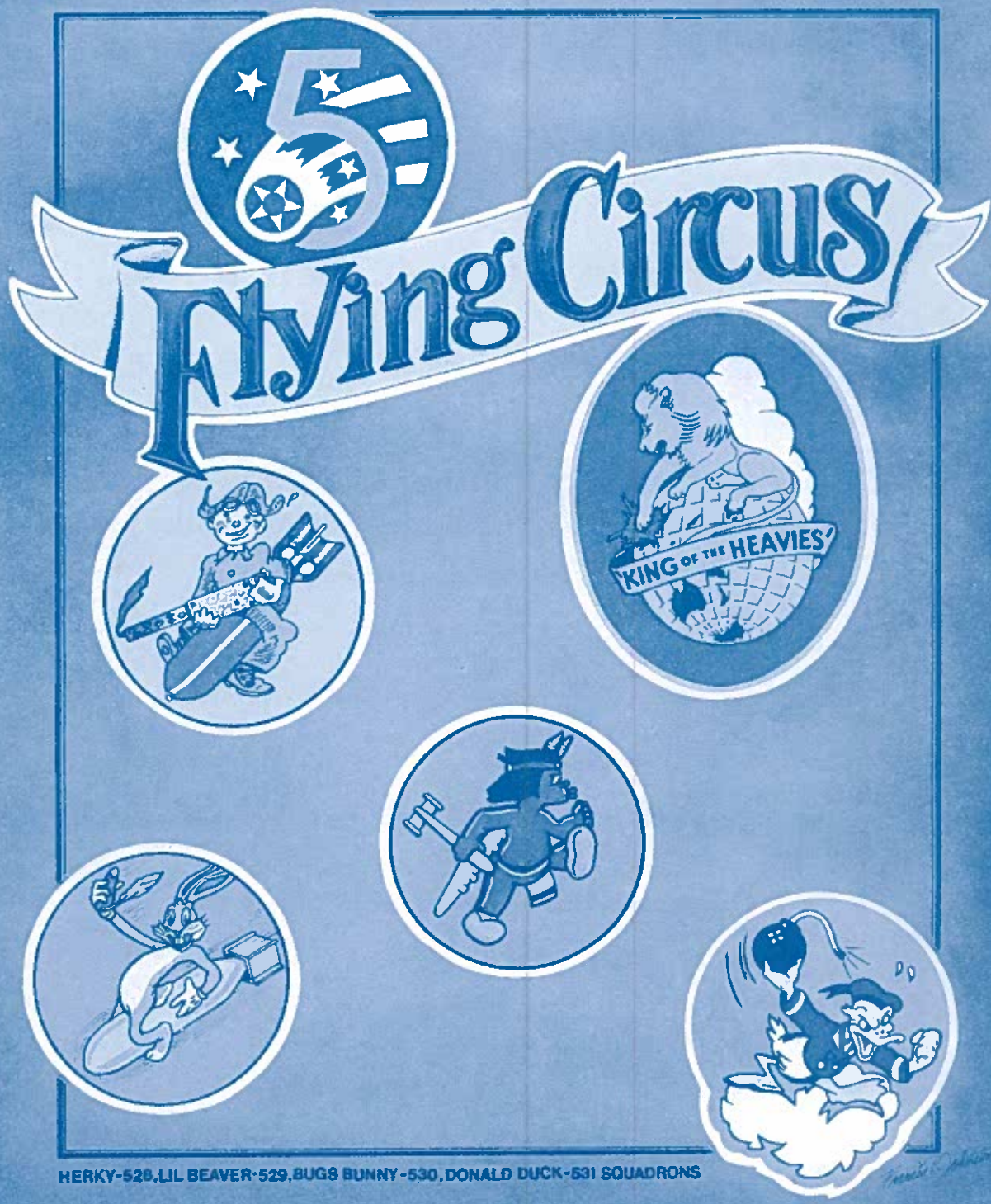


380TH BOMB GROUP



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

Francis Henrich

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 #9

December 2001

Compatriots and Friends

We are happy to hear both at the Reunion and afterwards that all of you enjoyed our visit to Dayton and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It is most heartwarming to Barb, Pat, and me to have so many of you express your thanks and appreciation to us for the Reunions, the Newsletter, and the History Project. We are committed, with your help, to continuing to serve you in the future as in the past.

Thanks to those of you who sent Barb Reunion pictures for this issue. We hope you enjoy them. Like last year, additional pictures will be posted on our website.

Pat has included with this issue her latest work on arranging our hotel and associated activities for the Salt Lake City Reunion next September. We hope to see all of you there!

Also presented here is our latest report on the 380th Airplanes Project, whose manuscript we showed you at Dayton, and our current findings concerning reproduction of our Squadron Patches.

Best wishes for the holidays, an easy winter, a delightful spring and summer, and an enjoyable reunion next fall!

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

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ASSOCIATION NEWS AND BUSINESS ITEMS

STATUS OF OUR 380TH AIRCRAFT PROJECT

Those of you who attended the Dayton Reunion had the chance to review the complete manuscript of our 380th aircraft history project entitled *WE WENT TO WAR. Parts V and VI, The Planes We Flew*. We hope you were all happy with what you saw there.

We regret the time it has taken to complete this work. However, the work of the Purdue organization where both Barb and I are assigned has changed significantly in the last few months, increasing Barb's assigned workload considerably. Since she must work on her 380th activities in her "spare time," this has increased our web publishing time significantly, as you know. However, the work is progressing and she expects to get the first 40 aircraft (the initial deployment aircraft plus the older two replacements -- ALLEY OOP and BIG CHIEF COCKEYE), along with the introductory material, on the web before February 28, 2002.

If you have any photos of the 380th aircraft that you'd like to share with us, feel free to send them to us. You can send your original photos, or have them scanned and then send us the scanned copies by either email (barb@purdue.edu) or regular mail, whichever method you are most comfortable with.

If you have any crew photos (with or without aircraft), or target photos, mission maps, etc., we will be glad to have those also. Barb will be adding crew photos to our website (in Part II -Flight Crews) once she completes the current aircraft project. Mission maps and target photos will be helpful for the next phase of our research project.

The current terrorist emergency has imposed *ALERT STATUS CHARLIE* on all of the Air Force bases in the U.S., as we found at Wright-Patterson. This means that Maxwell Field is also closed to researchers at the Air Force History Section of the Air University. If this continues indefinitely, it may put a severe delay in our mission research for the next phase of our project (mission locations). We have plenty of data for now, but not complete enough for what we had hoped to do in total.

At the Dayton Reunion we stated that our major method of publication of the Aircraft History would have to be by means of the Internet. However, some volumes will have to be printed to obtain the copies needed for copyright, museum donations, etc. It appears that the Research funds may be sufficient for this. Several of you asked if you could make a donation to increase the Research Fund to make extra copies for you. We have now investigated the required costs for each set of two volumes and it appears that including mailing costs, that a sum of \$60.00 would handle all of our costs plus this mailing. Please let us know as soon as you can if you want one, since we will want to do all the hard-bound copies at the same time.

PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST USE THE 2001 MEMBERSHIP LIST PLUS ALL NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR TO CONTINUE TO SEND YOU THESE NEWSLETTERS IN 2002. 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.

380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
2002 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.

Annual payment of \$20 payable to **Carnevale & Associates** will help defray costs of mailings throughout the year. Please mail your registration form and check to:

Carnevale & Associates
P.O. Box 1230
Sonoita AZ 85637

Membership runs from Reunion to Reunion.

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SALT LAKE CITY REUNION INFORMATION

The next reunion for the 380th Bomb Group will be held in Salt Lake City in September, 2002, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel. The dates are **September 18-22, 2002**, and the rate at this hotel is \$79 + tax. There is much to see and do in this wonderful city, home of the "Historic Temple Square" and the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. More details will be coming in the next newsletter but be sure to reserve these dates now! Please note that the Mormon Library on Temple Square in Salt Lake City is the world's largest and best Genealogical Library and it's free. Those of you interested in your family history may want to come a day or so early to take advantage of it.

FUTURE REUNION SITES

A topic discussed at some length at Dayton was a list of Reunion sites beyond Salt Lake City (for 2002) and Hampton (Williamsburg), Virginia (for 2003). This list will be voted upon during the Business Meeting of the Salt Lake City Reunion to allow Pat Carnevale plenty of time to arrange future reunion sites. The following four sites were discussed in Dayton (in alphabetical order):

Boston Area, Massachusetts
Las Vegas, Nevada
New Orleans Area, Louisiana
St. Louis Area, Missouri

If there are other suggestions for locations, please send them to us by e-mail (barb@purdue.edu) or by mail to the address listed on the letterhead of the opening letter to this Newsletter. We will then publish them in future newsletters.

Please also discuss the choices amongst yourselves so we are all better prepared to vote at the next Business Meeting in Salt Lake City.

REQUEST

"WWII Humor. Do you remember any funny incidents (wisecracks, foul-ups, nicknames, odd events with animals or natives, inspections, justice administered to bullies, lights outs, etc.) from the WWII (or depression) years? Author seeks to record your experiences."

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E-mail: dec7pearl@hotmail.com

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SQUADRON PATCHES

Several of you in the past have asked us about the availability of 380th Squadron and Group patches. The Horton's PX was sold out of these in about the mid-1990s as we recall and hesitated to reorder any because of probable low sales.

I have investigated this matter and have the following to report:

1. These patches can be made available, but the minimum order from the supplier is 50 of each item, i.e., each separate squadron or the group.
2. All copyrights must be honored. Thus permission must be obtained from Warner Brothers for BUGS BUNNY (529th) and from Disney Productions for DONALD DUCK (531st). We have already received permission for BUGS BUNNY and a letter has been written to Disney for the same purpose. We expect approval.
3. The quoted cost to us is \$6.50 per each for each separate patch or a total of $(5)(50)(6.50) = \$1625.00$ total.
4. We would probably have to charge \$10.00 each for them and sell more than half to break-even on them.

The question we must all answer is: "Is there enough desire for these patches on the part of our members and their families and friends to justify the expense of stocking these patches?"

We would very much appreciate your expressing to us your desire for the patches, and your feeling for the viability of this proposal. Please write. Thank you very much!

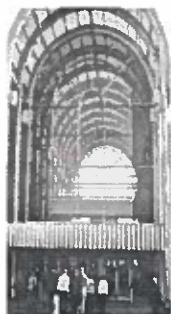
ROSTERS, VOLUMES 1 AND 2

At the Dayton Reunion Business Meeting we mentioned that we had about 20 copies remaining of the Rosters (*WE WENT TO WAR, Parts I and II*). We promised to send them to new members of the Association who have joined since we made the original mailing. We will begin this distribution as soon as the current Aircraft Project is completed, i.e., probably next Spring or Summer. In the meantime, remember that this material is all on the 380th website at:

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

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United States Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB



Museum Atrium
(taken by Joe Dally)



Outdoor display at
Museum (Dally)



IMAX Tower at
Museum (Dally)



Elmer Brvant, Frank
Boudreau, Doug Boudreau
(Barb Gotham)



Entering Museum -- Tom
Hunt facing camera
(Dally)



Joe Dally & Bill Fortenberry
(Harold Clapsaddle)



Slim Powers and Tom Casey
(Dally)



Strawberry Bitch
(Joe Burdick)



Glenn Horton and
Bob English
(Clapsaddle)



Strawberry Bitch
(Pete Burris)



Strawberry Bitch, Left Rear
(Gotham)



Strawberry Bitch, Left Rear
(Burris)



Pete Burris
(Burris)



Dally Family: Joe, Irene,
Maureen, Joe Jr., Joe III (Dally)



Cafeteria at Museum (Gotham)



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Memorial Service at the 380th Plaque at WPAFB, Friday, 10/5/01



380th Plaque in Memorial Gardens
at WPAFB (Gotham)



Gathering for the Ceremony
(George Gerards)



Reviewing the Plaque (Gotham)



5th Air Force Memorial
(Gerards)



Pat Carnevale (Clapsaddle)



Posting of the Colors (Gotham)



Ted Williams addressing the group (Gotham)



Chaplain Parrish
(Gotham)



VFW Color Guard (Gotham)



Bugler, S Sgt Jay Halpin, USAF
Band of Flight (Gotham)

*These and more photos are
available on our website,
where the pictures are larger
and in color.*

*[http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/
IIES PLAIC 380 REUNION/
2001Reunion Reunion.html](http://www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES_PLAIC_380_REUNION/2001ReunionReunion.html)*

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Hospitality Room



(Burdick)



(Burdick)



(Gotham)



Jim Bejoian.
Pete Burns.
Bud Offerle
(Burris)



Glenn Horton and
Ted Williams
(Burris)

Dayton, Ohio



Greater Miami River
(Burdick)



Dayton, looking up the Miami River
from the Carillon Park (Burdick)



Carillon (Gotham)

Miscellaneous Photos Taken During the Reunion



Cliff Neve, Guest
Speaker at Welcome
Dinner, 10 4 01
(Gotham)



Ted Williams and Colin
Campbell (Clapsaddle)



Byron and Elma Moore, Dorothy and Emil
Smolek, Chris Gerards (Gerards)



Barbara and Paul Beilstein, Syl & Alice
Nemcek (Gerards)



Business Meeting, 10 6 01 (Burris)

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Dinner Dance, Marriott, Saturday, 10/6/01



Donna Crowell, Ann Debevec, Jean & Bob Garn, Pam Nunn (Gotham)



Ted & Isabel Williams (Niles Grover)



Margaret Rodriguez and Tom Casey (Gotham)



Joe Dally, Glenn Horton, Harold Clapsaddle (Clapsaddle)



Joe Wells, Isabel & Ted Williams, Pat Carnevale, Barb Gotham, Cliff Neve, Tom Hunt (Gotham)



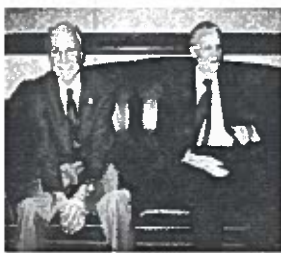
Carl Borgstrom, Terry Snyder, Helen Borgstrom, Terry Synder, Steve Borgstrom (Gotham)



Robert & Dorothy Winters, Mary Schoenemann, Debby & Ken Campbell, Brian & Nikki Schoenemann, Ozzie Schoenemann (Gotham)



Niles Grover, Marian Hritz, Jim Scalese, Verna McCrea, Chris Grover, John Annesser, Annabelle Scalese, Russ McCrea (Grover)



Lloyd Fry and Pete Burris (Clapsaddle)



Marie & Andy Anderson, Clara & Lyle Sears (Gotham)



Lee Allshouse, Bea Thompson, Gail & Johnny Thomas, Terry Gaddis, Gene & Winogene Gaddis (Gotham)



George Poy, Dick & Claire Benson, Gail & Marilyn Stevenson, Loyd & Donna Oakes, Jessie Poy (Gotham)



Marie & Dave Lehigh (Gotham)



Emil & Dorothy Smolek (Gerards)



George & Bonnie Hewett, Gwen Horton, Barbara Fortenberry (Burdick)



Joe Wells, Tom Hunt, Cliff Neve, Jack Banks, Ray Banks (Gotham)



Chris & George Gerards, Andrea & Don Smolek, Elma & Byron Moore, Emil & Dorothy Smolek (Gotham)

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Olga & Richard Bill. Paul & Jean Rafeld. Imogene & Warren Goodrich. Werner & Ruth Homuth (Gotham)



Larry & Jeanne Farnum. Cliff & Georgia Toepperwein. Margaret & Jim Johnston. Pete Burris (Gotham)



Jim Scalese & Ted Williams (Glover)



Roscoe Ingle. William Bever. Robert DiDomenico. John Miller. Colin Campbell. Bill Butts. Bill & Sharon LaFlech (Gotham)



Bob English. Margaret Snodgrass. Irene & Joe Dally. Glenn Horton. Harold Clapsaddle. Gwen Horton (Gotham)



Kathleen Offerle. Geoff Paddock. Jim Bejoian. Jean Stevens. Bud Offerle. Virgil Stevens. Louis & Irene Mioduszewski (Gotham)



Teresa Hice & Joe Burdick (Gotham)



Harry & Ramona Talbott. Loren Brunner. Doug Boudreau. Elmer Bryant. Frank Boudreau. Bonnie Bryant. Bonnie Boudreau (Gotham)



George Stevenson. Jimmie Lou and Leonard Kroes (Gotham)



Ron Henderson. Lawrence & Lana Gardner. Marvin A. Gardner. Fran Allen. Marvin E. Gardner. Harry Bandow. Bryan & Kathleen Clements (Gotham)



William Bever & John Miller (Clapsaddle)



Eileen Mason. Mary Peachey. Charles Mason. Bob Peachy. Mary Gardner. Slim Powers (Gotham)



Kroes Crew:

Leonard & Jimmie Lou Kroes. George Stevenson. Paul & Barbara Beilstein. Bill & Sylvia Gordon. Louis & Irene Lanners. Sylvester & Alice Nemcek (not ordered) (Gotham)



Doug & Barb Gotham (Glover)

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 Manca, Dominick, Medical Technician, Utica, New York, DOD 1987, reported by his son, Richard D. Manca

529th Ferrante, Armond T., Bombardier, Horn's Crew (10), Cleveland, Ohio, DOD 12/2000, reported by his grandson, Brian Chambers

529th George, Walter S., Flight Engineer-Gunner, Carmichael's Crew (40), North Weymouth, Massachusetts, DOD 08/29/2001, reported by his wife, Anne George

530th Lesslie, Sr., Luther O., Flight Engineer, Rush's Crew (70), Rock Hill, South Carolina, DOD 11/17/2001, reported by his wife, Aleen Lesslie

530th Piper, Jr., Malone Z., Aircraft Commander, Piper's Crew (64), Arlington, Texas, DOD 06/27/1983, reported by his brother, William S. Piper

531st Brown, George A., Co-Pilot, Koller's Crew, Pomona Park, Florida (winters), Brunswick, Maine (summers), DOD 12/10/2000, reported by John G. Koller

531st Seale, Francis M., Squadron Commander, Aircraft Commander, Seale's Crew (76), Hammond, Louisiana, DOD 11/11/2001, reported by his daughter, Hazel, and Jim Scalese

531st Stevens, Max (Mick) G., Top Turret Gunner, Assistant Engineer, Wilson's Crew, Bruce, Wisconsin, DOD 11/05/2001, reported by Joe Burdick



