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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!!

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HOPI CODE TALKER NEWS

Congressional Gold Medals were awarded to 25 Native American tribes in recognition of the dedication and valor of tribe members who had served as Code Talkers in the United States Armed Forces during World War I and World War II. The medals were awarded at a ceremony held in Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center on November 20, 2013. Congratulations to our friends in the Hopi Tribe for this long-deserved recognition!

August 2013

With the support of the 380th Bomb Group Association for our Hopi Code Talkers, Acoma Code Talkers and Apache Code Talkers, our nation finally will honor all Native American Code Talkers this year at the national level.

With my regards,

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

Native American Code Talkers Congressional Gold Medals -- Hopi Tribe

Obverse

Designer: Joel Iskowitz
Engraver: Don Everhart

The obverse design features Hopi code talkers communicating on a field phone and using binoculars to search for the enemy. The B-24 Liberator in the background represents the Hopi code talkers' service in the 90th and 380th Bombardment Groups. Inscriptions are HOPI CODE TALKERS and U.S. ARMY.

Reverse

Designer: Joel Iskowitz
Engraver: Renata Gordon

The reverse design features a variation of the Hopi Tribe flag, which depicts a circle with dots, mountains and stalks of corn on both sides of the mountains. The flag's symbols represent the Hopi way of life. Inscriptions are WORLD WAR II, ACT OF CONGRESS 2008, A CODE NEVER BROKEN, KEPT AMERICA FREE and HOPI LAVAYI, which in English means "Hopi language."

<http://news.coinupdate.com/native-american-code-talkers-congressional-gold-medals-3038/>



Read more about this and related stories ...

Native American Code Talkers Get Congressional Gold Medal

By Terri Moon Cronk

American Forces Press Service

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=121191>

Special Report: National Native American Heritage Month

http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/1113_native-american/

Photo Essay: Winnefeld Honors Code Talkers at Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony

<http://www.defense.gov/photoessays/PhotoEssaySS.aspx?ID=4562>

Word Power: How Code Talkers Helped to Win Wars

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=121178>

VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT: EDWARDS HENRY

By Jennifer Martin, WLBT, Jackson MS

Edwards Henry grew up in Pontotoc County. He was working at a grocery store in Canton when he decided to join the military.

"In July of '42, they came out with a program called CPT, which was civilian pilot training. The purpose of it was to train civilian pilots to deliver planes from the different manufacturers to the service. And I was able to make it into CPT.

From there though, instead of sending me on to the next step to deliver the airplane, they put me in training as a glider pilot," said Henry.

He went on to train as an air force cadet.

"I was preparing myself to go to war... when we were finally sent to Australia.

When we lined up, and got ready for take off... Of course my job was to get cleared from the tower... and the tower man said '190, you are cleared for take-off. Goodbye and good luck.' And if I could cut off the engine then... I realized where I was headed. So I think I became a man that night.

Well, I thought the more engines I had, the better chance I had of coming home. So I was assigned to B24's," said Henry.

Many of their missions were designed to disrupt the shipping of Japanese supplies.

"We flew usually with 100 pound bombs. And we'd usually take 10-12 bombs with us.

We shot down some fighters on some of our missions," he said.

He remembers one exchange with the Japanese - when he was sure he was done for.

"The Japanese gunners had attacked us and of course.. When our top turret gunner opened up, the fighter was coming in and he was shooting. And the plane would shake when those guns would open up. And something hit me on the head. And I was looking at that fighter coming in and I just knew I had been hit," said Henry.

It turned out to be a light bulb, knocked loose by the shaking from the guns.

"And that light came loose and we finally found it on the floor. But I knew I'd been shot. I knew it," said Henry.

The Japanese occupied the islands off the northern Australian coast. It wasn't until later the 380th bomber group would lend air support to soldiers on the ground.

"The soldiers, we never did give them support until we moved to the Philippines," said Henry.

It was just when Henry and his men were headed to the Philippines, he experienced his most frightening moment in the air. His commanding officer was flying the plane.

"We took off and after we had been up about an hour or two, I could see a cloud in front of us. It looked pretty bad when I first saw it, but the closer we got the worse it looked. It was some kind of a storm. We hadn't been in it very long until the leading edge of our wing had St. Elmo's Fire at least that wide all the way across the wing on both sides. The tip of the propellers all had St. Elmo's Fire. The further we went in, the worse it got. I've never been in anything like that. It was the scariest flight that I made," said Henry.

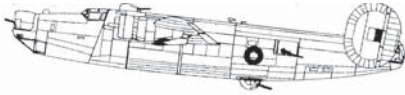
In all, Henry flew 42 combat missions. After he had enough points, he returned home. One week after he left the service, he married his sweetheart. The allies dropped the atomic bomb while he was on his honeymoon.

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Mr. Henry's son, Ed Henry, provided the link to this story. His wife, Evelyn, passed away 11/21/13, but he is doing well. Mr. Henry lives in Canton, Mississippi.



B-24 LIBERATOR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND



B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund
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10th October 2013

My name is Judith Gilbert and I am the Secretary of the B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund located at Werribee in Victoria.

The Fund is restoring a WW2 bomber, the Liberator. All work is done by volunteers who are working to keep a valuable part of Australia's wartime aviation history accessible to the public.

The Fund is in the process of negotiation with the State Government, Places Victoria and Melbourne Water for a permanent home for the restoration and needs help to show these parties the value of maintaining the restoration at its present location: in Hangar 2, a heritage hangar in situ on the heritage land surrounding it.

Facts about the project:

Hangar is open to the public 3 days a week and averages just over 3000 visitors a year mostly from Victoria but also large interstate numbers and several from overseas.

Some 40 volunteers work regularly on the restoration.

This is the only Liberator left in the Southern Hemisphere, one of only 7 worldwide. The Liberator was the aircraft that helped prevent invasion of Australia during WW2.

The Fund has a high public profile and recently won the Wyndham Tourism Business of the Year Award.

The hangar is seen as focal point for Liberator veterans and annually hosts the combined Liberator Squadrons' Reunion for veterans & their families.

The Fund operates with no outside financial assistance, has never overspent its budget and has managed to put aside some funds in an investment account for future expenditure.

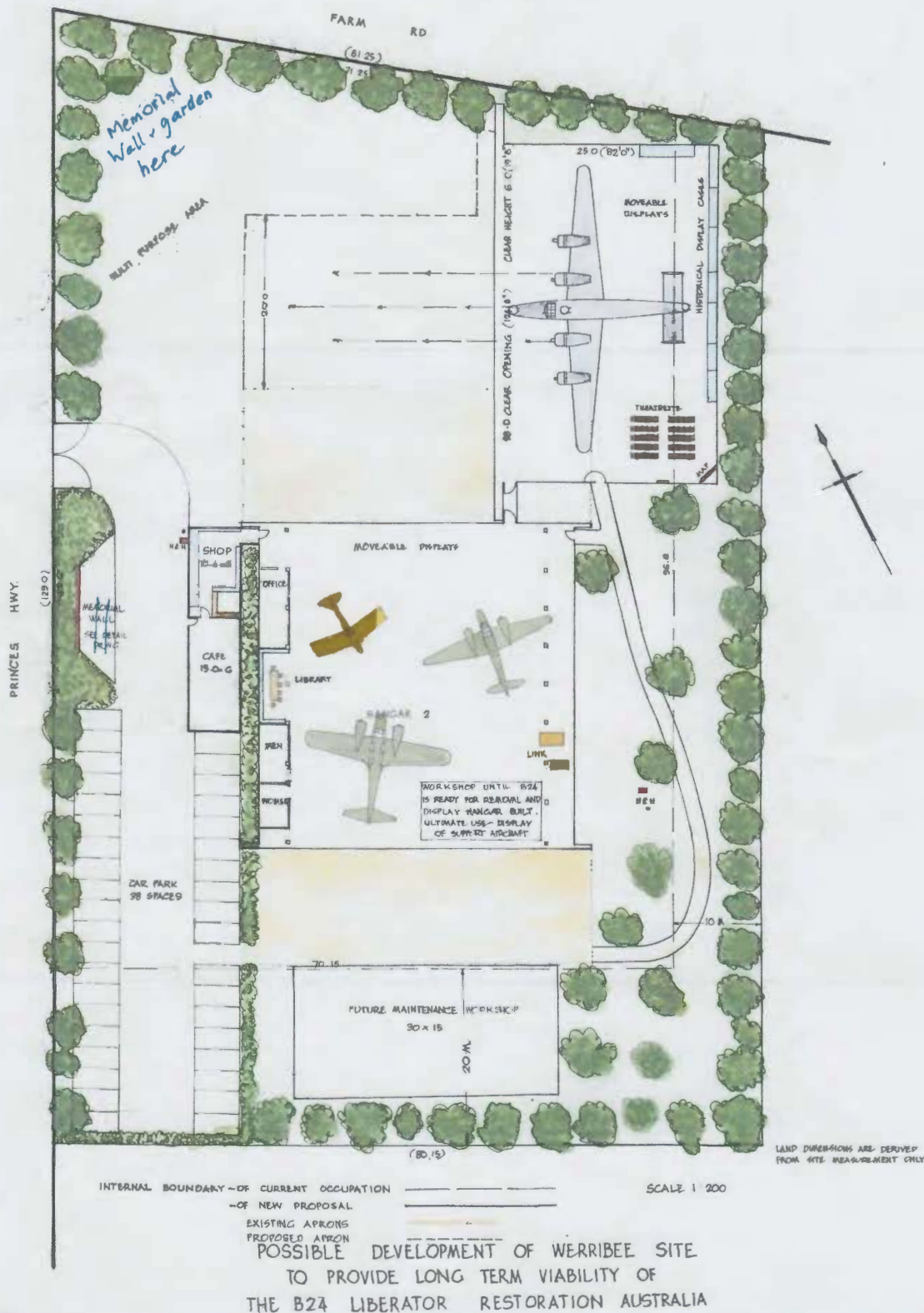
Liberator pilots trained at Tocumwal NSW but initial flight training was carried out at places like Werribee Field where the young recruits were taught to fly. There is Heritage listing on our site. We feel that this connection between the various aspects of training is of value and the link should be maintained.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Judith Gilbert (Secretary)

B-24 LIBERATOR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND



B-24 LIBERATOR MEMORIAL RESTORATION FUND

B-24 Memorial - Letter of Support

Oct 15 2013

B-24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund

Secretary: Judith Gilbert

3 Eldorado Crt, Wyndham Vale, Vict. 3024

Judith,

My name is Steve Conway, and I was forwarded your email requesting support for the B-24 Memorial in Australia by Barbara Gotham of the 380th Bomb Group Association.

My father, Francis Richard Conway was a co-pilot in the 529th Bomb Squadron, of the 380th Bomb Group, of the 5th US Army Air Corps. He flew in combat out of multiple locations in the Northern Territories to help the effort against the Japanese. He served his country faithfully during his time in the Air Corp and had many harrowing missions as testified to in his pilot's log which I inherited. He was shot down once on New Year's Eve 1943 and crash landed at Gusup Air Strip in New Guinea. After recovering from his wounds he went back to flying missions until the end of his tour of duty. Over his service in Australia he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart.

He spoke infrequently about his service in WWII, but when he did he was proud to have served in Australia, and at one point turned down his own command (requiring a transfer to another area) in order to stay there. He was only 22 years old when he started flying combat missions, and the memories of those, both good and bad help shape the rest of his life. He went on to serve on the St. Paul Fire Department (in Minnesota), built our home on the east side, attended mass regularly and volunteered his time to help others. The values of family, faith, service to others were strongly reinforced during his service and he never wavered from those the rest of his life.

The effort to create/sustain a memorial to all of those who served with the Liberators in Australia is a commitment to honor the dedication, sacrifices, and lives of those in the USAAF and the RAAF who were so devoted winning the war and protecting the lives and sovereignty of the countries they fought and died to protect. It also is a tangible site which would allow ours and future generations to see, hear and touch the equipment and sense the history and memories of what was accomplished there.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support to you and your group in the effort.

Sincerely,

Stephen F Conway

2014 REUNION

Discussions regarding the 2014 Reunion will be held during the 2013 Reunion in Seattle. The group decided to proceed with the 2014 Reunion in the area of Virginia known as Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Newport News, Chesapeake, Hampton, Portsmouth).

Barb (and Doug) Gotham traveled to the area October 27-November 4 to look over the hotels interested in hosting our Reunion and to check out tours and a site for the Memorial Service.

The Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport will host our reunion.

Please hold these dates: November 5-9, 2014 for next year's reunion!

The next newsletter will contain more information about the 2014 reunion, including planned group events!

380TH GROUP TRIP TO AUSTRALIA ??

On Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 7:49 PM, Johnny Holland wrote:

Barbara:

I have been wanting to ask you this question for some time but have never managed to get off dead center to ask it. Better late than never.

I believe it was sometime in the late 1980s the 380th Group did a tour to Australia including visiting many of the WWII 380th sites as well. Is there any likilihood that a similar trip might happen again?

I'm sure such a trip would be a gratifying experience for many of us.

Thanks!

Johnny

From: Barbara Gotham
Sent: Nov 19, 2013 10:16 AM

Johnny

I don't know of the likelihood of such a trip in the future - it has not been discussed - and if it did, it would probably be the "associate" members of the group who would be able to make it, based on the age of the vets themselves.

I would love to make such a trip myself, and it is on my "bucket list" - I will bring it up for a topic of discussion in one of our upcoming newsletters.

Barb

Anyone interested in going to Australia sometime in the next couple of years to visit the 380th's WWII location and visit our RAAF friends living there? If so, please let me (Barb Gotham) know!!!

MAIL CALL

Poppy Joe engraving

Jul 23 2013

I wanted to pass you this endearment we did on my Dad's headstone. He always said the best times of his life was during this period. How ironic...with a war and all.

Hope all is well.
Pete LaLena



July 25, 2013

My father was a bomber pilot in World War II. I have waited way too long to search for information on what he actually did in the war. Next week I'm vacationing with my 5 children. I decided to bring along some family memorabilia. Among the items were a few references to my father and his service in the 380th Bombardment Group.

According to family stories, my father enlisted in the Army Air Corp sometime after the United States went to war in 1941. He was assigned to a base somewhere in the Southern states, and later became a trainer for pilots. He eventually went to the Pacific war theater. Dad once told me he was in the first group of married men who went through pilot training. According to him, they were the first bunch of trainees to get through training with no fatalities.

In his personal files, which I received after his death in 1989, I found old photographs of bombers which were painted with the names "Big Time Operator", "Bugs Bunny" and "Senator". I do not know if my father actually flew in any of these planes. A photocopy of a list of names and addresses titled "NEW MEMBERS - 6 September - 7 December 1983", includes my father's name and his last address in Myrtle Beach, SC. Also listed on the page for "Havner's Crew" are Francis Bailey, Engineer; James Barber, Gunner; Charles Gibson, Gunner; Herbert Johnston, Gunner; Harry Lewellen, Gunner; Clark Morehouse, Co-Pilot.

My father never spoke to me about his World War II experiences. My 3 older sisters have never shared anything he may have told them about what he did and where he travelled outside the United States during the war. My oldest sister was born in 1939 and does remember moving to the South with our mother and her younger sister to be with Dad at the training base.

NOTE: My interest in checking up on what my dad did during the war has been sparked by a friendship with a man who was a rear gunner in a bomber, which flew out of England in WW II. The man just turned 90. His wife has been doing a quarterly newsletter for his wartime group for several years. She said there will be only 2 more issues, "...because everyone is dying." I'm hoping I'm not too late to find out some firsthand information on my father's WW II activities.

I may be reached at: rshavner83@gmail.com
Or: Robert S. Havner, 116 Pinnacle Point Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601

MAIL CALL

November 2013

Does anyone have a photo of B-24 S/N 44-42323 (M-25-CO)?

380th history records call this aircraft "LIQUIDATOR," but this has been and continues to be questioned. The only photo we do have is a tail shot (see photo). Aircraft Commander Ernie Capone of the 530th flew this plane on a couple of missions, and the mission logs of Richard Moore, gunner on that crew, say the aircraft 44-42323 was named "LUCKY STAR."

If anyone has a definitive photo of 44-42323 that shows its nose art (whether it is LIQUIDATOR or LUCKY STAR), we can get this issue resolved and make appropriate changes to our records. Thanks so much!!

Barb Gotham, 380th.ww2@gmail.com



November 1, 2013

Just a short note to say I was at your old airstrip 50ks southwest of Adelaide River in the Northern Territory last year and it is probably the same as it was many years ago except overgrown. Whilst there I did come across a plaque put there by veterans in 1987 on an old concrete slab, Also an old beer bottle which I kept. I can see what hardships they would have as the country and weather was similar to South Vietnam where I spent some time in 66/67; I was in A/CAV in APCs and did ops with your 11th Armored cavalry. Anyway the runway is still there along with the big U shaped mounds and a few peices of aircraft. So thank you for help all those years ago.

Darryl Hill, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Aug 24

Fenton Airstrip is closed to the public until further notice. 1st of July is Territory Day in the Northern Territory and only on that day are people allowed Foreworks, Some idiots took fireworks to Fenton and started a bushfire that burnt a few acres of good stock feed resulting in the Station Owner to padlock the gates.

Doug Tilley

Oct 17

Just talking to Scott Witham, owner of Mt Bundy Station where I was living. and he said Fenton is still closed, and will remain closed until further notice.

Probably the only way onto the airstrip would be by air.

Doug

MAIL CALL

Golden Arrow Research
Oct 15 2013

My name is Geoff Gentilini and I am the lead researcher at Golden Arrow Military Research. We specialize in tracing the steps of individual WWII Veterans to show where they were and what they did during the war. This is a unique process that we have devised as a way to help genealogists, family members and historians gain a better understanding of the experiences of individual WWII Veterans. This service is not offered by the National Archives or any other company in the United States, and it is especially exciting because so many Army and Air Corps Personnel Files were destroyed in the 1973 Personnel Center fire. Many times we can actually reconstruct the service history of those whose records were lost in the fire.

In addition to tracing the steps of individual WWII Veterans we also offer Official Military Service Records of WWII Veterans. In most cases we are less expensive than going directly through the government and can have the exact same records ready within about 2 weeks. It can take the government 4 months just to respond to a family member's request for their veteran's records. If you have dealt with the government in requesting records then you know how frustrating it can be. We offer an alternative to the red tape and frustration of dealing directly with them.

We believe that folks who visit your site could benefit greatly from the work that we do and we would like to ask you to link to our website from your site. Please feel free to browse our website to see all of the exciting opportunities we offer for researching individual WWII Veterans: www.goldenarrowresearch.com

If you are interested you can see what people have said about our work on a wide variety of projects here:
<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?s=bc1dc00fa99a8b161e1fe43277c1708b&showtopic=124442>

Thanks,

Geoff Gentilini
Lead Researcher
Golden Arrow Military Research
www.goldenarrowresearch.com

Oct 10 2013

Barbara

The reason for this message is about the Plane Talk magazines. My good friend has about 5 or 6 of them. They are from 1943 to 1944. This was a magazine for the employees of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. Her father worked there during the war in Nashville. They made the B24s. The magazines are only about 30 to 35 pages but they are mostly about the 24s. I thought you might know someone who might be interested in them. She wants about \$20.00 for each one. I looked them up on the internet and book sellers have them for \$20 to \$30 and they say they are rare.

Thanks,

Jan Campbell-Balch

MAIL CALL

B-24 USAAF Maintenance Training Films Now Available On DVD

Now you can watch the same training films B-24 Liberator ground crews watched during World War II!

This is where you finally get to see -- in digitally enhanced form -- all six training films the USAAF produced in 1942 to train B-24 mechanics. Running time is a full 95 minutes for the entire training program. It's fascinating to see the mechanics actually working on and checking out the B-24. Unless you've personally worked on a Liberator, this is probably the first time you'll see what these talented men did to keep the big bombers flying.

If you, personally, kept the big ships flying, this will bring back some real memories! This is exciting stuff for the heavy bomber and B-24 Liberator buff and family member.

The six digitally enhanced official films in this collection are:

- Preflight Inspection Of the B-24 -- The Crew Chief
- Preflight Inspection Of the B-24 -- The Radio Mechanic
- B-24 50 Hour Inspection -- Airplane in General
- B-24 50 Hour Inspection -- Electrical and Ignition System
- B-24 50 Hour Inspection -- Engines and Propellers
- B-24 50 Hour Inspection -- Fuel and Oil Systems

We're pleased to report the film quality is excellent, although WW II film can never look as good as modern high-definition video. The original print of one of the films is not quite up to the standard of the others, but we've cleaned it up and it now looks great. Digital enhancement makes the images even better than the original film.

Dave Klaus

www.Low-Level-Ploesti.org

Sept 29, 2013

My father was Francis V. See Jr, A/C Commander Squaw Peak (crew 40), lost over Formosa 04/15/1945. He and Co-Pilot Murphy parachuted and were captured and interned at TAIHOKU PRISON (according to records) until liberation Sept 1945. He passed without ever talking to his family about his experiences there.

Survived by sons Francis III/Laurence/Charles. Wife Marijo (Horton) See. Dad passed in 2000 while living in Grants Pass, OR. Went to Santa Barbara High School(Class of 1936) and Yale University. Lived in Ventura, CA; Santa Barbara, CA; San Luis Obispo, CA.

Please make my email public, as I would like to hear from other 380th Survivors.

Thank you for your great website. Larry See

July 1, 2013

Any information on the guys that were part of the squadron that flew "Juarez Whistle" would be much appreciated. My father was Paul C. Hebner, of the 530th Squadron, and he was navigator on the Dennis Crew (23). In addition, does anyone have a complete picture of the Juarez Whistle plane?

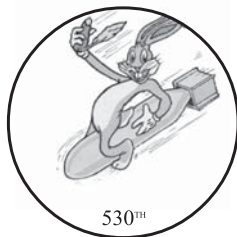
Richard P Hebner
Redondo Beach, CA

TAPS
LEST WE FORGET



News #54 - AUTUMN 2013

- 528th - Casselberry, William W. ("Bill"), Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Line Chief, DOD July 13, 2013, San Angelo, Texas, reported by his daughter, Billie Conley
- 528th - Henry, Evelyn, wife of Edwards C Henry, DOD November 21, 2013, Canton Mississippi, reported by her son, Ed Henry
- 528th - Oakes, Loyd R., Bombardier, Synar Crew (18), DOD October 28, 2013, Corpus Christi, Texas, reported by his son-in-law, William Randall
- 528th - Oeth, Raymond W., Pilot, DOD June 18, 2013, Elberfeld, Indiana, reported by his daughter, Jane Hamby
- 528th - Wason, Robert C., Radar Navigator, Various Crews, DOD December 27, 2006, Marlborough, Connecticut, reported by his son, Peter S. Wason
- 529th/RAAF - Baker, Albert Owen, Pilot, McCombe Crew (44), DOD January 12, 2008, reported by his great-grandson, Benjamin Halpin
- 529th - Neff, Bryce H., Navigator, Benson's Crew (NL), DOD April 19, 2013, Fort Collins, Colorado, reported by his widow, Suzi Neff
- 529th - Sabatine, LeRoy J., Radio Operator, Levandowski Crew, DOD July 21, 2013, Erie, Pennsylvania, reported by his widow, Karen
- 529th - See, Francis V., Jr., Aircraft Commander, See Crew (40), DOD 2000, Grants Pass, Oregon, reported by his son, Larry See
- 530th - Mayer, Donald W., Radio Operator, Baker's Crew (26), DOD June 2, 2013, Westlake, Ohio, reported by his son, Mike Mayer
- 530th - Mason, Charles F., Tail Gunner, Quinn and Capone Crews, DOD February 3, 2005, Rochester, New York, reported by his grandson, Patrick Mason
- 530th - Moore, Richard B., Gunner, Capone Crew, DOD August 6, 2007, New Philadelphia, Ohio, reported by his granddaughter, Kara White
- 530th - Noonan, Walter Francis, Gunner, Capone Crew, DOD April 18. 2012, Media, Pennsylvania, reported by his son, Fred Noonan
- 530th - Steppe, Warren D., Flight Engineer, Capone Crew, DOD June 19, 1990, Columbia, South Carolina, reported by Ron Asman
- 531st - Ferguson, James C., Ground Staff, Power Turret Specialist, DOD June 2, 2013, Lincoln Park, Michigan, reported by his son, James A. Ferguson
- 531st - Goodfellow, Jr., Millard Preston, Bombardier, Staff Crew, DOD January 28, 2013, Wilmington, Delaware, reported by his widow, Allene Goodfellow
- 531st - Jackson, John W., Ground Staff, Munitions Worker, DOD August 30, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri, reported by his son-in-law, Bob Beelman
- 531st/RAAF - Pike, Kenneth Hillman, Radar Countermeasures, Finlayson's Crew, DOD April 27, 2007, Australia, reported by his daughter, Helen Pike
- 531st - Powell, Alvin D., Gunner, Whitlock Crew, DOD September 25, 1994, Big Flint, West Virginia, reported by his granddaughter, Crystal Runyan
- 531st - Stephenson, Gail F., Bombardier, Benson Crew (116), DOD February 19, 2013, Branson West, Missouri, reported by his daughter, Lisa Stephenson Healy, and Jessie Poy



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SUPPLEMENT TO NEWSLETTER #54

Autumn 2013

2013 REUNION (THE SECOND "LAST HURRAH")

Seattle, Washington : 31 July - 4 August 2013

REUNION SCHEDULE SYNOPSIS

7/31/13- Wednesday

Early Arrivals, no scheduled activities

8/1/13 - Thursday

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Ride the Ducks of Seattle Tour (and lunch)

Welcome Dinner

8/2/13 - Friday

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Memorial Service

Luncheon

Museum of Flight/Boeing Field tours

8/3/13 - Saturday

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

DVD Showing of SHADY LADY

Group Photos

Banquet/Program/Meeting

8/4/13- Sunday

Departures

2013 REUNION COORDINATOR

Barbara J Gotham

380th Bomb Group Association

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Reunion Website: <http://380th.org/REUNION/2013Reunion/Reunion.htm>

Email: 380th.ww2@gmail.com

THANKS ...

Thursday - Ride the Ducks of Seattle

Tammy Guill (group tours) and the wonderful Duck Captains!



Thursday Dinner Entertainment

Far Shore Four ... Barbershop Harmony Quartet (thanks to Live Wires for the booking)

The quartet members are (left to right as in the photo on the left): Bill Dergan, Jr., tenor (lives in Olympia, WA), Chuck Benson, bass (WWII veteran and Seattleite), Paul Renhard, lead (also lives in Seattle), and Brian Ayres, the baritone (Issaquah, WA)



Song List:

Umbrella

Chattanooga Choo Choo

Dream A Little Dream

Red Rose Rag

River Of No Return

Coney Island Baby

Sentimental Journey

Hello, Mary Lou

Lida Rose

Mr. Sandman/Dream

Wonderful World



Thursday and Friday Transportation

Matt Schmer and the drivers of Seattle Express



Friday Memorial Service

Ed Walford (welcome) and Doug Gotham (reading of the names)

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Force Honor Guard:

SrA Charity Nolen, SrA Eduardo Sar, SrA Steven Van Gorkom, AIC Koal Deplula

Bugler: Adam Buell

Dick Iverson (for getting the bugler and honor guard)



Friday Museum of Flight

Meagan McGuire (group sales) and all the docents assigned to us



Saturday Banquet

Troy McVicker, Event Source Northwest (DJ)

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila

Diana Waddell, Diane Witt, Josie Collado, Laurel Overmyer - and all the wonderful staff of the DoubleTree!!



Photographs were sent by:

Bill Bever

Steve Wassner

Jenny Walford

Bill Shek

Spencer Rackley

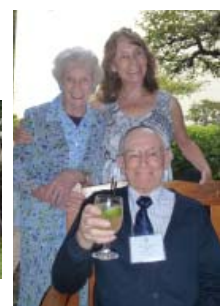
George Poy Jr



(A special thanks to George for taking all the individual/family photos as well as the group)

And thanks also to the Dexter Baker family (our local family hosts), those of you who contributed to the Reunion Fund, and of course to all of you who attended!!!

PHOTOS



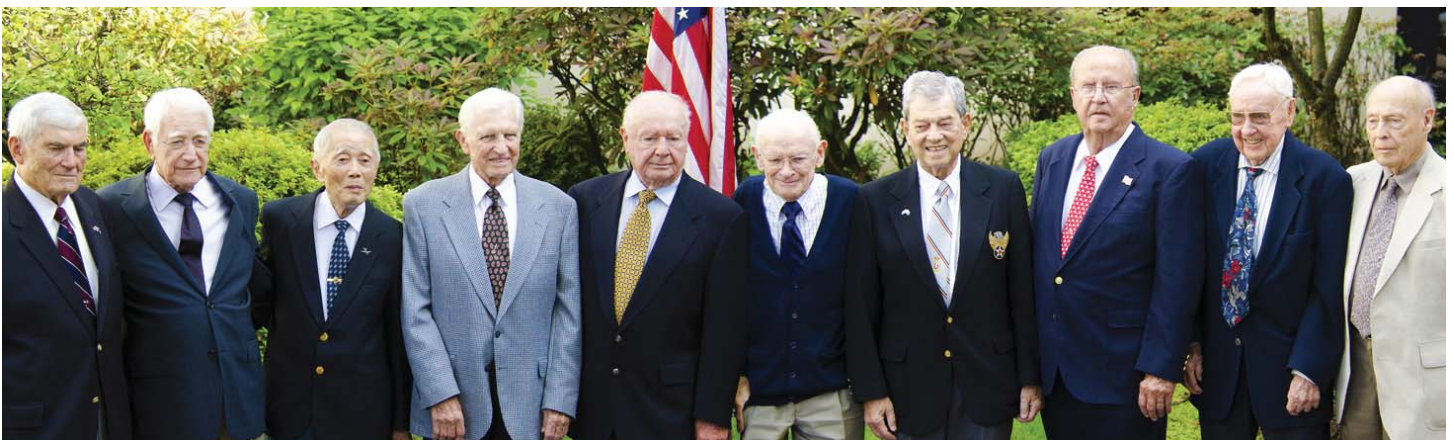
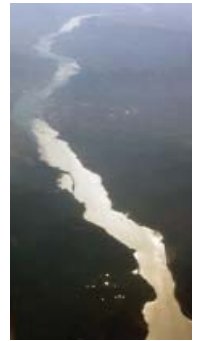
MUSEUM OF FLIGHT, BOEING FIELD



RIDE THE DUCKS OF SEATTLE



PHOTOS



Russ O'Day, Al Jansen, George Poy, Bill Brew, Joe Brooks, Gus Cameron, Milt Markowitz, Paul Beilstein, Dexter Baker, Ed Walford

PHOTOS



Marie Anderson, Gus
Cameron, Doris Mitchell



Barb, Doug Gotham,
Ashtyn, Jordan



Patrick O'Kane, Jenny Walford, Barbara
& Ed Walford, Gary & Vicky Hulsey



Paulette & Al Jansen



Bill Bever



Norma & Nick Lamicella



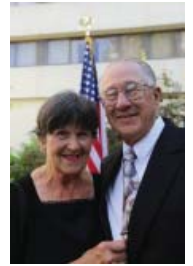
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Amelia Wassner, Karen Hinton



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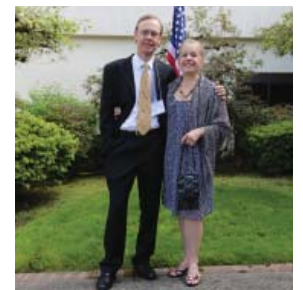
Elizabeth Williams
McPherson



Kathy Curtis & Russ O'Day,
Peggy & Dean Baker



Bakers: Cindy, Tom, Crystal, Greg, Dexter Sr,
Dexter Jr, Sharon, Dexter III, Brandon



Spencer & Kathleen
Rackley



Richard & Sharon Buchanan, Irma
& Joe Brooks, Joe and Katie



George & Gloria Poy, Jessie & George
Poy, Melissa, Roz and Steven Kin



Bill Shek, Diana Shek

MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

380th Bomb Group Association ~ 5th AF – RAAF, World War II

Memorial Service Program

Friday, August 2, 2013, 10:00 AM
Seattle, Washington

Welcome

Ed Walford, 531st Squadron

Please rise for the Posting of the Colors

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Force Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Psalm 23

All

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Doug Gotham

Those who have left us (reported 2012-2013)

528th

William W. ("Bill") Casselberry, July 13, 2013
Donald L. Fleming, May 25, 2002
Percival Keith ("Gus") Lakey, January 1, 2013
Jean McDonald (wife of Edward G McDonald),
July 2012
Raymond W. Oeth, June 18, 2013
Graeme Thomas, August 8, 2012
Robert C. Wason, December 27, 2006

529th

Forrest G. Dokken, 1966
Peter P. LaLena, November 10, 2012
Bryce H. Neff, April 19, 2013

530th

Donald W. Mayer, June 2, 2013
Eugene B. Stadler, June 5, 2012

531st

George Gerards, Jr., February 11, 2013
Millard Preston Goodfellow, Jr., January 28,
2013
Kenneth Hillman Pike, April 27, 2007
Gail F. Stephenson, February 19, 2013
Curtis Leon Veitch, December 14, 2012
Theodore J. Williams, April 27, 2013

Moment of Silence

Anyone who would like say a few words in remembrance of any of the deceased, you may do so now.

Please rise for the playing of TAPS and Retirement of the Colors



MEMORIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

TAPS



Those who have left us (reported 2012-2013)

Reported in Newsletter #52 (Winter 2013)

528th - Fleming, Donald L., Aircraft Commander, DOD May 25, 2002, Delhi, New York, reported by his grandson, Wes Fleming

RAAF/528th - Lakey, Percival Keith ("Gus"), leading aircraftsman, DOD January 01, 2013, Northern Territory, Australia, reported by his son John Lakey

528th - McDonald, Jean, wife of Edward Grady McDonald, DOD July/August 2012, reported by Jenny Thomas

528th - Thomas, Graeme, son of Edward Grady McDonald, DOD August 8, 2012, Victoria, Australia, reported by his widow, Jenny Thomas

529th - LaLena, Peter, Flight Engineer, Swanson Crew, DOD November 10, 2012, Sound Beach, New York, reported by his widow, Marie LaLena

530th - Stadler, Eugene B., Flight Engineer, DOD June 5, 2012, Rocky River, Ohio, reported by his son, Steve Stadler

531st - Gerards, Jr., George, Bombardier, Smolek Crew (111), DOD February 11, 2013, Cullman, Alabama, reported by his son-in-law, Ed Edmondson

531st - Veitch, Curtis Leon, Gunner, Baptist Crew (87), DOD December 14, 2012, Quitman, Texas, reported by his cousin, Richard O'Brien

Reported in Newsletter #53 (Spring 2013)

529th - Dokken, Forrest G., Navigator, Watkins' Crew, DOD 1966, Whittier, California, reported by his son, Forrest "Skip" Dokken Jr.

531st - Williams, Theodore J., Navigator, Magee's Crew (91), DOD April 27, 2013, West Lafayette, Indiana, reported by his son, Theodore J. Williams, Jr.

New – to be printed in Newsletter #54 (Autumn 2013)

528th - William W. ("Bill") Casselberry, Ground Staff, Engineering, Maintenance, Line Chief, DOD July 13, 2013, San Angelo, Texas, reported by his daughter, Billie Conley

528th - Raymond W. Oeth, Pilot, DOD June 18, 2013, Elberfeld, Indiana, reported by his daughter, Jane Hamby

528th - Robert C. Wason, Radar Navigator, Various Crews, DOD December 27, 2006, Marlborough, Connecticut, reported by his son, Peter S. Wason

529th - Bryce H. Neff, Navigator, Benson's Crew (NL), DOD April 19, 2013, Fort Collins, Colorado, reported by his widow, Suzi Neff

530th - Donald W. Mayer, Radio Operator, Baker's Crew (26), DOD June 2, 2013, Westlake, Ohio, reported by his son, Mike Mayer

531st - Millard Preston Goodfellow, Jr., Bombardier, Staff Crew, DOD January 28, 2013, Wilmington, Delaware, reported by his widow, Allene Goodfellow

RAAF/531st - Kenneth Hillman Pike, Radar Countermeasures, Finlayson's Crew, DOD April 27, 2007, Australia, reported by his daughter, Helen Pike

531st - Gail F. Stephenson, Bombardier, Benson Crew (116), DOD February 19, 2013, Branson West, Missouri, reported by his daughter, Lisa Stephenson Healy, and Jessie Poy

380th Bomb Group Association GEAR ORDER

PATCHES

(Mark on line # requested)

Squadron/Group patches:

\$10.00 ea.

Group: _____ 528th: _____

529th: _____ 530th: _____

531st: _____



Group-6"x4-1/2"



528th-5"x5"



529th-5"x5"



530th-4-3/4"x4-3/4"



531st - 5-1/2"x4-3/4"

Wings patches:

\$3.00 ea.

Pilot: _____

Navigator: _____

Bombardier: _____

Gunner: _____

Air Crew Member: _____

Size: 3-1/8" x 1-1/4"



Pilot



Navigator



Aircrew



Bombardier



Gunner

RAAF wings patches:

\$3.00 ea.

RAAF: _____

Navigator: _____

Bombardier: _____

Engineer: _____

Size: RAAF 4-1/4" x 1-1/2"

Others: 3-1/2" x 1-1/4"



Tucson 1942-1999 patches:

\$3.00 ea.



Size: 4-1/2" x 5"

CAPS, \$8.00 ea.

One size: _____



REUNION PATCHES

\$3.00 ea.



Seattle-2013: _____

Older: Year _____

Place: _____

JACKETS (long sleeves)

Blue nylon, \$25.00 ea.

(Mark on line # requested)

Small _____ Medium: _____

Large: _____ XL: _____

2XL: _____



Back

Front

T-shirts (short sleeves) - Blue cotton/polyester, \$9.00 ea.

Medium: _____

Large: _____

XL: _____



(Logo on shirt front only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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