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## Reminder on our Hartford, CT Reunion 2013:

Mark your calendars and make your hotel reservations now!!!

Dates	Thursday, October 17, 2013 – Sunday night, October 20, 2013.
Hotel	The Sheraton Bradley Hotel
Location	Bradley International Airport (right on the airport grounds!!)
Room Rate	\$99.00 for single or double, plus 15% tax and occupancy fees
Includes	Full breakfast buffet up to 2 persons per room, complimentary parking in garage, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, full service restaurant on site, and indoor heated swimming pool/fitness center.
Website	<a href="http://www.sheraton.com/bradleyairport">www.sheraton.com/bradleyairport</a>
Address	1 Bradley Int'l Airport, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Phone	1-800-627-5311
Use code	<b>93BG</b> when reserving
Cutoff date	<b>September 15, 2013</b> (so make your reservations <b>now!!!</b> )

Other activities, events, dinners, and tours are being planned, and more information including full schedule and reunion registration fees is available in this newsletter. The information is also available on our website: [www.93bg.com](http://www.93bg.com)

***Registration on separate form.***

***Registration for 93<sup>rd</sup> BG reunion due September 15, 2013!!***

***Another great reunion is planned!! We hope to see you there!!***

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## President's Corner

Less than two months from now, the 93rd will meet together in Hartford, CT to celebrate the accomplishments of the brave men who, together, delivered bombs against the enemy. Our 13th separate reunion is our first in New England and is an opportunity for veterans in the region to attend in person. Hartford is the home of the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company (now the Pratt and Whitney division of United Technologies) the company who provided the B-24 engines. Our reunion committee has arranged an outstanding reunion with an excellent program. Visits to the New England Air Museum, United States Coast Guard Academy, and Mark Twain's House are planned. For those who can't attend, Michael Sellers is leading the effort to webcast several key activities to allow those at home to participate in the reunion. There is no excuse to "miss" the reunion completely. The 93rd has always been a leader in innovation: flying the most modern planes, with advanced radar, and the latest techniques. The webcast is one more innovation. You will find more detail elsewhere in the BOFQE.

At our annual business meeting, members will be asked to approve revisions to our By-Laws. Our current By-Laws were approved in October 2009. Since then, the 2nd Air Division Association has folded their wings. Our By-Laws currently include numerous references to the 2ADA which should be removed. Several other minor changes are also recommended. The revised By-Laws are included elsewhere in this issue.

Speaking of the 2nd Air Division, a letter was sent to all prior members of the 2ADA encouraging contributions to

the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust responsible for the Memorial Library in Norwich. The Trust's mission continues and the need for financial support is increasing with the downturn in the British economy. Donations can be made payable to the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF and sent to Chuck Walker, Memorial Trust Governor at 6255 W. Northwest Hwy #110, Dallas, TX 75225.

Like many of you I am always on the lookout for a great WWII book. If the book has anything to do with the air war and B-24s, that's all the better. Recently I finished reading *The Airmen and the Headhunters*, written by Judith M. Heimann. Billed as "A true story of lost soldiers, heroic tribesmen and the unlikely rescue of World War II" the book tells about a B-24 crew shot down by the Japanese over Borneo. Scattered across the mountainous interior the first challenge was to land safely, avoid Japanese patrols and find each other. As events unfold, the loin cloth—wearing natives, Dayaks, become the unlikely heroes. Eventually, the natives go to war with the Japanese using both modern and ancient weapons. With blowpipes, the natives revive a foregone custom and resume head hunting. War in the Pacific was very different from the war in Europe but every bit as dangerous and deadly.

As our country grapples with the response to the Syrian crisis, please pray for the men and women of our armed forces as they serve in their own "dangerous and deadly" war.

John Marx, President

## Hot Stuff Update by Jim Lux

Hello Everyone, I put the following information on Facebook.

I have updated the B-24 Liberator HOT STUFF website: [www.b24hotstuff.wikispaces.com](http://www.b24hotstuff.wikispaces.com)

The video, now titled "Triumph and Tragedy" has also been updated. It was submitted to the 2014 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah and the Lone Star International Film Festival in Fort Worth, Texas.

I made a presentation to the History Department at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado last July and showed the video. I will be doing the same at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in October.

There are also photos on the website taken in Keflavik, Iceland at the memorial service honoring those killed in HOT STUFF. They were taken on May 3, 2013, the 70th anniversary of the accident.

You can help. A fund raiser has been started for a

memorial monument that will be placed near the crash site on the 75th anniversary of the accident. Donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Any amount will help. Those who donate \$250 or more will receive a copy of a great but rare book "Ted's Travelling Circus." It is a comprehensive history of the 93rd Bombardment Group in World War II.

Donations may be sent to:

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

100% of the money will go toward the monument! There are no middle men!

Please pass this on to everyone you know.

Thank you very much.

Jim Lux

# Hartford, Connecticut

## Summary / Schedule of Activities

Revised: 8/28/2013

### Day 1 – Thursday, Oct 17

<b>10 AM - 2 PM</b>	Registration / Memorabilia Room Setup
<b>2 PM - 5 PM</b>	Registration / Memorabilia Room open at hotel
<b>3 PM - 5 PM</b>	93 BG Association Officers / Reunion Committee Meeting in Board Room
<b>5:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b>	Reception
<b>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b>	Welcome/announcements – John Marx, President
<b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	Dinner
<b>7:30 PM - 8:15 PM</b>	Speaker/Entertainment – Local well known Author!

### Day 2 – Friday, Oct 18

<b>6:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast
<b>8 AM - 9 AM</b>	Registration /Hospitality open
<b>9:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b>	Education Session – Ground crews – Jim Root; Jim Lux – Hot Stuff update
<b>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	Lunch
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Depart for Coast Guard Academy 2:00 PM – Tour Groton Naval Visitor Center - Nautilus 3:00 PM – Tour Coast Guard Academy/Eagle 4:00 PM – Regiment Review 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Reception 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Depart for Hotel 8:30 PM – Arrive at Hotel

### Day 3 – Saturday, Oct 19

<b>6:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast
<b>9 AM – 11 AM</b>	93 <sup>rd</sup> BG Association Business Meeting
<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	Shuttle transport in groups of 10 to New England Air Museum (NEAM)
<b>12:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	Lunch and tour NEAM
<b>3 PM – 4 PM</b>	Shuttle transport in groups of 10, return to hotel
<b>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM</b>	Reception
<b>6 PM – 7 PM</b>	Dinner
<b>7:15 PM – 8:00 PM</b>	Guest Speaker - Jack Connors, retired Pratt & Whitney Engineer

### Day 4 – Sunday, Oct 20

<b>6:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast
<b>9:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b>	OPTION M - Tour of Downtown Hartford
<b>11:30 AM– 3:00 PM</b>	OPTION M – Lunch & tour Mark Twain House
<b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	Memorabilia Room/Social time
<b>1 PM - 2 PM</b>	Education session - TBD
<b>5:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b>	Memorial Dinner

### Day 5 – Monday, Oct 21

<b>6:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast and Depart
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**93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Association Reunion 2013**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2013 – Monday, October 21, 2013**  
**Sheraton Inn Bradley International Airport**  
**Hartford (Windsor Locks), CT 06096**

**Step #1** - Make hotel reservations now, but not later than **September 15<sup>th</sup>** to obtain the group rate. The hotel's address and phone number are shown below:

<b>Our Sales Manager</b>	Kim Ziemba
<b>Hotel</b>	The Sheraton Bradley Hotel 1 Bradley Int'l Airport, Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (The hotel is located on the airport concourse!)
<b>Phone</b>	<b>1-860-627-5311</b>
<b>Use code</b>	<b>93BG when reserving</b>
<b>Cutoff date</b>	<b>September 15, 2013 (so make your reservations <i>now!!!</i>)</b>
<b>Includes</b>	Full breakfast buffet up to 2 persons per room, complimentary parking in garage, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, full service restaurant on site, and indoor heated swimming pool/fitness center.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.sheraton.com/bradleyairport">www.sheraton.com/bradleyairport</a>

*Contact me with questions/comments! **Jim Root 616-218-0787***

**Step #2** - Tell us that you are coming to the reunion and how many will be in your group. Must complete a form for all attendees! Optional activities as follows:

**Option M: Sunday, October 20th: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
Hartford City Tour  
Mark Twain House & Museum (includes lunch)  
**Additional \$65 per person**

You can change your mind at any time before the formal registration concludes on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you do not want to attend the optional activity, there will be additional education sessions at the hotel (see schedule).

**Step #3** - Make travel arrangements to arrive in time for registration at **2:00 PM - 5:00 PM** on **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner reception at **5:30 PM** and the opening Welcome dinner starts promptly at **6:00 PM**.

**Step #4** - Complete Registration Form below, **for each attendee**, and submit with your check not later than **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Make check payable to **93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group Association**.

**Step #5** – Select food choices for meals on form below.

Plan to join us for a great time of 93<sup>rd</sup> BG Association family and fellowship in Hartford, CT! Bring a friend and family too!!!

### **REUNION FEE REFUND POLICY**

Last minute cancellations can cause significant loss to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Association. This loss results because we must guarantee your attendance to the hotel relative to all meals and other related costs. When you don't show, we still get charged for meals and other charges related to those meals.

We recognize that there will always be unforeseen events beyond your control, and we truly regret your personal inconvenience. However, your executive committee has decided that we must stay with our policy of "pay as you go" for reunion costs.

We have reviewed the choices: we can either add an extra amount to everyone's fees to cover last minute cancellations, or we can set a deadline date for cancellations after which the fees paid cannot be refunded.

In order to keep our reunion fees as low as possible, your executive committee has chosen the deadline date choice. Therefore, a deadline date, based on hotel contract requirements for each reunion will be provided to you at the time you make your reservations, and included in our reunion announcements in the Ball of Fire.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Rev: 8/28/2013

**Step #6 - Mail this page only, for each attendee, completed form to:**

Joe and Phyllis Duran  
309 E. Santa Paula St  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
Phone: (805) 525-4681

Email: dogpatchraider@gmail.com

**If Veteran of 93<sup>rd</sup> BG:**

Squadron:  
Years:  
Rank:  
Job:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Someone not traveling with you) (Name) (Phone Number)

Are you a relative of a 93<sup>rd</sup> BG Veteran? If so, who & how? \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal choices: (circle one per meal):** (Note: Friday and Saturday dinners are buffet style.)

Thursday dinner: 1.Chicken Marsala 2. Flank Steak 3. Special need?

Sunday dinner: 1. Grilled Pork Chop 2. Seafood stuffed Sole 3. Special need?  
(If Special need is circled, please identify the special dietary need!)

**Calculate your registration fee:**

**The registration fee includes: Dinner for 4 evenings, 2 lunches, Museum Receptions, Museum Entry fees, Transportation, Memorabilia room, Day activities, Live entertainment, Key note speakers, Education sessions, Business meeting, snacks, Door prizes. The reservation fee does not include your hotel rooms.**

Basic registration fee: = \$300

Option M: (circle one) Yes No = \$65

(If Yes, Sunday lunch choice: 1. Roast Beef 2. Turkey 3. Tuna 4. Special need?)

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to “93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group Association” for the total amount.**  
**Hartford Reunion Fee Refund Policy:** No refund will be made after Sep 15th.

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE A VETERAN TRAVELLING ALONE AND NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX FOR V.I.V. (Very Important Veteran) PROGRAM:**



## The "VIV" PROGRAM

The VIV (Very Important Vet) program is being introduced to the 93rd Bomb Group Association. VIV is a service to our Vets who will attend our annual get together. Some of our attendee Vets don't get around quite as well as they used to and could use a helping hand. Sometimes travel logistics can get a little overwhelming. VIV matches a Vet with another able bodied volunteer 93rd member from the time you Vets arrive through the four days to the end of the reunion. Sometimes it is not possible for the Vet's family member or companion to get away to assist the Vet. If the family or companion can see that the Vet gets on the bus, train

or plane at their end, then the VIV volunteer would meet the Vet and see that they get to the reunion and back on the bus, train or plane again at the end of the reunion.

For you Vets who want to come to the reunion but are concerned about getting around and would be reassured if a helping hand was assigned to you for the duration of the reunion, let us know if you are interested in this program. Please contact Jim Guddal at 866-694-9058 or e-mail [jguddal@yahoo.com](mailto:jguddal@yahoo.com). See you at the reunion in Hartford. It will be a grand time!!!

## 93rd Website Update

At the time of writing this article, 63,628 people have visited the 93rd BG website since it's redesign in November 2009. A visitor recently was logged all the way from Kwai Chung, Hong Kong.

Please click onto [www.93bg.com](http://www.93bg.com) during this year's reunion in Hartford, CT and watch the reunion live! See below:

## Annual Reunion Webcasting Project

**93RD Bomb Group  
WEBCAST**

**Watch The 2013 Reunion Live!!!**

**Go to [www.93bg.com](http://www.93bg.com)**

**Thursday, October 17, 2013 thru  
Sunday, October 20, 2013**

- No registration needed
- Free to watch
- Click on and off as you want
- See events happening that day

**Schedule of Activities on the Web!  
Hartford, CT**

**Oct 17 - 6PM**  
Welcome Dinner / Guest Speaker

**Oct 18 - 9:30AM**  
Ground Crew Education Session  
Hot Stuff Update

**Oct 19 - 9AM**  
93RD BG Business Meeting

**Oct 19 - 6PM**  
Dinner/Pratt & Whitney Guest Speaker

**Oct 20 - 6PM**  
Memorial Dinner

If you saw the last BOFQE I mentioned that the organization has decided to go ahead and webcast this year's reunion like we did in Seattle for the 2012 reunion. We have a few upgrades this year that the executive committee has approved. In simple terms - they gave me a few extra bucks to improve the quality of the webcast (actually the amount was quite generous and should make this a more professional webcast!) I'd like to thank the committee and hopefully we can reach those members who can't attend this year's reunion via the internet. Please look out for a poster in this issue that explains how to watch the reunion live on your computer! The poster also has a schedule of what you can watch and when.

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## Progress Report on 93rd BG Collections for June 2013

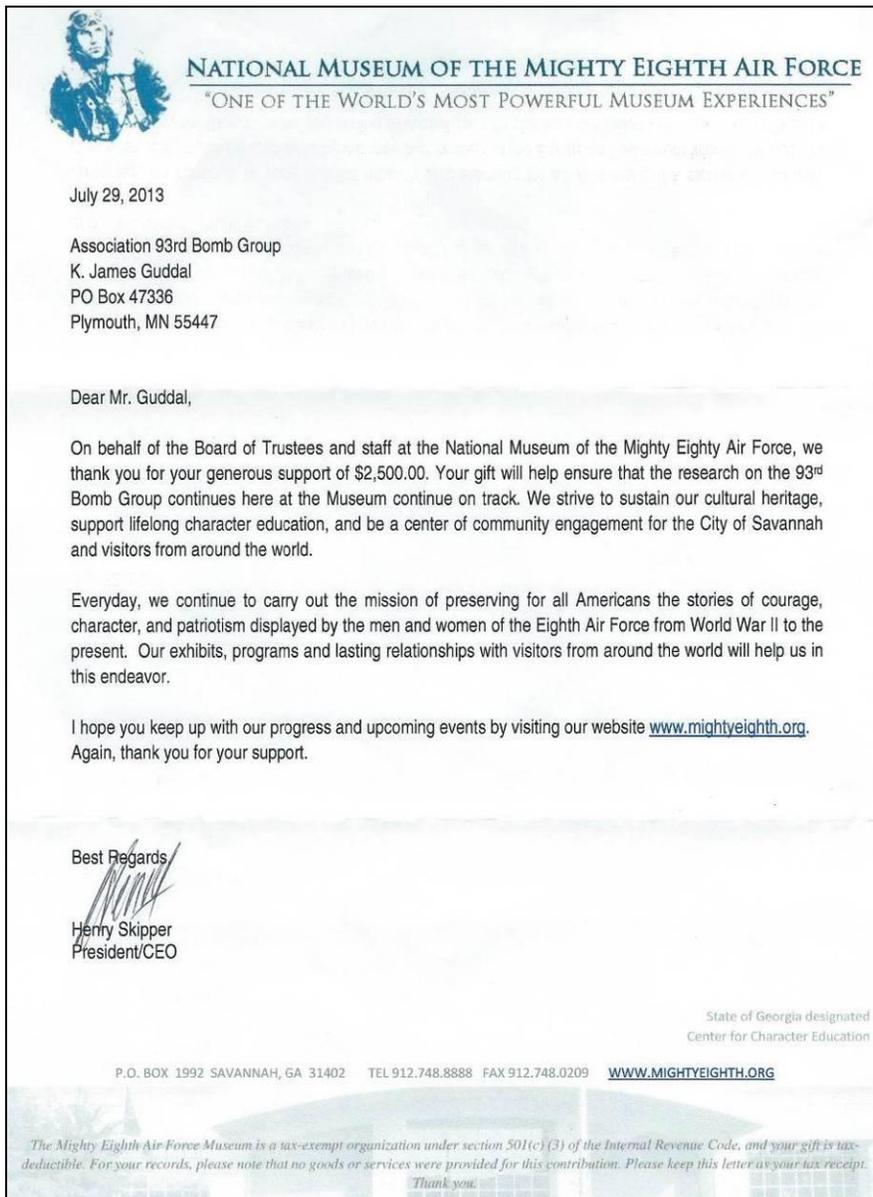
The Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research Center at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force treasures its collection of 93rd Bombardment Group (H) memorabilia. The generous support of the 93rd BGA has enabled us to catalog the collections received from seventy-two veterans and their families. In addition, a selection of mission reports and extensive collections with material relating to the 93rd BG from Ralph S. Elliott, Edwin Reed, Richard Sims, Allen Blue, and Roger Freeman are catalogued.

We are currently working on the second stage of our plan of action by identifying the unaccessioned collections relating to the 93rd BG. These unaccessioned collections date from 2002 or earlier and are currently identified by donor name without any group affiliation. Once identified as 93rd BG related and then accessioned, these collections will be catalogued. Finally, to complete the processing of your 93rd Bombardment

Group (H) Collection, the oral history interviews will be transcribed.

Mr. Henry Skipper, President and CEO, and I are always pleased and grateful to add photographs, letters, diaries, training material, maps, books, oral history recordings, art works, textiles, and any other objects relating to an individual's military service to the research center's collections. Here each individual's story of courage, character, and patriotism is treasured and preserved. Thank you again for your generous donations and support of our efforts to preserve the achievements and sacrifices of the members of the 93rd Bombardment Group (H).

Dr. Vivian Rogers-Price  
Research Center Director  
National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force



## Draft By-Law Change

At our annual business meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will consider some By-Law changes. The changes are incorporated below, primarily to remove references to the defunct 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Association. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Vice President to the 2ADA position is eliminated entirely and several other references to the 2ADA are removed. Other changes broaden membership to any member of the 93<sup>rd</sup> not just those from WW II and revise how our membership numbers are reported during the annual meeting from the President's report to the Treasurer's report. We will review these proposed changes at the business meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact John Marx, [109clearview@verizon.net](mailto:109clearview@verizon.net), or 724-843-3897.

### 93RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS October 24, 2009 Revised

#### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be “93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group Association, short title: 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group.

#### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To carry on the traditions and memories of the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Eligible voting members shall be those men and women, military and civilian, American or British, who at any time served with the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group. Further, the immediate family members of 93<sup>rd</sup> 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.

A nonvoting associate membership shall be available to any friends or associates of the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group.

All applications for memberships shall be addressed to: Treasurer, 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group and perform other duties as the President may require.

d. TREASURER, shall receive all moneys due the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group, including membership dues and fees, and shall deposit all such moneys in the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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). shall, in concert with the BOF Editor, keep the membership list current.
- 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 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Bank Account (s). The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member in good standing selected by the Treasurer.

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

- 1). Maintains and updates organizational and membership information on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group's web site, making the information available to others over the internet.
- 2). Provides the instructions to members for their storing archival information and organizes archival information about the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group for storage at an appropriate location.

g. 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.

h. HISTORIAN. Shall maintain historical records of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group and author special articles for publication in the BOFQE, the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Web Page and other appropriate media.

#### **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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group and oversee its financial affairs.
5. Shall not have the power to commit the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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. Old 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> to anyone interested in learning more about the deeds and exploits of the men who served in the 93<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION**

1. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Association may be dissolved by a 2/3 majority of those members attending a duly constituted 93<sup>rd</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup>'s purpose.

#### **ARTICLE XI – AMENDING THE BYLAWS**

1. Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority of those members attending a duly constituted 93<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Hot Stuff Memorial Fund Project

To view the "must see" video on YouTube about the B-24 Liberator Hot Stuff, go to this link: <http://youtu.be/etX1lid-8fs>

### 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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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.

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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.*

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## ROSIE THE RIVETER'S FACTORY



**Effort launched to save part of Rosie the Riveter's factory**

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER  
Of The Associated Press

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP (AP)— The Detroit-area factory where Rosie the Riveter showed that a woman could do a "man's work" by building World War II-era bombers, making her an enduring symbol of American female empowerment, will be demolished if money can't be found to save it.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant, a 332-acre former Ford Motor Co. factory west of Detroit that churned out nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator bombers during World War II, is slated to be torn down unless a group can raise \$3.5 million by Thursday to convert at least some of the structure into a new, expanded home for the nearby Yankee Air Museum.

"The younger generation needs to know what people went through and be able to go and see

**On the Web**  
<http://savethe-bomberplant.org>

The Associated Press  
"Rosie the Riveter"

PLEASE SEE ROSIE/A-5

## ROSIE

FROM PAGE A-1

what they did and how they did it for our country," Larry Doe, a 70-year-old Ypsilanti Township resident who has given to the cause, said recently before joining other donors for a trip on a B-17.

Although women performed what had been male-dominated roles in plants all over the country during the war, it was a Willow Run worker — one of an untold number of women in its 40,000-person workforce — who caught the eye of Hollywood producers casting a "riveter" for a government film about the war effort at home.

Rose Will Monroe, a Kentucky native who moved to Michigan during the war, starred as herself in the film and became one of the best-known figures of that era. She represented the thousands of Rosies who took factory jobs making munitions, weaponry and other things while the nation's men were off fighting in Europe and the

Pacific.

Although many Rosies were let go once the war was over and the soldiers returned home, they had shown that women were capable of doing jobs that had traditionally been done by only men. An illustrated poster of a determined-looking Rosie the Riveter rolling up her sleeve with the slogan, "We can do it," became an iconic symbol of female empowerment for American women.

The Willow Run factory went back to making automobiles after the war ended, and it did so for more than a half-century under the General Motors name before closing for good in 2010.

Now, Doe and other donors are hoping to save at least some of the massive structure to convert it into the new home of the Yankee Air Museum. The museum's original headquarters burned down in 2004, and it is currently housed at Willow Run Airport in Van Buren Township, which is near

Ypsilanti Township, where the plant is located.

"We now have the opportunity to actually take a piece of this plant. It's due to be demolished over the next two or three years," said Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. "There's no further use for it. It's too big. It's too old to be used in modern-day manufacturing."

Organizers of the "Save the Willow Run Bomber Plant" campaign say they need \$8 million to fund their "separation" plan. They want to acquire part of the 5 million-square-foot plant, secure it and re-establish utility services such as water, gas and electric.

They have raised \$4.5 million of what they need and are hoping to entice major donors to come forward with six- and seven-figure commitments.

Detroit's historic bankruptcy filing two weeks ago isn't expected to have any effect on fundraising, said Dan Pierce, a spokesman for the effort.

## YANKEE AIR MUSEUM RACING TO RAISE FUNDS



Photos by John T. Grellick / The Detroit News

The Yankee Lady looms over Dennis E. Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation and founder of the Yankee Air Museum.

# A hangar to house history

BY LEONARD N. FLEMING  
The Detroit News

*Ypsilanti* — The great warplane relics of America's past are treasures to Ray Hunter, who would like to see the Yankee Air Museum find a new home in a historic airport hangar.

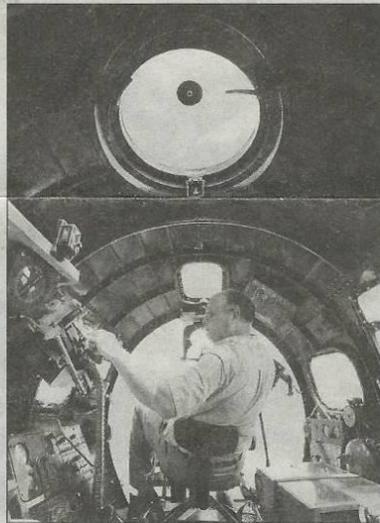
The 76-year-old Air Force veteran, who flew rescue helicopter missions in Vietnam, is one of the many former service members who hope the museum can raise nearly \$5 million to save and renovate part of the former Willow Run bomber plant building into its new home on the grounds of the Willow Run Airport.

"We're in a facility now," he said. "We'd rather be all under one roof because we want the public to be able to look at these airplanes that we are so proud of."

There is an effort to save part of the plant, which built nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator bombers during World War II. The campaign includes a website and fundraising effort that has collected nearly half of the \$8 million needed to renovate the 180,000 square feet of space to house more than a dozen planes.

The current museum has 25,000 square feet. The new facility, if completed, would allow officials to house and even hang airplanes from the sturdy ceiling.

Museum officials held a media and donor



Mike Meyerand sits in the bombardier gunner's seat in the nose of the Yankee Lady.

tour of the facilities and hosted a 45-minute flight over Detroit and Ann Arbor on a B-17 bomber plane housed at the airport.

The plant was built in 1941 by Henry Ford and became a key part of the "Arsenal of Democracy," drawing 40,000 workers from all over America to build the B-24s. After the

war, General Motors made transmissions there for 55 years.

The Yankee Air Museum is partnering with the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Ypsilanti Township, Wayne County Airport Authority and the RACER Trust, which owns the building, to renovate a portion into the museum. But officials acknowledge if the money isn't raised by early August, the owners will tear down the hangar to make way for new development.

Dennis E. Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, said the idea of converting the plant into a museum was born four years ago after GM let the facility go during the automaker's bankruptcy. "We knew it was probably going to be torn down and we asked if we could save a little piece of it," he said.

Kirk A. Profit, a former Democratic state representative from Ann Arbor who has donated money to the museum effort, said this is a chance to "enhance the economic vitality of the airport for the entire region."

"If that is a museum and is an entryway into this region both for the economic epicenter of Ann Arbor and for the broader region, that's a much better point of entry than what you see now in an abandoned industrial plant," Profit said.

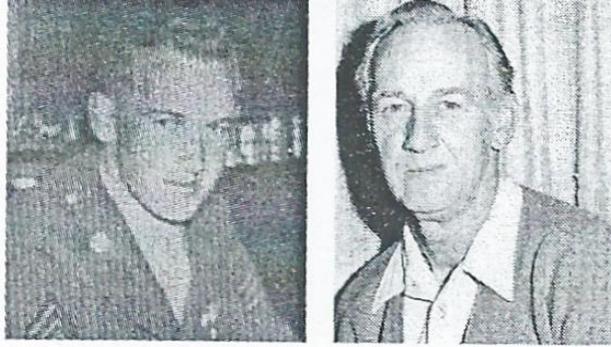
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**Online:** View a gallery of photos of the planes and facilities at [detroitnews.com](http://detroitnews.com).



## Folded Wings

Borcherding, Duthiel H. "Dutch", June 22, 2013



Born February 18, 1920 in New Haven, MO. Enlisted in USAAC in September 10, 1942. Trained at Las Vegas, Lowry Field and in Idaho. Assigned to B-17 crew in September 1943. With 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group in England where retrained and assigned to B-24. Crashed in Holland on 11<sup>th</sup> mission, January 30, 1944. Their plane went down with wheels up and skidded through four fields and skipped across three canals before plane came to a halt in fourth field and tipped nose down. Only injury was when a 50-caliber spent shell fell from top turret and hit one of the sergeants on the nose. Six of crew were captured and four escaped, with two getting to Sweden and two to Switzerland. Borcherding spent time at Stalag VI at Hedykrug; Stalag IV, Keifheide; M-Stammliager XIII-D, Nurnburg; VII-A Moosburg until liberated by Patton's forces on April 27, 1945.

He remembers the march from Nurnberg to Moosburg (120 kilometers), they were near Holtzhusen on April 13 when they received news of President's Roosevelt's death. They moved out of the town, gathered on a large hill and one of the members of the march blew taps while all stood at attention.

Discharged in October 1945. Received Air Medal w/OLC. Married and has two sons. Was a sports writer from 1948 through July 30, 1990, when he retired and volunteered at the American Red Cross in many capacities including the board of directors, president, secretary, and treasurer of the county chapter which became the East Central chapter. He served as a volunteer for the Red Cross bloodmobile in many capacities for nearly 55 years. His service was commemorated with his reception of the Clara Barton award. He was active in many other community associations including sports and church.

In 1983, he and his wife, Delores, made the same trip, by car, where the Germans marched them from Nurnberg to Moosburg. Went into the same barns in which the Germans kept them on the march between the two camps.

In June 1992, they took a trip to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group base, followed by a trip to The Netherlands to visit crash site in field where their B-24 ended.

His wife, Dolores said "Dutch sent many boxes of magnets through the years that were sold or given away at conventions."



## Thacker, Rupert G. December 4, 1989

(Emails from his nephew, Elbyrne Thacker II)  
Rupert G. Thacker enlisted before the war. He was married at the time and expected war to break out. Apparently there was some sort of enlistment deal available where you signed on for one year and if the US did not enter the war you got out and weren't subject to the expected draft. Suffice to say his year wasn't up when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

He was a waist gunner and flew 25 missions as a member of the 328th / 93rd before being sent home. Among those missions was Ploesti (oil fields) and Frankfurt (ball bearing factory).

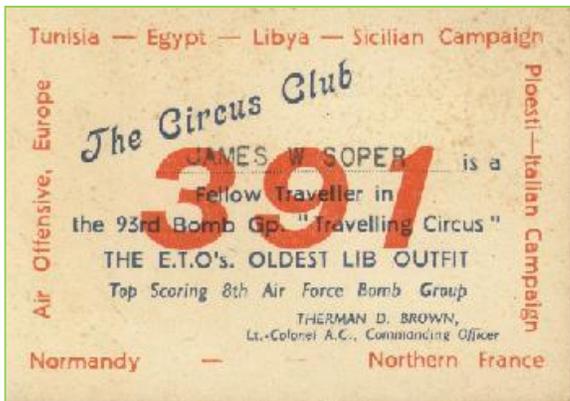
He wasn't given to talk much about his days at war.

According to internet information that I cannot verify, his aircraft, the Eager Beaver was dubbed 'war weary,' withdrawn from service, re-named Fearless Freddie, and used for training purposes in February 1944. In October 1944 the plane 'cracked up' on landing and was scrapped.

He and his wife, my Aunt Juanita, raised 5 Thacker children (2 girls and 3 boys) on a truck driver's wage in Roanoke, VA.

## Membership Corner

### THE BIOGRAPHY OF S/SGT JAMES "PADDLE PROPS" SOPER S/N 16175876 December 8, 1942 to September 19, 1945



A few weeks ago, I had occasion to talk to veteran and member Jim Soper who hails from Apex, NC. During the interview, I learned that Jim's duties during the war included responsibility for maintaining the most important auto pilots and bomb sights. Since we may be talking about Hardwick "ground crew" operations at the upcoming Reunion in Hartford, I knew that Jim's story was timely. So, here's the short version of his story.

**It was HS graduation day** on June 9, 1942 when the first draft notice arrived. Being of sound mind, Jim round filed it. Then, in November 1943, the second notice came. Next stop from his home in Ann Arbor, MI was Detroit to enlist in the Army Air Corp. He was classed as an aircraft mechanic candidate and told to get a release from his home town draft board. Jim said: "I was a bit nervous about

this but a sweet little old lady gave me a release without mentioning my delinquency about not reporting earlier." After spending 6 hours in the buff during physical exams, he was sworn into the Air Corp on December 8, 1942.

With the testing classification complete, it was off to the quartermaster for uniforms. "A huge man picked me up by the blouse with one hand remarking that I seemed to have a good fit. I left with a barracks bag of GI issue and three pairs of shoes all of different sizes!"

Training bases were at St. Petersburg, FL for basic and Lowry Field at Denver, CO. for BSM (bomb sight maintenance). "I had built a couple of radios and an audio amplifier while in high school but had withheld that knowledge from the recruiter, so how did they put me in an electronic field? I was trained on the Sperry A5 autopilot and the Sperry S1 bombsight."

Then, onto Boise, Idaho as a PFC and ended up mopping the operations office floor. Much to his surprise one day while mopping, he heard a very familiar voice talking on the telephone, turned around and recognized this tall slim fellow as Jimmy Stewart, operations officer at the time. It was June 1943. Now a corporal, additional bombsight training would take Jim to Washington, DC and the Pentagon.

On July 7, 1943, he and a C54 full of officers headed out for England with stops in Maine, New Foundland, Prestwick, Scotland and finally London. While waiting for a train to Norwich leaving from Victoria Station, he found a barber and requested a shave. "Wow! Cold water and my grandfather's old straight razor. Very uncomfortable shave. He first of many as there was seldom hot water in the 409<sup>th</sup> living area." Initially Jim was quartered in the brick barracks of the 20<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, just north of Norwich. They could be steam heated, but, often were not. "I was cold or chilly for the next 23 months." Finally, the transfer to Hardwick came thru and he was assigned to the 409<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron.

BSM personnel were cross trained on the Sperry equipment, the Norden bombsight and the Minneapolis Honeywell C1 autopilot. It was tough times since there were no lesson plans or teaching experience. "I remember taking an enlisted bombardier up to drop practice bombs using the Sperry equipment. I told him how to use the sight and it was not much different from the Norden sight except the arming switch. I could see we were not headed toward the target so I looked into the front of the sight and saw that the telescope was way to the left indicating he had not engaged the autopilot and was not controlling the course of the aircraft. Then I saw he was holding the arming switch in and before I could warn him five bombs were released. Why five and not one? He evidently had not set the intervalometer correctly. I scrambled through the tunnel beside the nose wheel and watched the bombs down. They soon disappeared from sight

but there were five white puffs of smoke in five adjacent back yards of private dwellings.” Jim and crew learned that “Sperry equipment could not be used for formation bombing as it was so fast and precise that it tended to scatter the formation when the lead aircraft made a turn. The other aircraft were caused to over bank by this scattering the formation and destroying a precise bombing pattern.”



Jim says that everybody had a nickname. He had worked at the Ford B-24 plant in Willow Run as a rivet mechanic before he enlisted. “So when the Ford built bombers started showing up at Hardwick they had a wide bladed propeller we call paddle props. Jim was named “Paddle Props” by his team mates because he talked in his sleep. Other “handles” were “Beet Up” for a guy who looked like death warmed over after a three day pass to London “The Moll” for a guy who seldom spoke and “Mouth” for a guy who talked incessantly.

When not on duty, Jim might be found in Blackpool or Manchester and in the company of what else, girls! On what sounded like a blind date, Jim paired up with 22 year old Margaret Laycock. Jim says he spent that evening wondering if he was a “cradle robber”. Well, Jim was “smitten”. It is October 1943 and Jim had been promoted up to Staff Sergeant. Every two weeks he received a weekend pass which he used to visit Margaret at her home in

Rochdale Lancashire. His proposal to marry her was accepted during the winter of 1944 with plans to tie the knot the following June.



In spite of the Normandy invasion activities, On June 13<sup>th</sup> Jim was able to travel to Margaret’s home only to discover she did not have the license yet. When the license arrived just in time for the church ceremony, there was no Vicar. Jim thought the Vicar had something to do with the paper problems because he did not like Yanks! He was found and the marriage took place. Over the next year, Margaret lived in the Hardwick area until the end of the war

Jim had his share of close calls including one incident during a test flight at maximum altitude. At 60 degrees below zero, his oxygen bottle malfunctioned. “Everything seemed to move in slow motion. I looked at the crew and they were like statue not moving. I lay down on the floor for the rest of the flight. When we got on the ground my head was pounding. I had not even had one drink the night before and here I was with a hangover.”

He witnessed plane crashes on base resulting in total casualties. On “D” Day, June 6, 1944, he “awoke to see hundreds of planes in the air at different altitudes, some at a few hundred feet to 20,000 feet. Some planes were towing gliders.”

“On May 9, 1945 the ground personnel were loaded into B-24s armed with lunches and flown to Germany for a look see of the damage we had done. There was nothing standing except the Cathedral in Colon. We saw no one while over Germany but the streets were full of celebrants in Brussels.”

June 5, 1945 found Jim and 15,000 others boarding the Queen Mary leaving out of Scotland for home sweet home. “We were assigned thirty men to a state room which held 15 bunks. I slept under a ladder on deck with my blanket tied against a thirty knot breeze. I finally got warm the second day out as we sailed into more southern waters.”

Upon arrival in New York he was sent to Fort Dix, home for 30 days and then to Tucson, AZ. After a brief lesson in desert survival, it was off to Holiman Air Force Base at Alamagordo, New Mexico and B-29s. He was assigned to the bomb sight shop. Soon it was September, a discharge at a camp in Illinois September 19, 1945 and home. Jim was reunited with Margaret eight months later, the government having brought all of the new wives to America.

*Editorial comment: Space did not allow me to present several interesting events during Jim’s service time. If you would like to learn more, go to [jim@soper.us](mailto:jim@soper.us) or give him a ring. 919.362.4635. He’d be glad to hear from you. Jim Guddal*

## Notes and Quotes

**A PROUD MOTHER** told one of her friends, “My daughter’s marrying a second lieutenant.” The friend replied, “How’d the first get away?”

**A MINISTER** visiting a large city spoke at a banquet on the night of his arrival, and told several anecdotes that he expected to repeat at meetings the next day. He asked reporter to kindly omit the anecdotes from their stories. A new reporter’s coverage included the line, “The minister told a member of stories that cannot be published here.”

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- Jimmy Kimmel

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Jim Guddal

## Letters to the Editor

7/22/2013  
Editor JoAnne,

Your Page 1 story of Col. Al Asch rekindled memories of a gratifying experience at the Air Force Academy in 2002 when the 93rd unveiled its B-24 memorial plaque. Col. Asch selected K.O. Dessert, original 409th Squadron commander, and me to share the unveiling honor. That honor turned out to become a huge blessing to me, the beginning of incredible honors.

When Cal Stewart got word, he was inspired to do a booklet about yours truly on very short notice, probably two or three days. He had to write copy, find pictures, and go to press. He had no time for proofreading by me. Consequently, there were some errors. I chuckled (later) when a Hershey, NE couple wrote: "My, you sure look like your brother, George." Cal's endeavor was unbeknownst to me and I was surprised when the booklets were handed to busloads departing from motel to the Air Force memorial site.

That evening at the dinner, I spoke briefly and recalled an ugly incident on Tinian when my B-29 crew received their Distinguished Flying Cross medals. I was left alone in my barracks and felt ostracized and demeaned. Cal thought I deserved at least a Silver Star. And he was so dismayed, he decided to launch a campaign to upgrade my medals. It wasn't easy. For three years, he battled delays and disappointments. Both Fernley Smith, then president of our bomb group association, and I urged Cal to give up, but he refused. He sent the War

Department a 2-inch binder and finally the Distinguished Service Medal became a reality on August 12, 2005.

What ensued were several incredible honors, including two awesome, the Presidential Citation and Audie Murphy Award. And Cal upgraded and revised booklets. His first, the one inspired by Col. Asch's unveiling honor, was 13 pages. The fifth edition, with editing by two journalists, Emil Reutzel and Jim Cornwell, was a masterpiece of 60 pages.

The booklets opened the doors to four White House invitations in three years. And probably, the most important of all, the Smithsonian acceptance of all my memorabilia, three huge shipments which will be preserved for eternity.

And what amazes me is that the incredible honors keep coming at the ripe old age of 96!

So Col. Asch provided the springboard that inspired Cal Stewart. And his gesture has been forever heartwarming. He is the crucial catalyst. Without his support and that of other fellow Americans who went to bat for me, my war record would not have amounted to a hill of beans.

It was, indeed, my pleasure to see the full front page devoted to Col. Al Asch.

Thank you.  
Ben Kuroki



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*A donation will be made to the 93rd Bomb Group if overall demand is large enough.*

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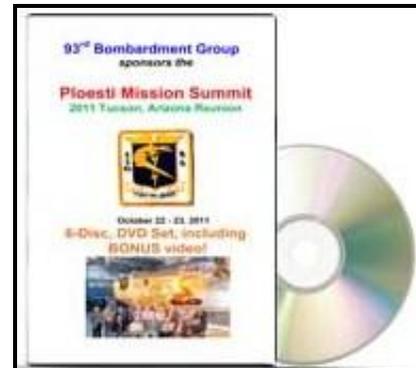
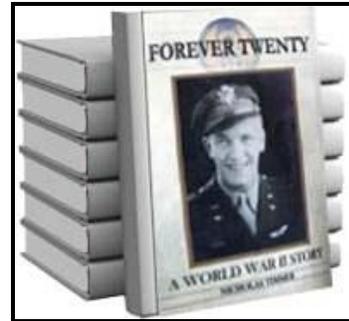
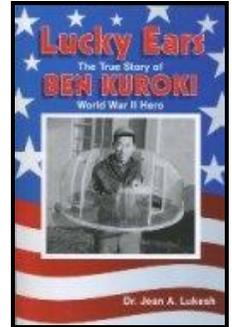
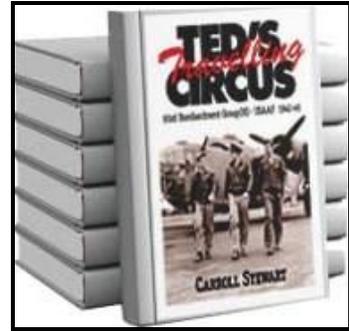
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