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93rd BG HOMECOMING AT HARDWICK AIRFIELD VICTORY IN EUROPE PLUS 70



We are in the final development of the upcoming 93rd BG mini reunion in England. We have a very nice hotel (Holiday Inn) reserved that is located just south of Norwich. It is very nice and has a full English breakfast as well as an indoor gym and swimming pool. All rooms are air conditioned and on ground floor. The hotel is 65 British pounds sterling per night for up to 4 people. This is a great deal!!!

We need to determine a final head count so we can finalize the cost. **Please contact me via phone, email or mail by Jan 31, 2015. If you have already contacted me, please confirm again!** Please provide optional pre-tour (headcount), reunion (headcount), qty of rooms and any special needs. If there is something special that you would like to see, please let me know and we can see if we can fit it in. Colin and I want to make this a very special trip for all. Once we have a head count, we can finalize the reunion pricing. Please include your phone #, in case, I need to contact for additional details. The reunion fees will cover local transportation, some of the meals and admission to Duxford. As always, Colin and I are looking to provide the best value. If it is better for an item to be in the registration fee, it will be included. If better to be direct payment, it will be

separate. Hotel will be booked directly with the hotel by the guest. Hotel contact information will be included in reunion package. The reunion rates are also available for the nights of May 19 to 27 to allow rest before and/or afterwards if desired.

All details will be finalized when the information package is sent. The package will also include a detailed registration form. The budgetary costs are \$75 /person for the pre-reunion and \$180/person for the reunion. These costs will be fine-tuned once we have a better head count.

Optional Pre-Reunion Events

Wednesday	May 20, 2015	Arrival at Norwich Hotel and relax
Thursday	May 21, 2015	Visit local English sights (Castles, churches and Gardens)
Friday	May 22, 2015	Visit local English sights (Castles, churches and Gardens)

Reunion Events

Friday	May 22, 2015	Arrival at Norwich Hotel and relax Dinner
Saturday	May 23, 2015	2 nd Air Division Memorial room at Library Norwich Castle (Lunch at Castle Mall) Norwich Cathedral Walk by Sampson and Hercules Possible visit of Bishop's Palace (ARC club in Norwich during WW2) Dinner
Sunday	May 24, 2015	93 rd BG Museum Lunch at Hardwick Hardwick airfield and surrounding area tour Hardwick Warbirds (Maurice Hammond) WW2 aircraft collection Dinner
Monday	May 25, 2015	Trip to Cambridge American Cemetery Laying of 93 rd BG wreath during Memorial Day Service Visit Imperial War Museum at Duxford (American Air Museum) Return to Norwich

See ya soon in England,

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93rd BG Association Mini-Reunion Coordinators

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Memorial plaque at Hardwick Airfield



2nd Air Division Memorial Library

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President's Corner

Hello from your new President! I am truly honored to serve the great 93rd Bombardment Group Association as the President! First, I would like to thank John Marx for his outstanding leadership over the past 6 years, as well as **ALL** of the other Officers that have completed their terms or transitioned into other roles! For me, having the opportunity to serve as Vice President and Reunion Coordinator for the past 4 years, has allowed me to learn more about our veterans, families, and the organization. I truly believe we are a "family" and are bound together through the magnificent legacy of the historic 93rd Bombardment Group.

What another great reunion in Dayton! For those of you who attended in October, it was a time for sharing, learning, and honoring our veterans and their families. Due to my emergency family situation, I was not able to attend, which was a huge disappointment to me. However, I am extremely pleased and grateful to all who "filled in" for me to ensure it ran smoothly. A nice highlight was the Friday evening, joint dinner event with the 384th Bomb Group held at the National Museum of the US Air Force! The dinner, program, and touring the museum was a great way to share time together! The entire reunion was a success, with many positive comments from all who attended. We are already planning for the 2015 reunion, so if you missed Dayton, watch for information on Omaha!

Financially, the reunion was also a success. After all of the expenses were paid, we came in at approximately a positive \$146, so another "break even reunion".

As John and I have talked about the transition for the new officers, it is our intent to continue supporting and planning for the projects the 93rd BG Association is already involved in. These include support for the Hot Stuff Memorial Preservation project, led by Jim Lux, adding security to our museum at Hardwick led by Don Morrison, transition and assistance for 93rd veteran memorabilia and historical archives – Jim Guddal, strengthening our membership effort, building on the social media technologies, annual reunion planning, and many others. We will also continue our monthly officer phone conference meetings to keep in touch, and work on these very important programs that will support our purpose for the Association, as stated below in Article II of our By-Laws:

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To carry on the traditions and memories of the 93rd Bomb Group after the veterans of that war have deceased. The offspring of the generation which fought in World War II have expressed a keen interest in the 93rd Bomb Group. They participate as full members with voting privileges in all activities of management, financial activities, planning and the holding of conventions and reunions.
2. The 93rd Bomb Group will continue to advocate and to support an adequate, effective and efficient Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force at all times
3. To perpetuate the friendships and memories of service together in the 93rd Bomb Group.
4. To support the programs and efforts of the Memorial Trust of the 2ADA Memorial Library, located with the Norwich Central Library, England, the 93rd Bomb Group Museum at Hardwick, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum at Savannah, Georgia, and any like organization that exists to perpetuate the memory of those who served in WWII.

Have a Great Holiday season, and be sure to thank our veterans, and military men & woman for their service and for ensuring we can enjoy the freedoms of our great nation!

Merry Christmas!

Jim Root

Treasurer's Notes

93rd Bombardment Group Association STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE

10/10/2014
Cash Basis

As of September 30, 2014 and 2013

	Sep 30, '14	Sep 30, '13
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/ Savings		
Center National Bank Savings	20,542	22,508
Center National Bank Checking	1,190	6,003
Reunion Fund	1,500	1,510
PayPal Balance	165	0
Wells Fargo MM Savings	<u>23,511</u>	<u>10,756</u>
Total Checking/Savings	46,908	40,777
Post Exchange Inventory (PX)	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,455</u>
Total Current Assets	48,533	42,232
LIABILITIES	<u>-397</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS & FUND BALANCE	<u><u>48,136</u></u>	<u><u>42,232</u></u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

10/10/2014
Cash Basis

October 2013 through September 2014
October 2012 through September 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Receipts/Disbursements		
Receipts		
Donations	17,294	15,156
Interest	39	62
Member Dues	3,785	5,265
Reunion Excess Proceeds	2,137	2,645
PX Sales & Books	<u>1,461</u>	<u>2,806</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>24,716</u></u>	<u><u>25,934</u></u>
Disbursements		
Bank Charges	33	23
Delivery & Postage & Shipping	517	1,241
Newsletter Publishing	2,464	3,076
Membership & Office Svcs 2010 & '11	1200	1,200
Website Maintenance	755	377
Data Base Software	492	492
Gifts to F Hardwick & Others	8,493	5,500
Dues, Licenses and Permits	0	618
Print - Book Pmts to Publishers	464	63
PX Purchases	232	840
Webcast Equipment Lease	2,000	0
Reunion & Petty Cash	0	250
Hot Stuff Expense	0	1,995
Reunion Supplies & Expense	1,915	56
D & O Insurance	247	250
Adjustments	<u>0</u>	<u>-133</u>
Total Disbursements	18,812	15,848
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	<u><u>5,904</u></u>	<u><u>10,086</u></u>

Statements are not audited or reviewed.

Jim Guddal, Treasurer

Editor Notes

As the newly elected editor of the Ball of Fire, I would like to say thank you to Joanne Sargent for the great job she did with it. I am also honored to help carry on the great work that Paul Steichen Sr and Calvin Davidson did with the newsletter in earlier years. I would also like to say thank you to George Jung who has stepped up to help with the distribution tasks of the newsletter.

Cheers,

Don Morrison

Greetings from the 93rd BG Historian!

Recent find of a 93rd BG photo and the rest of the story.....

I recently purchased a photo from the online auction site Ebay. There was no 93rd BG marking showing except for the photo captions regarding group, aircraft # and date. I saw the 93rd BG in the code and remembered the serial #. I was lucky enough to win the auction. (See Below)



And now the rest of the story; on a recent trip to the National Archives, I was able to find the mission report for Sept 24, 1943 complete with the crew list and formation sheet. We now know the photographer was Richard B. Hurlbutt flying in ship 42-40610 "Satan's Sister", piloted by 1st LT Miles League. The planes that are shown are 42-41002 O (left) and 41-24105 Q "Tupelo Lass" (Right with one wing out of view). 002 O and 105 Q were piloted by 1st Lt Richard B Mays and 2nd Lt James M Thomas, respectively. There was also another photo that was taken at almost the exact same time. (See below) 1st Lt Mays and crew were later KIA on the 24 of December 1943 on 42-41002. Miles League and crew of 42-40610 "Satan's Sister" were lost on Oct 9, 1943.



93rd Bomb Group Research Trip

On December 22 and 23 2014, Don Morrison Jr (my Son) and his fiancé, Lacie McEwen assisted me with the research of the 93rd BG at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Some of you may remember Don Jr (Donnie) as the little boy who would attend the reunions with me. Sadly he is in college now and unable to attend currently. We were able to copy hundreds of pages of mission records during the 2 day trip from Oct 9 42 to April 25, 1945. These documents will be a great help in assisting veterans and their families with questions and crews, mission and aircraft serial #. The stack of copies is 4" tall!! We had a great time and found a lot of great information. I really appreciate their help.



**Don Morrison, Don Jr Morrison and Lacie
McEwen**

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93rd BG Website

At the time of writing this article, 87,615 people have visited the 93rd BG website since its redesign in November 2009. A visitor recently was logged all the way from Beijing, China.

We had a successful 4-Day webcast at the 2014 Dayton, OH reunion! This year we were able to not only webcast hotel events but I was also able to take a camera "on the road" and follow the 93rd to offsite events. The technology worked really well and will be used at future reunions. Please go to the 93rd BG website (www.93bg.com) to watch individual clips of the re-webcast.

Highlights include:

- Welcome Dinner
- National Museum of the Air Force tour
- 93rd BG Memorial Service at the USAF museum
- Cocktail Hour under the B-24 "Strawberry Bitch"
- Dinner with the 384th B-17 Bomb Group at the USAF Museum
- 93rd BG Business Meeting
- 93rd Memorial Dinner

Here are some viewer statistics from the 4-Day webcast compared to last year's webcast below. From my observation the number of Unique Views (a unique computer clicking on to watch) was about the same as last year's Unique Views. Particularly, the numbers for the Memorial Dinner were 40 views last year and 42 this year. Overall I'd like to see if we can gain even more viewers for the next reunion.

Concurrent Views: Displays how many viewers are watching the stream at each second. As viewers join and leave the stream, this number will fluctuate up and down.

Total/Unique Viewers: Shows how many viewers have watched the stream since the current broadcast began. If you stop and restart your broadcast, this number will return to zero. Reconnecting within two minutes will keep the total number intact. This number is cumulative so you will never see a downward trend. This number is not unique viewers. If a viewer watches the stream for a while, leaves and comes back, that same viewer can be counted twice in the total viewer number. Unique Views is the total number of unique computers that clicked on to watch the webcast that day.

Bomb Group	Total Views	Bomb Group	Unique Views
Datetime	Views	Datetime	Views
2013-10-17	61	2013-10-17	26
2013-10-18	34	2013-10-18	18
2013-10-19	129	2013-10-19	53
2013-10-20	76	2013-10-20	40

Bomb Group 93rd Webcast	Total Views	Bomb Group 93rd Webcast	Unique Views
Datetime	Views	Datetime	Views
2014-10-16	31	2014-10-16	20
2014-10-17	42	2014-10-17	19
2014-10-18	80	2014-10-18	42
2014-10-19	37	2014-10-19	21

Michael Sellers, 93BG Webmaster
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Meeting Minutes

93rd Bombardment Group Annual Meeting October 18th, 2014 – Dayton, OH

President John Marx called the meeting to order (there were 43 in attendance) and reviewed the agenda.

The 2013 Annual Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Membership stands at 291- a decline of 8 from 2013.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Guddal

- Jim distributed and reviewed the annual financial report (Attached). It was moved and approved.
- As of September 30th, total assets were \$48,136, an increase of \$5,904 over the previous period.
- The net receipts are \$5904.

“Ball of Fire” Report – Bill Sargent speaking for JoAnne Sargent, Editor

After six years as Editor, JoAnne will be unable to continue due to increased work responsibilities. She enjoyed the opportunity to serve the 93rd as Editor and leadership team member.

Historian's Report – Don Morrison

Don monitors our Facebook page closely and encourages their use so families can stay in touch. Before year end he is going to Washington D.C. to conduct additional National Archive research. He encouraged members who are looking for specific information to notify him with their data request and he will see what is available.

Heritage League – John Marx

The Heritage League has completed their transition to a standalone organization. They were granted their 501 (c) (3) statues in 2013. Their 2014 annual reunion was in Norwich, England over Memorial Day weekend.

2014 Reunion Financial Report – Jim Root, Coordinator

Jim announced that there are 53 full-time reunion attendees with four partials and nine veterans. The opening balance was \$1800. Jim estimates, pending final receipts and expense, that the closing balance will be \$1251.

Continuing (Old) Business

“Hot Stuff” Project - Jim Lux and Nancy Stranger

The goal of the project is to raise funds to build a monument to Hot Stuff and its crew in Iceland. Hot Stuff was the first bomber and crew to complete 25 missions. As they returned to the US for a war bond drive around the country, the plane crashed into a mountain in Iceland. Thus far, more than \$25,000 of a \$70,000 2018 goal has been raised. The dedication is planned for the 75th anniversary of the crash on May 3, 2018. We are using Gofundme.com to raise money. Scott Stewart is sending copies of “Ted's Travelling Circus” to all who donate over \$250.00. Jim runs an annual golf tournament which raised \$5,000 last year. He has recovered pieces of wreckage from Iceland and is offering museums the opportunity to have components for a “Hot Stuff” display. He has been successful at the Veteran's Museum in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. Jim will also be providing beige, white or light blue shirts with a “Hot Stuff” logo for a donation of \$100 or more. He also publishes a newsletter for those who want to follow the fund raising progress.

Educational Video Project – Don Morrison and Michael Sellers

The goal is to create a video record of the 93rd Bombardment Group's experience at Hardwick. They have established an exploratory team to move forward with a conceptual plan. During this reunion they are hoping to conduct some interviews about life at Hardwick. They plan to use a “then and now” approach with the veterans/family members. The next steps are to prepare a detailed outline, conduct veteran interviews and film on location in May 2014. They are hoping to recruit some script-writers internally so they can begin to start working on some ideas. Don put forth the point that we needed to vote at this meeting in order to increase the budget for the Educational Video Project. George made a motion to increase the existing \$2500 budget for this project to a not exceed \$10,000 at the approval of the executive committee. Bud seconded this motion. This also allows for the executive board to add \$2000, without the general approval of everyone, if

necessary. Jim Guddal brought up a good point about how we want to spend our money in the future. He doesn't think it is a huge issue to spend this much money on this project, because it will leave a huge footprint for this organization. Don and Michael were encouraged to write a production plan of where to start and where to end. This Education Video Project is a specific 93rd project since it is consistent with the purpose put forth in our by-laws. For the Hot Stuff project, Jim needed an organization to allow people to donate tax-free so it is not necessarily a 93rd project, though we have taken it on. Fernley said that even if it cost \$20,000 for the Educational Video Project, it would be worth it so it will be a first-class job and do this for the next generation. The motion was passed.

PX Report - Bill Sargent

Bill talked about the PX and all of the great products for sale. There is also a silent auction underway. Proceeds increase the general fund.

2015 England Reunion – Don Morrison

The last Hardwick reunion was May 2011. So far, 25 people have expressed an interest our next reunion in May 2014 – 70 years after Victory in Europe (VE) day. This trip will include filming for our Educational Video and will take place over the Memorial Day weekend from May 22nd to 25th.

New Business

By-Law Changes – John Marx

The proposed changes in the 93rd BG Association's by-laws were presented. The major change is to reassign duties from the Treasurer to a new position – Membership Chair. The Membership Chair shall maintain the member's data base, prepare reports as needed, and assist the Treasurer in the collection of annual dues and member contacts. Another change was to rename "Old Business" to "Continuing Business." Motion passed – changes approved.

2015 Reunion – John Marx

The Omaha, NE reunion is scheduled at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 7270 Cedar St, Omaha, NE 68124 from October 1st-5th. The Reunion Coordinator worked closely with Visitor Bureau officials in Omaha. Some of the potential activities are a visit to Boys Town, Henry Doorly Zoo, The Durham Museum – Union Pacific Mainline, The Old Market – Restored Historic District, Gerald R. Ford Birthplace and Museum, Lewis and Clark National Historical Trail, the SAC Museum, and Offutt Air Force Base.

2016 Reunion

Six sites were considered for our 2016 Reunion. They were: Sacramento, CA; Orlando, FL; New Orleans, LA; Dearborn, MI; Huntsville, AL; and San Antonio, TX. San Antonio was selected as our 2016 city.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee consisted of three members in good standing: Ray Eck, Bud Winnett and George Jung. The following slate was presented for consideration:

President – Jim Root

Vice President – John Marx

Secretary – Nick Timmer

Treasurer – Jim Guddal

Assistant Treasurer – Nancy Stranger

Membership Chair – Jean Koznarek

Ball of Fire Editor – Don Morrison (Assistant George Jung)

Historian – Don Morrison

Convention/ Reunion Director – John Marx

Motion to elect these candidates by the Nominating Committee, George Jung, was seconded by Bill Brown. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Marx, Acting Secretary

**93RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**

October 18, 2014 Revised

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “93rd Bombardment Group Association,” short title: 93rd Bomb Group.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

1. Eligible voting members shall be those men and women, military and civilian, American or British, who at any time served with the 93rd Bomb Group during WWII. Further, the immediate family members of 93rd Bomb Group, both men and women and lineage for that and subsequent generations shall be voting members with the payment of dues. Voting members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. A nonvoting associate membership shall be available to any friends or associates of the 93rd Bomb Group, or to any individual who, by virtue of association with the organization demonstrates his interest in, and makes contributions of a literary, artistic, or historical nature to the perpetuation of the 93rd Bomb Group.
3. All applications for memberships shall be addressed to: Treasurer, 93rd Bomb Group and must be accompanied by the annual dues.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

1. Officer's term shall be for two (2) years from date of election at a duly called business meeting. Officers may be elected to additional two year terms.
2. The elected officers are:
 - a. **PRESIDENT.** Shall preside at all meetings of the 93rd Bomb Group and all Executive Committee meetings.
 - 1) Appoint committees as required.
 - 2) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, the president shall fill the vacancy by appointment. Such appointee shall serve until the next regular election.
 - b. **VICE PRESIDENT.** Shall support and assist the President in carrying out his/her duties and shall replace the President if he/she becomes unable to serve for any reason.
 - c. **SECRETARY.** Shall keep the minutes of all regular and Executive Committee meetings and shall conduct the correspondence of the 93rd Bomb Group and perform other duties as the President may require.
 - d. **TREASURER,** shall receive all moneys due the 93rd Bomb Group, including membership dues and fees, and shall deposit all such moneys in the 93rd Bomb Group's name in a bank of his/her convenience.
 - 1). shall, by check, disburse funds as needed for the routine operation of the 93rd Bomb Group. One such disbursement shall be the Group's news letter, *The Ball of Fire Quarterly Express*, and the postage costs for mailings of notices and like activity.
 - 2). No moneys may be expended in excess of \$250.00 for activities outside the normal operating expenditures without the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - 3). *(deleted)*
 - 4). Shall make an annual financial report to the membership.
 - 5) Shall cause the preparation and timely filing of all required federal and state tax reports.
 - e. **ASSISTANT TREASURER,** shall assist the Treasurer in his/her duties and shall replace the Treasurer if he/she becomes incapable of performing the duties of the office for any reason until an election can be held to

replace the Treasurer. Also serves as back-up at the bank for the 93rd Bomb Group Bank Account (s). The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member in good standing selected by the Treasurer.

f. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.** Shall maintain the member data base in coordination with the Treasurer and Ball of Fire Quarterly Express Editor, prepare reports as needed, and assist the Treasurer in the collection of annual dues and member contacts.

g. **BALL OF FIRE QUARTERLY EXPRESS EDITOR.** Shall prepare, publish and distribute the Ball of Fire Quarterly Express in a prompt and timely manner.

h. **CONVENTION/REUNION COORDINATOR.** Shall arrange for the scheduling, location, selection, convention programs and entertainment, hotel accommodations, bus transportation, entering into contracts for convention services and work with the Secretary/Treasurer for the collection of convention funds from the membership attending.

i. **HISTORIAN.** Shall maintain historical records of the 93rd Bomb Group and author special articles for publication in the BOFQE, the 93rd Bomb Group Web Page and other appropriate media.

1). Provides instructions to members for their storage of archival information and organizes archival information about the 93rd Bomb Group for storage at an appropriate location.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Shall consist of all officers named in the above two Articles. Any person holding more than one office of the 93rd Bomb Group is entitled to only one vote.

2. Shall act on all matters it might properly find before it.

3. Shall meet yearly or at the call of the President. The meetings should be held in connection with conventions to avoid unnecessary travel. A majority of one-half of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

4. Shall manage the operation of the 93rd Bomb Group and oversee its financial affairs.

5. Shall not have the power to commit the 93rd Bomb Group beyond \$2,000.00 for special items outside of normal operating requirements without the approval of the general membership.

ARTICLE VI – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Shall nominate persons to fill officer vacancies caused by the expiration of term of office or vacated prior to expiration.

a. Shall consist of three active members in good standing appointed by the President. Every effort will be made to have at least one veteran serve.

b. The chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the President.

c. Nominee recommendations shall be made by the committee chairman to the Executive Committee for review and agreement before presenting them to the full membership for consideration.

2. **AUDIT COMMITTEE.** Shall, in coordination with the Treasurer, conduct a comprehensive review of the 93rd Bomb Group financial records.

a. Shall consist of two members in good standing appointed by the President.

b. The chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the President.

c. Prepare a written report to be presented at the next general membership meeting.

d. Audits are conducted every three years.

3. **CONVENTION/REUNION COMMITTEE.**

a. Shall assist the Convention/Reunion Coordinator in convention site selection and, as required, hotel selection, entertainment arrangements, bus transportation, costs and the collection of convention fees.

b. Shall consist of three or more members in good standing appointed by the President

c. The Convention/Reunion Coordinator shall be the chairman.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

1. Annual 93rd Bomb Group meetings shall be called with a minimum of 90 days notice to all members. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any matter presented.

2. **ORDER OF BUSINESS** for meetings with the 93rd Bomb Group President presiding.

a. Call to order.

b. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

c. Communications, including major interfaces with other organizations and important news affecting the members of the 93rd Bomb Group.

d. Treasurer's Report of membership and financial information including numbers of members and those lost and gained during the past year.

- e. Report of the BOFQE Editor.
- f. Report of the Convention/Reunion Coordinator.
- g. Report of any additional committees.
- h. Continuing business.
- i. New Business.
- j. Report of nominating committee and receiving nominations from the floor.
- k. Election of officers.
- l. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII – PUBLICATIONS

- 1. The 93rd Bomb Group shall publish the “Ball of Fire Quarterly Express” as a means of keeping members informed of group activities and help in reuniting friends and crew mates.
- 2. The Editor shall be independent and able to call on anyone for information and advice. He/she is answerable to the direction of the Executive Committee for: (a.) producing the Ball of Fire on a quarterly basis and (b.) controlling and properly disposing of material submitted for publication.

ARTICLE IX - WEB PAGE

- 1. The 93rd Bomb Group shall maintain a web page as an additional means to keep members informed of group activities and assist in providing information about the 93rd to anyone interested in learning more about the deeds and exploits of the men who served in the 93rd during WWII.
- 2. The Web Master is appointed by the Association Officers to maintain the web page, update the information therein, and continually seek ways to take advantage of new web technology.
 - a).Maintains and updates organizational and membership information on the 93rd Bomb Group’s web site, making the information available to others over the internet.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

- 1. The 93rd Bomb Group Association may be dissolved by a 2/3 majority of those members attending a duly constituted 93rd Bomb Group general membership meeting.
- 2. If dissolved, remaining assets are to be distributed to an organization with a purpose consistent with those stated in Article II above.
- 3. Consideration is to be given to combining with the Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division Association. The members are not required to join the Heritage League if they judge the course of action to be contrary to the 93rd’s purpose.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDING THE BYLAWS

- 1. Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority of those members attending a duly constituted 93rd Bomb Group meeting.

ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- 1. Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered by the By-Laws of the Association.



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Hot Stuff Update by Jim Lux

HOT STUFF MEMORIAL FUND PROJECT

Jim Lux, Project Coordinator

Nancy Stranger, 93rd Bomb Group Assistant Treasurer

Donations are now being accepted to create and build a memorial in recognition of "Hot Stuff," the first 8th Air Force heavy bomber to complete 25 missions in WWII. Four members of the original Hot Stuff crew died when the plane crashed into a mountainside in Iceland on May 4, 1943. In addition to crewmembers, others killed in the crash were Lt. General Frank M. Andrews, three members of his staff, two U.S. Army Chaplains, and a civilian who served as the U.S. Military Chief of Chaplains.

The deaths of Lt. General Frank M. Andrews and his staff created a crisis for American military leadership in Europe. Lt. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was eventually chosen to replace Andrews.

Jim Lux, of Austin, TX, is spearheading the fundraising efforts for the memorial. Jim has traveled to Iceland, viewed the site of the crash, and actually found some pieces of "Hot Stuff," which were shipped to the U.S., courtesy of Icelandair Airlines. Jim is available to speak to groups about the project. If you would like further information about the memorial project, or you would like Jim to speak about the project to a group, please contact him.

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email: jlux@austin.rr.com

The National Museum of the United States Air Force has received various parts of the plane, thanks to Jim's efforts on this project. The Ambassador to Iceland, Luis Arreaga, Iceland government officials, and a number of retired U.S. military officers and enlisted personnel are supporting Jim on the project. To participate in this important memorial project, fill out the donor card below and submit with your check or money order. Please make your checks payable to the "93rd Bombardment Group Association," with a notation of "WWII B-24 Memorial." Send your a check or money order, along with the completed donor card, to the address noted on the card. Those who donate \$250 or more will receive a copy of the rare book "Ted's Travelling Circus." Our sincerest thank you for your support of this important project.

B-24 Liberator "Hot Stuff" Memorial Charitable Donation

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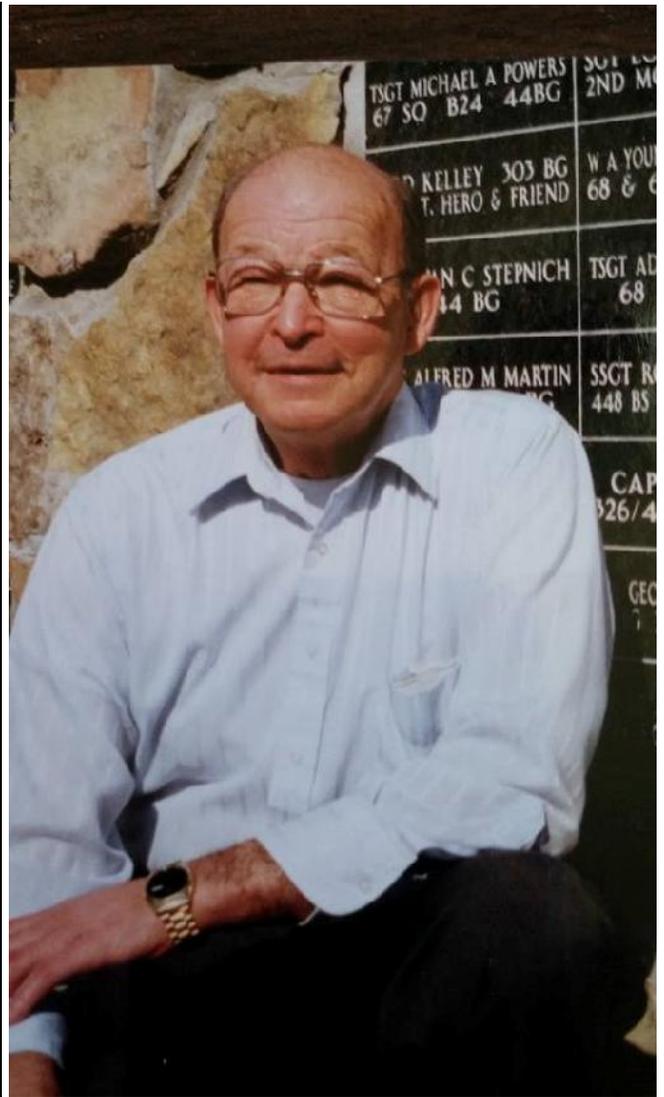
The 93rd Bombardment Group Association is a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization. Donations for the "Hot Stuff" memorial project are tax deductible. If you donate \$250 or more, you will receive a receipt from the organization for your tax records. A copy of your check is a sufficient record for donations smaller than \$250.

Mail check or money order to:

**93rd Bombardment Group Association
783 North Sedona Court
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506**

Folded Wings

Calvin Davidson



Calvin passed away at home after a short illness. After He graduated from Camden High School he enlisted in Army Air Force. He became a radio operator & gunner on a B-24 liberator bomber with 93rd Bomb group 8th Army Air Force flying 31 missions over Germany occupied territory. He was awarded the Distinguished flying cross, the Air medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, European African Middle Eastern theatre ribbon with 3 campaign stars, WWII victory medal & Good Conduct medal. He was a life member of Vermillion Amvets Post 22, Oberlin VFW Post 6273. As a member of the Second Air Division Assc & 93rd Bomb Group Assc., He has attended many reunions of both groups returning 3 times for reunions in England visiting his old air base at Hardwick, England the 2ADA Memorial Library in Norwich & the American Cemetery at Cambridge. He served and the treasurer and the editor of the newsletter for many tears. He helped in the placing of memorials to his fallen comrades at Arlington cemetery, the mighty 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, GA & the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs Co.

Robert Stahl



Dottie was admitted to the Van Wert Manor nursing home. The following week Bob was transferred to the same nursing home to spend his last few days with her. Bob was buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City, OH.

Bob was very proud to have been a member of and served with the 93rd Bomber group. He showed his patriotism with the American flag decorating his casket and the 93rd Bomber Group emblem on his vault.

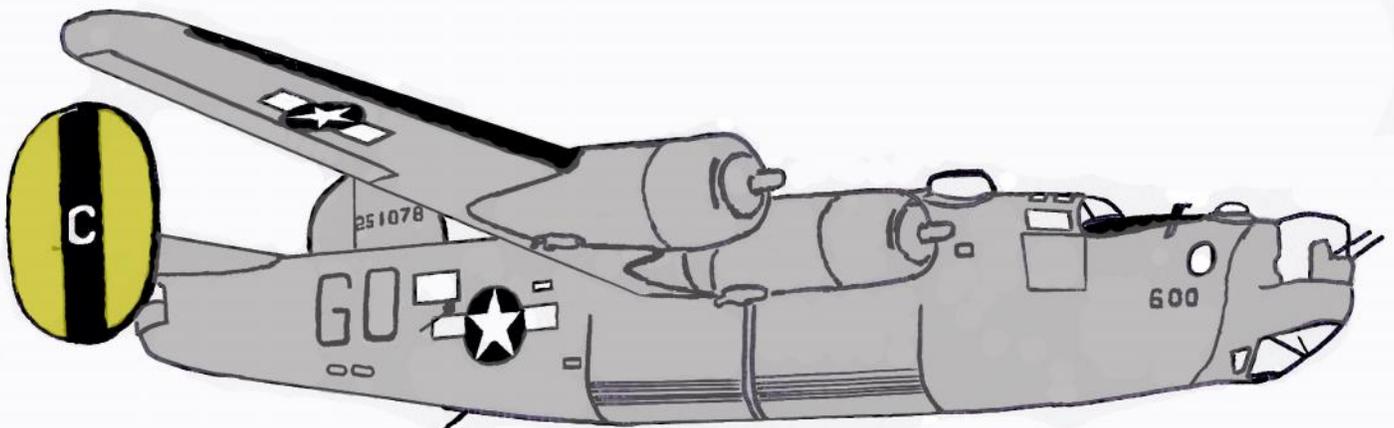
I'm sure as a member of this unit he will be missed as his missed by many of his friends here.

Friend and Executor of Bob's estate,
Loren Sidle

Bob passed away on 10/12/2014 at the Van Wert Manor nursing home. Bob cared for his wife Dottie (Dorothy) after her stroke for the last three years until he was too ill to do it. He was admitted to the Van Wert county hospital and

Editor Note: I was lucky enough to visit with Bob and Dottie in the spring 2014. Also, I called him a few weeks before he got sick about coming to reunion for just a few hours. He said he had fallen a few times and should stay close to home but to send his best wishes to the guys! Bob was definitely a member of the greatest generation and was a great friend.

They will be missed!



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Letters to the Editor

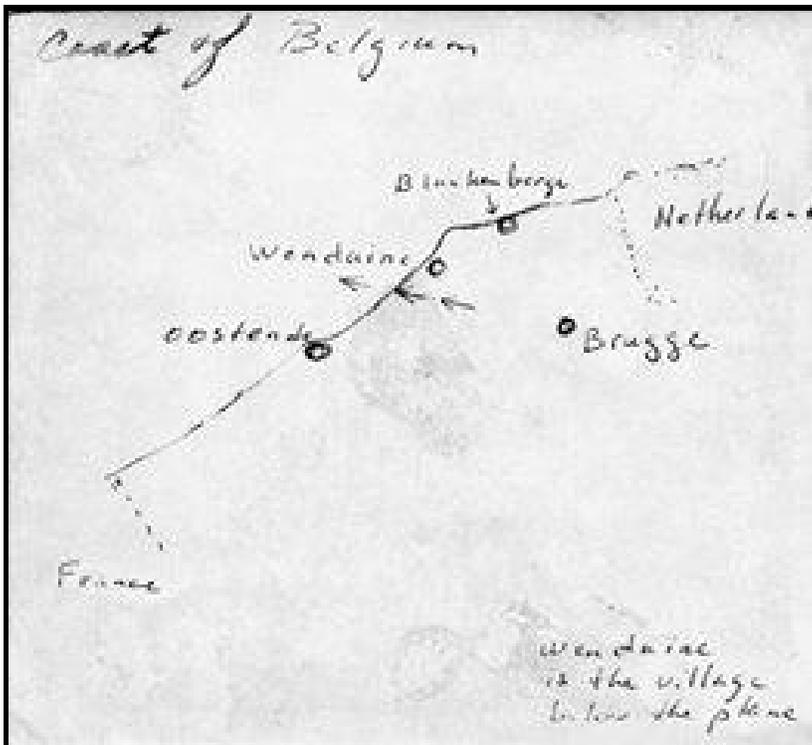
From Facebook

Aidan Kitching

Good morning! I'm looking for some information on my grandfather in law, **John Hoyson**, who I believe flew in the 93rd BG and possibly the 409th BS. He was the one who took this picture and from the squadron markings I'm thinking I've got the unit right. Would it be a stretch to assume John was a part of the 93rd/409th too? If anyone had any additional info they could glean from this photo it would be much appreciated!



42-94814 409th BS YM G



Editor: Based on the aircraft and the ground shown below and notes on back, I believe this photo was taken on the flight at the end of the war to show the ground personnel what the air war had done. If you have any information on the flights or **John Hoyson** please contact the BOF editor

From Facebook

Michael Cosman

My grandfather was fortunate enough to have flown towards the very end of the war. Here is a photo of a list of missions/targets. Every 5 -10 years or so, I acquire something else that belonged to my grandfather and it is so exciting piecing it all together. He died when I was 12 so I never got a chance to talk to him about WW2 much and it was never really much of a subject of discussion in the family. About 10 years ago I had researched a lot into this, but it is so much easier now with Facebook and a better internet in general. I'd like to know if any men he flew with are still around. I talked to a couple of them years ago but it's been a while. Here is a list of the ships he flew on if it helps:

Feb. 25, 1945- Aschaffenburg, Ship: 157L

Feb. 27, 1945- Halle, Ship: 157L

March 1, 1945- Augsburg, Ship: 594 A

March 9, 1945- Rheine, Ship: 229B

March 10, 1945- Arnsburg, Ship: 427Q

March 12, 1945- Swinemunde, Ship: 457K

March 23, 1945- Munster, Ship: 535C

April 4, 1945- N/A, Ship: 596N



Here is a photo (not sure of date taken) of my grandfather and crew. Listed below are the names of the men in the photo. Unfortunately, I cannot identify exactly who is who (other than my grandfather):

Clayton M. Lebben (nickname "Red") from Dubuque, IA- Waist Gunner (bottom row, fourth from left)

Albert B. McKinney from Youngstown, OH – Engineer

Lester K. Headlee, Dilliner, PA- Tail gunner

Robert E. Hagen from Ruth, NV- Navigator

David A. Adamec from Cleveland, OH- Co Pilot

Robert E. Query from Boise, ID – Pilot

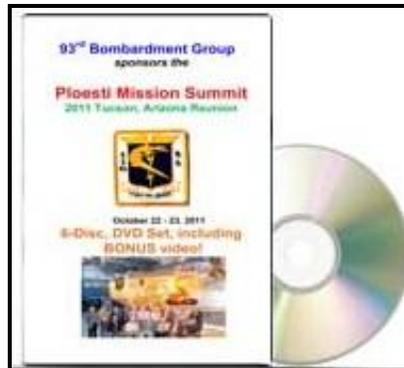
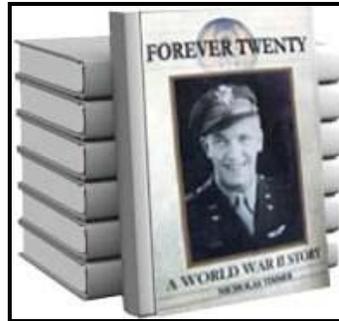
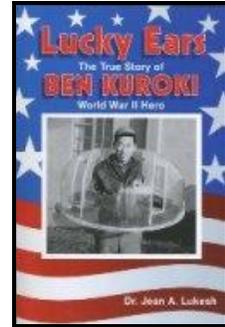
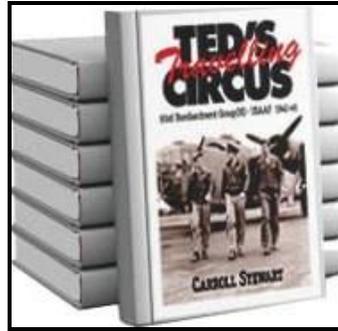
Edward L. Stromdahl from Duluth, MN - Nose Gunner

Francis Soreghan from Ames, IA - Radio/Gunner

Jack R. Rickey from St. Paul, MN - ?

Editor: If you can help Michael, please contact BOF editor to relay information

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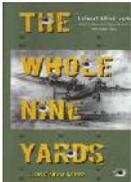
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