

380TH BOMB GROUP



Flying Circus



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

Francis Peniston

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 per-
sonnel 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 #8

September 2001

Compatriots and Friends.

June 18th dawned a clear, bright, beautiful day for our Ceremony of Rededication of our plaque in the Cemetery of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Thirty-two of us including our families and friends gathered for the ceremony, which was magnificently presented by the Academy staff. Truly a wonderful honor to those of our compatriots who have left us, both during World War II and since.

The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at the Kissing Camels Golf Club at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs hosted by Tom Hunt and his family. This is a gorgeous place with tremendous views of Pikes Peak, the Front Range, and the Garden of the Gods.

We want to thank Tom and his family and the Academy and its staff members for a most memorable and beautiful ceremony and day.

Our next event is the Reunion in Dayton, Ohio, on October 3-7, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This issue presents all details of the Reunion as known at this time. Pat Carnevale and her associates have arranged a very nice program for us with the proper mixture of solemn remembrances, reviews of our wartime deeds, mixed with lots of the usual "enhanced" stories, and lots of comradeship and fun!

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

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Glenn R. Horton, Jr.
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HISTORIAN, AUSTRALIA

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THE ACADEMY PLAQUE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

On Monday morning, June 18, 2001, 32 of us -- members, families and friends -- gathered in the Academy Cemetery of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to rededicate our plaque honoring our deceased compatriots. It had been recently moved at our request from its original place on another memorial wall at the cemetery to the one honoring the Fifth Air Force where it really belonged. It was truly a solemn and beautiful service, magnificently presented by the Academy staff.

We have included in this issue the cover and program for the event, our attendance list alphabetically by family, and some pictures taken then. The pictures show Larry Farnum and Jack Banks unveiling the plaque; Ted Williams presenting the "Gifting" or the presentation of the plaque to the Academy; Lt. Col. Daniel S. Yinger, a professor on the Academy staff, accepting the plaque with the thanks of the Academy and recounting our history; and, finally, a close-up view of the plaque itself.

Following the ceremony, Tom Hunt and his family entertained our group at the Kissing Camels Golf Club at the Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado Springs, with its magnificent views of the Park and Pikes Peak. Truly a wonderful climax to a magnificent day!

We will have an album of pictures of the ceremony and the day for you to look through at the Reunion.

OUR ATTENDEES

Dexter K. Baker
Jack R. Banks
Thomas L. Casey
Jeanne Farnum
Larry B. Farnum
Dolores Foster
Donald Foster
Marvin E. Gardner
Thomas M. Hunt
Anne M. Karr
Caitlin Creighton
McLean Karr (Academy Cadet)
Alice R. Marks
Murray C. Marks
Cindi Oatman
Donald Oatman

Betty Rader
John V. Rader
Marian Robinson
Lloyd A. Fry
Jean Stevens
Virgil H. Stevens
Gary H. Stolleman
Neal C. Stolleman
Barbara Walford
Edward T. Walford
Joseph H. Wells
Larry Wells
Isabel M. Williams
Elizabeth A. McPherson
Theodore J. Williams, Jr.
Theodore J. Williams, Sr.

THE ACADEMY PLAQUE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

United States Air Force Academy

**380th Bombardment Group Memorial
Dedication**

18 June 2001



*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands
in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he
stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Assemble

9:45a.m. USAF Academy Cemetery
(Inclement Weather: Arnold Hall Theater)

Welcome

Lt Col Daniel S. Yinger, USAF

Posting of Colors and National Anthem

USAFA Honor Guard

Invocation

Chaplain Capt William F. Zeigler

Unveiling

Col Jack R. Banks
Col Larry B. Farnum

Gifting

Mr. Theodore J. Williams

Acceptance

Lt Col Daniel S. Yinger, USAF

380th Bombardment Group History

Moment of Silence

Benediction

Chaplain Capt William F. Ziegler

Taps

Lunch at Kissing Camels Golf Club

Garden of the Gods
Colorado Springs CO

THE ACADEMY PLAQUE REDEDICATION CEREMONY



Ted Williams:
the "Gifting"

Larry Farnum and Jack Banks:
unveiling the plaque



1942 - 380TH BOMB GROUP (H) - 1945



DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE 380TH BOMB GROUP IN WORLD WAR II -YOUNG
MEN WHO FOUND, NOT IN THEMSELVES BUT IN
EACH OTHER, THE COURAGE TO FLY AND FIGHT
AND SOME-TIMES BLEED AND DIE IN THIN BLUE
SKIES HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD FROM THE
HOMELAND THEY LOVED. AMERICA CAN FOREVER
BE PROUD OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE
OF FREEDOM BY FLYING THE LONGEST B-24
COMBAT MISSIONS.

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DEDICATED SEPT. 1990 - 380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

THE PLAQUE

Lt. Col. Daniel S. Yinger:
accepting the plaque



**380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
DAYTON, OHIO**

October 3-7, 2001

REUNION PROGRAM NOTES

THE B-24D, STRAWBERRY BITCH

Most of you have not seen the inside of a glass-nosed, B-24D, for at least 57 years. The Wright-Patterson AF Base has graciously acceded to our request to open the hatches and bomb-bay doors, to allow us to go through their B-24D during our visit. Because of its rareness and subsequent value, they have the following rules for us:

1. We can only go through the plane during the period 08:00 - 09:00 AM on the day of our visit (Friday, October 5). We must therefore leave the hotel earlier than the main group of Reunion attendees. This is because it must be closed again by 09:00 AM to keep the regular Museum visitors out. The bus will leave the hotel at 07:00 AM.

NOTE: FRIDAY not THURSDAY. (Last newsletter was misleading.)

2. The plane tour can only be made by *veterans* who were involved with the B-24 (all of us) or *adult male* family members or family friends of such veterans.

BALIKPAPAN

Cliff Neve, a foreign operations employee of UNOCAL oil company, spent several years in Balikpapan working in the refinery there. While there, he became very much interested in the war history of Balikpapan. He wrote us several years ago and we sent him copies of everything we had on our missions, both from Darwin and Mindoro. He also contacted representatives of the 22nd, 43rd, 90th, and 307th Groups who also flew Balikpapan strikes.

He has offered to come to our Reunion in Dayton and give about an hour's talk on the history he has developed. We have scheduled him for the Welcoming Dinner on Thursday evening, October 4. This should be a welcome discussion for all of us and bring back many memories. He will also be present for our whole Reunion to have a chance to talk to you individually.

OUR MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT THE WPAFB MUSEUM

As a sort of completion of the Ceremony of the Air Force Academy this summer, we have tentatively scheduled a short service to be held at our Plaque in the Memorial Garden at the Museum. This will be held just after our regular buses arrive at the Museum at 09:30 AM, just before the main Museum visit.

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Depart by bus for Wright-Patterson AFB
10:00 a.m. Memorial Service at Wright-Patterson AFB Chapel
11:30 a.m. Lunch at Wright-Patterson AFB Officers Club
1:00 p.m. Return to hotel -- afternoon on your own
Afternoon/Evening Hospitality Room Open
6:30 p.m. Welcome dinner at hotel
 Guest Speaker: Cliff Neve -- "BALIKPAPAN MISSIONS"

Friday, October 5

7:00 a.m. First bus leaves for Wright-Patterson AFB
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. B-24D Special Tour
8:30 a.m. Other buses leave for U.S. Air Force Museum
9:30 a.m. Memorial Garden Ceremony
10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tour Museum on your own
 Lunch on your own (cafeteria available on site)
 Buses will return to the hotel at intervals during the day for those
 who need to return early; last bus will leave at 5:00 p.m.
6:00 pm. Optional dinner theater -- musical "Caberet." tickets \$35 to \$39/person
Afternoon/Evening Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Members Meeting
Noon Optional tours -- afternoon on your own
Afternoon Hospitality Room Open
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
Musical "Caberet" -- Friday, October 5, tickets \$35 to \$39/person -- contact Pat Carnevale if interested

**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
LIST OF DAYTON ATTENDEES TO DATE**

528th Squadron

Lute & Eleanor Allison
Lee Allshouse & Bea Thompson
William & Sandra Bever
Bill & Alma Brew
Thomas Casey
Harold Clapsaddle
Joseph & Irene Dally
 Joseph Dally Jr. & Maureen Dally
 Joseph Dally III
Robert English & Margaret Snodgrass
Clyde & Bernice Eriksen
William Fortenberry
Eugene & Winogene Gaddis
 Terry & Wada Gaddis
William & Sharon LaFlech
Dave and Marie Lehigh
Murray & Alice Marks
 Donald & Dolores Foster
John H. Miller
Louis & Irene Mioduszewski
Lloyd & Donna Oakes
Raymond & Janie Oeth
Fritz Schmitz
Bill & Pat Sloane
Dick Smith & Relda Young
William Vance
John & Polly Watson

529th Squadron

Paul & Barbara Beilstein
James & Sara Bejoian
Richard & Olga Bill
Marvin Burris & Ginny Roper
Albert Busedu
Larry & Jeanne Farnum
Lloyd Fry & Marian Robinson
Werner & Ruth Homuth
Jim & Margaret Johnston
Leonard & Jimmie Lou Kroes
Louis & Irene Lanners
Joe & Betty Maloney
 Ann Watson & Joellen Mitchell
Sylvester & Alice Nemcek
Bud & Kathleen Offerle
 Bill & June Offerle
 Tom & Ruth Offerle
Robert & Marjorie Smith
Virgil & Jean Stevens
George Stevenson
Clifton & Georgia Toepperwein

530th Squadron

William & Stella Edwards
Marvin Gardner
 Marvin A. & Fran Gardner
 Lawrence & Lana Gardner
 Bryan & Kathie Clements
Del Haggas
Ralph Henderson
Charles & Eileen Mason
Delmar Sprowls
Charlie & Gwen Taylor
Frank & Jenny Wojnilko

531st Squadron

Robert & Marie Anderson
John Annesser & Marian Hritz
Richard & Claire Benson
Frank & Bonnie Boudreau
Elmer & Bonnie Bryant
John & Doris Campbell
Robert & Gene Gam
George & Chris Gerards
Warren & Imogene Goodrich
Tom Hunt
John Lardin & Pam Crutcher
William & Verna McCrea
George & Jessie Poy
Paul & Barbara Jane Rafeld
Jim & Annabelle Scalese
Francis & Clara Sears
Emil & Dorothy Smolek
Gail & Marilyn Stephenson
Joe Wells
Ted & Isabel Williams

Headquarters

Harold & Ron Henderson & daughter Cheryl Hodge

RAAF

Russ & Tiny Brooks

Associates

Jim & Mary Cavallero
Anna Debevec & Donna Crowell
Barb & Doug Gotham
Glenn & Gwen Horton
Gloria Leghart & Kimberly Kanganis
Pam & Gary Nunn
Debra Schoenemann-Campbell & Ken Campbell
Helen Thompson
Norma & Charles Tyler

Cancelled: Jim & Jeanne Meredith; E.C. & Evelyn Henry; Calvin & Marjorie Shaad; Ed & Nane Loy;
Robert & Julie Riehle; Gene Lysaker

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

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

			No.	
Registration Fees:	Members	\$10.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
	Spouses & Guests	\$10.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
Thursday - Memorial Service at Wright-Patterson AFB with Lunch at Officers Club (includes transportation)		\$18.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
Thursday - Get-Acquainted Dinner		\$26.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
Friday - US Air Force Museum (Cost includes transportation: lunch on your own at museum)		\$8.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
- <i>Special Tour of B-24D (no extra charge)</i>			x _____ =	
<i>(see restrictions earlier in this Newsletter)</i>				
Saturday Evening - Dinner/Dance		\$40.00 each	x _____ =	\$ _____
		TOTAL		\$ _____

Member Name _____ Squadrons/Hdqtrs _____

Member Name (for name tag) _____

Guest/Spouse (name tag listing) _____

Other guests (as printed on name tag) _____

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Preferred Airline _____ Frequent Flyer # _____

Seat Preference ___ Aisle ___ Window Need Rental Car Yes ___ No ___

**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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**380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
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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Membership runs from Reunion to Reunion.

WE WENT TO WAR, PARTS V AND VI
The Aircraft We Flew

PART VII
Keep Them Flying

In our previous issues of *THE FLYING CIRCUS* Newsletter we have been keeping you up to date on the above part of our History Project for the 380th, and tentatively promising its completion by Reunion time. Unfortunately, the conversion of the manuscript to electronic form has turned out to be a tremendous task, particularly when it must be done in Barb's spare time from her regular tasks, and so completion will not now be possible by October. Particularly time consuming has been the scanning and sorting of the numerous pictures available on the planes and their nose art. We hope to be able to give you a chronological listing of the nose art changes of many of our planes.

We will bring the completed project manuscripts with us to Dayton as they exist at the time of the Reunion. Those of you who were present there will remember that we did this for the Personnel volumes at the San Diego Reunion in 1998. You will be able to go through all of the material at Dayton on the present project and let us have your comments as at San Diego.

We had hoped to be able to derive the complete maintenance crews for each aircraft, but unfortunately the records are silent on most of the individual assignments to particular aircraft. We will do what we can, but have decided to prepare a re-listing of all ground personnel by MOS and Job title. This is basically a reformatting of Volume I, the Personnel Roster. We will call this Part VII and move the Part Numbers of the Mission Volumes forward.

Our contacts with the other groups have shown that, along with the Horton and Fain, et al., histories, the 380th is far ahead of any other WWII Air Force group in developing and recording our history. In fact, our work has inspired many of the other groups to develop similar projects to our own!

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 Andrisek, Ewald F., Gunner,
Herbst's Crew (10), Las Vegas,
Nevada, DOD 10/05/94,
reported by his daughter, Beverly
(Andrisek) Thornton**



**529th Engbretson, Jr., Gustav A., Pilot, Levandoski's
Crew (32), DOD 12/84, reported by his son, John
Engbretson**

**529th Shaad, Calvin F., Radio Operator, Hartman's
Crew (48), DOD 09/01/01, reported by Frederick
R. Miller**

**529th Wehrly, William J., Aircraft
Commander, Wehrly's Crew (41),
DOD 08/26/01, reported by Joe Maloney**

**530th Lewis, Shirley, Bombardier, Jenkins' Crew (61),
Lawrenceville, Georgia, DOD 06/09/01, reported
by Robert Wilkinson**

**530th Lovelace, John W., Jr., Ground Staff, Airplane
and Engine Mechanic, DOD
06/14/01, reported by Delmar V. Sprowls**

**531st Forssell, Roger E., Aircraft Commander,
Forssell's Crew (77), Vacaville, California, DOD
07/01/01, by his wife, Helen**

**531st Leahy, James H., Flight Engineer, Brody's Crew
(90), Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, DOD
05/12/01, reported by his daughter, Lynda Leahy
Stallworth**

**531st Prew, Sr., Raymond A., Flight Engineer, Magee's
Crew (91), Foster, Rhode Island, DOD 05/16/01,
reported by his wife, Gertrude**

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