Florida, reported by his son, Tom Mitchell

RAAF/Group - Michelmores, Jack Neville, Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Instrument Mechanic Specialist, DOD June 22, 1994, Casino, NSW, Australia, reported by his son, John Michelmores - Link to Australian Cemetery Index: <http://austcemindex.com/inscription.php?id=7944541>

Squadron Unknown - Quinn, John T. ("Jack"), Navigator, Crew Unknown, DOD November 16, 1960, Washington, D.C., reported by his son, Daniel Quinn (Dan found a memo written by his father that said, "On October 10th, 1945 I received orders transferring me from the 380th Bomb Group on Okinawa to the 5th Air Force Command at Showa Army Air Base on Honshu Island Japan.")

Honorary Member - Chastain, James M., Jr., Hill Air Force Base, DOD August 2, 2011, Roy, Utah, reported by his son, Mike Chastain (although not in the 380th, Jim served in the 5th AF during WWII in photo maintenance and camera repair with the 3rd Attack Group, 27th Bomb Group, 36th PRS, and 8th PRS)

Other - Gotham, Susan D., Mother of Douglas J. Gotham (honorary member), DOD January 17, 2012, Saginaw, Michigan, reported by her daughter-in-law, Barbara Gotham