

380TH BOMB GROUP



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Francis Penstone

This Newsletter is Dedicated to:

*Forrest E. (Tommy) Thompson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)
and
Helen H. Thompson*

*They had the foresight, perseverance, and love of the 380th
Bombardment Group (H) and its history, traditions, and person-
nel to organize, succor, and guide the*

380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc.

*our predecessor organization, for the past eighteen years
(1982-1999).*

Our everlasting thanks and love go out to them.



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NEWSLETTER #6

March 2001

Compatriots and Friends,

This newsletter comes soon after the last one since that one was, unfortunately, delayed by the Holidays and we are now trying to get back on schedule for the year.

Please note the information concerning the Ceremony to be held at the USAF Academy to rededicate our 380th Plaque on the Memorial Wall in the Academy Memorial Cemetery. As you know from the San Antonio Reunion, we are having it moved from the Pearl Harbor Wall to the 5th Air Force Wall. This will be held on Monday, June 18, at 10:00 AM. To make a fuller program, we will organize a luncheon. Also, the Academy Chapel and Visitors Center are great to visit. Families as well as Members are invited to attend.

Plans are nearly completed for this year's reunion at Dayton. Please note that the buses will return at regular intervals from the USAF Museum visit for those whose health will not let them stay all day. But stay as long as you want. There is a great deal to see!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Dayton! And many at the USAF Academy.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

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February 21, 2001

Dear Flying Circus Members,

Sunday I returned from 16 days in Viet Nam and Thailand. Although it was an enjoyable trip, it is great to be home in the USA.

In this newsletter, there are the details for the Rededication Ceremony for moving the 380th Bomb Group Memorial Plaque in the USAF Academy Memorial Cemetery on Monday, 18 June, 2001. Don't know how many attendees will be present, but I assure you that you will be represented. Ted and I will be there and shall hope others will join us. Also, we welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

Soon we shall be receiving details for the Dayton reunion and I shall hope to see you there if our paths don't cross before then.

Sincerely,


Tom Hunt

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ASSOCIATION NEWS AND BUSINESS ITEMS

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY PLAQUE

As you know from the previous newsletter, all arrangements have been completed for moving our 380th Memorial Plaque to the 5th Air Force Memorial Wall in the USAF Academy Memorial Cemetery. The Re-dedication Ceremony is now scheduled for June 18, 2001, 10:00 AM, at the USAF Academy Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Ceremony will begin promptly. The Academy will supply an Honor Guard, Music, and the Chaplain. We just supply the audience. The program for the day will include a luncheon and visits to the Academy Chapel and Visitors Center and Exhibit Area.

There are many motels in the vicinity and many spots for sightseeing and touring while you are at Colorado Springs. Please note that families as well as veterans and members of the Association are invited to attend. We hope that many of you will be able to be with us for this colorful and solemn ceremony.

Please let Ted Williams know if you are interested in attending (Phone: 765/494-7434; Email: tjwil@ecn.purdue.edu).

REQUESTS

Mr. Jason Unwin, Secretary of the Pueblo Weisbrod and International B-24 Memorial Museums in Pueblo, Colorado, is researching the loss of B-24 Liberator bombers during WWII. He is seeking any information regarding aircraft lost in training accidents as well as those due to combat. This information will be used to obtain accident reports from the Air Force Historical Research Agency and Missing Aircrew Reports from the National Archives.

Pueblo Weisbrod and International B-24 Memorial Museums
ATTN: Jason Unwin
31001 Magnuson Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81001
Phone: (719) 948-9219 Fax: (719) 948-2437 Email: pwam@iex.net

Mrs. Joye M. Kading of the Veterans Memorial Museum at the former Casper Army Air Force Base (Casper, Wyoming), is looking for artifacts of the members of the 380th Bomb Group Association for her museum. Many of us went through Casper for Combat Crew Phase Training.

Mrs. Joye M. Kading
1519 E. 2nd St.
Casper WY 82601-3089 Phone: (307) 237-9501

PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST USE LAST YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP LIST PLUS ALL NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR TO CONTINUE TO SEND YOU THESE NEWSLETTERS IN 2001. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY ON THESE LISTS, PLEASE JOIN IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THESE NEWSLETTERS. A MEMBERSHIP BLANK IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

***MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM REUNION TO REUNION
IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
DAYTON, OHIO
October 3-7, 2001

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 3

1:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Registration and Hospitality Room
1:00- 5:00 p.m.	Optional tours

Thursday, October 4

9:00 a.m.	Depart by bus for U.S. Air Force Museum Buses will return to the hotel at intervals during the day for those who need to return early Lunch on own (cafeteria available on site)
Afternoon/Evening 6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room Welcome dinner at hotel

Friday, October 5

10:00 a.m.	Memorial Service at Wright-Patterson AFB Chapel
Noon	Lunch at Wright-Patterson AFB Officers Club
6:00 pm.	Optional dinner theater
Afternoon/Evening	Hospitality Room

Saturday, October 6

10:00 a.m.	Members Meeting
Noon	Optional tours
Afternoon	Hospitality Room
6:30 p.m.	No-host cocktails
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Dance

Sunday, October 7

Departure day

LIST OF POSSIBLE OPTIONAL TOURS

Carillon Historical Park -- Dayton's entrepreneurs & their inventions
Carriage Hill Metro Park & Farm and Sunwatch Indian Village -- Living history farm and reconstruction
of prehistoric Indian site
Dayton Art Institute -- More than 50 centuries of art on display
Metro Ducks -- Tour Dayton from a WWII amphibious DUKW
Kettering-Moraine Museum -- Exhibits of Americana & Shaker structures
La Commedia Dinner Theater -- Buffet dining & live professional theater
Oregon Historic District and Treasure Barn Antique Mall -- Shopping

**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

**The Marriott Hotel
Dayton, Ohio
October 3-7, 2001**

Name _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

Rate: \$95 (single or double occupancy) + 12.5% room tax

Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Room Type: S=one person, one bed, D=two people, one bed; D/D=two people, two beds
(Circle choice)

Special Needs: H=Handicap facilities; N/S=non-smoking; S=smoking; K=king bed
(Circle choice)

Guarantee by credit card # _____ exp date _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Cancel policy for this event: 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty.
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Sonoita AZ 85637
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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Your Name _____

Squadron _____ 380th Duty _____

Please check if you are a * Regular Member _____ or an **Associate Member _____

**Associates: 380th Veteran's Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Sqdn: _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Spouse's Name _____

* *Regular member* means an original member of the 380th Bomb Group.

***Associate member* means a family member (or other affiliation) of an original member. If you are an Associate, please give the name of the original member, your relationship to that person, and his squadron number.

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WE WENT TO WAR, PARTS V AND VI

The Aircraft We Flew

A Report on the Status of Our Continuing Project on the History of the 380th Bomb Group (H) in WWII

In our Quarterly last March we outlined our plans for our continuing work to bring more detail to the History of the 380th Bomb Group in WWII beyond that which the Horton Brothers could do in their magnificent books: KING OF THE HEAVIES and BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST.

You have already received:

- PART I The Group Personnel Roster by Individuals
- PART II The Flight Crews by Individual Crews
- PART III An Extract of PARTS I and II presenting only the Australian and other Commonwealth personnel, for use in Australia
- PART IV A Listing of the Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) Necessary in an Isolated Group like the 380th. This material also is an extract from PARTS I-III.

Most of you received Parts III and IV bound into Part I although they were available as separate volumes. All of these are available on our website at:

<http://IIES.www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/380.html>

As noted last March, we promised to go ahead and develop the following four parts:

- PART V The Aircraft We Flew – Australia/New Guinea Combat Phase
- PART VI The Aircraft We Flew – Philippines Combat Phase
- PART VII The Missions of the 380th Bomb Group (H) Out of Australia and New Guinea
- PART VIII The Missions of the 380th Bomb Group (H) Out of The Philippines and Okinawa

Note that this has already expanded to give two volumes for the aircraft. We have already finished the first draft (handwritten) for Part V covering Australia/New Guinea. One hundred and thirty-five separate aircraft were used for these missions. Fifty-four of these went on to The Philippines. The rest were lost (combat or accident) or salvaged while in Australia.

We have no funds to publish this material in book form. The research fund at present is far too small for this purpose. Thus, we will place Parts V and VI on the 380th web page as soon as they are finished, and we hope to have both Parts V and VI done by Reunion time. We hope all of you have access to a computer to retrieve the data on your own plane or all of them that you flew so that you can eventually reconstruct your own mission history.

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 Bauguss, Madge (wife of Claude "Boggie" Bauguss), Greensboro, North Carolina, DOD 10/04/00, reported by her husband

528th Hincer, Howard F., Aircraft Mechanic, St. Charles, Illinois, DOD 02/04/01, by his daughter, Leslie Hincer Conklin



528th Holcomb, Ronald C., Ground Staff, Intelligence, Photo Technician, Greenville, South Carolina, DOD 01/03/01, by his wife, Mildred

528th Vance, Joyce (wife of William F. Vance), Mesa, Arizona, DOD 12/17/00, by her husband

529th Murphy, Jr., Frederick J., Radio Operator, Deaner's Crew (51), Fort Myers, Florida, DOD 06/30/00, by James E. Elam

529th Offerle, Rita (wife of Carl S. "Bud" Offerle), Defiance, Ohio, DOD 01/06/01, by her husband

530th Archer, Henry J., Navigator, McDaniel's Crew (56), Reston, Virginia, DOD 06/23/00, by his daughter, Bobbi Archer Langston; Mr. Archer was formerly known as Henry J. Urschitz; he changed his name in 1945 after WWII

530th Thomas, Jr., Evan C., Gunner, Jenkins/Wilkinson Crew (61,68), Coulterville, Illinois, DOD 10/00, by Robert M. Wilkinson

531st Bohn-Wells, Ruth M. (wife of Joseph H. Wells), Grove City, Ohio, DOD 01/01/01, by her husband

531st Lasko, Edward J., Aircraft Commander/Operations Officer, Lasko's Crew (85), Lewisville, Texas, DOD 01/05/01, by his wife, Natalie, and by Tom Hunt

531st Stanley, Jr., Emmett S., Tailgunner, Blum's Crew (91), Kingsport, Tennessee, DOD 02/12/01, by Joe Burdick

531st Withorn, Robert E., Bombardier, Kay's Crew (113), Linden, Michigan, DOD 01/21/01, by his son, Robert A. Withorn, and by Jim Meredith

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