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2019 Timberlake Award



Jim Root and Jean Koznarek

The 93rd Bombardment Group Association is pleased to award to Jean Koznarek the **2019 Timberlake Award!** This is considered to be the “highest” honor awarded by the 93rd BGA, and is a tribute and recognition to you, for your commitment and dedicated service! It is named in honor of the Commanding Officer of the 93rd Bomb Group during World War II, General Edward (J) “Ted” Timberlake.

On behalf of our Veterans, Members, and Friends, we would like to recognize your outstanding work and support as our Membership Chairperson and Film “Co-Producer.” Your help and support in reorganizing and streamlining the membership process and software and marketing improvements is tremendous and much appreciated! The help with **Return to Hardwick** over the past 6 years has been outstanding! Working to conclusion on the rights & clearances for the film, along with our legal consultant plus the fundraising guidance and leadership, are extremely valuable and important to the success of the film!

Thank you for your support, loyalty, and dedication to the 93rd Bomb Group!

Congratulations!



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The annual 93rd Bomb Group Association family reunion in Detroit was another huge success! Excellent planning paid off, as all events and travel went very smooth! 66 attendees, including (3) of our original Veterans had a wonderful time throughout the 5 days. Highlights included our education sessions from guest speaker, Bill Kubota, sharing information about our own 93rd Bomb Group veteran "Most Honorable Son", Ben Kuroki. Historian Don Morrison gave a fabulous account of the missions of the 93rd BG in support of Operation Overlord/D-Day at Normandy. The Veteran Q & A session was very informative again, hearing directly from our Veterans is always such an honor, and General Cabell's account and history of his father's role in D-Day and the military was fascinating! All other events went smoothly, and a great time was had by all! If you couldn't make it, hopefully you had a chance to watch some of the events on our live streaming through the website, or our Facebook page!

At our annual membership business meeting (meeting minutes later in the BOF), the membership approved additional support and funding IF needed, for the film, discussed strengthening the PX process, budget and product offering, and reviewed potential future projects that the 93rd BGA can engage in. Plus the location was selected for the 2021 reunion – heading to Boston!!

Our documentary film, "*Return to Hardwick*" continues to get accolades, awards, and wonderful reviews from our screenings! A recent screening on October 26th at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, was well attended, including our narrator Michael Cudlitz! A Q & A session with Michael Sellers, Michael Cudlitz, and myself, was very informative, and we spent time signing autographs, took selfie "pics", video's and spent quality time with everyone who attended. We thank him for his support and assistance to make this a truly world class film! We also thank the museum for hosting us!

Lastly, thanks for everyone's work and support of the film and our reunion this year!

Be sure to check out the schedule for future screenings and the trailer, at www.hardwickfilm.com and our 93rd BGA website, www.93bg.com.

Have a great winter and we will see you in Salt Lake City in October, 2020!

Jim Root
President, 93rd BGA



Christmas card from Major Kenneth Root to family 1944

HARDWICK 2020

UPCOMING REUNION OPPORTUNITY

Hardwick, England May 7 to 10, 2020 "VE plus 75 years" Colin and I are looking towards a Mini Reunion over the May 7-10 2020 weekend. I need to know if you are interested in going. It will be cancelled if we do not get enough commitment to attending the reunion. Please keep it in mind as you make your vacation plans. 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe. If you have any question, please contact Don Morrison. Contact info is shown in the Officer Directory.





93rd Bomb Group Association 2020 Reunion Salt Lake City, UT October 2020

Our 2020 Reunion takes place in Salt Lake City, the Utah State Capital and the home of the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Salt Lake City is located at 4225 feet above sea level and is surrounded by the Wasatch Front mountains located on the eastern side of the valley and on the west by the Oquirrh Mountains. Home to the 2002 Winter Olympics and hopeful to host the winter games again in 2030, the area is internationally known as a winter sports destination. The ski season opens on November 1st each year. Utah is the home of five major National Parks, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion.

The airport (code SLC) is accessible from most major airports in the nation. Direct flights are available from many. The airport is close to the city providing easy access to our reunion hotel. The request for proposal process is underway now. The specific weekend date selected is based on the hotel's responses allowing us to choose times when the hotels are not as busy and can offer more competitive rates. A feature attraction is the Hill Aerospace Museum in Ogden, UT adjacent to Hill Air Force Base. Wayne Baker, T/Sgt Engineer in the 330th Squadron during WWII and his wife, Mariam, a mechanic's helper who worked on B-24s at Hill during the war met in Ogden when Wayne returned from overseas. More information about the museum and the B-24 on static display follow.



Hill Aerospace Museum Ogden, Utah



The Hill Aerospace Museum is one of the premier attractions in Utah and is located on the northwest corner of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, about five miles south of Ogden. The museum was founded in 1982 as part of the United States Air Force Heritage Program and first opened to the public in 1987. It moved to its current facility in 1991. The museum annually welcomes around 160,000 visitors, coming from every state and many foreign countries.

The Museum exhibits more than 90 military aircraft, missiles, and aerospace vehicles on the grounds and inside the Major General Rex A. Hadley Gallery and the Lindquist Stewart Fighter Gallery. The collection includes a wide variety of ordinance and munitions, an assortment of

aerospace ground equipment, military vehicles, uniforms, and thousands of other historical artifacts.

As a field museum of the United States Air Force Museum System, the Mission of the Hill Aerospace Museum is to educate and inspire all ages through history, with a focus on the United States Air Force, Hill Air Force Base, Utah Aviation, and unique learning experiences.



B-24D Liberator: Hill Aerospace Museum

B-24D Liberator S/N 41-23908 is on display indoors at the Hill Aerospace Museum, Ogden, Utah ... but only after a long rest in the north country after crashing in 1943.

The plane was assigned to Great Falls Army Air Field, Montana, on November 21, 1942 and soon dispatched to Elmendorf AAF, Alaska, to assist American air, sea, and ground forces in repulsing the Japanese invasion of the Aleutian Islands. The aircraft was then assigned to the 21st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) of the 28th Composite Group at a forward base on Umnak Island in the Aleutians.

From there the airplane was relocated to a small air base on Adak Island, even further west toward the Japanese-held islands at the western end of the Aleutians.

On January 18, 1943, Captain Ernest "Pappy" Pruett and his eight-man crew, along with the crews of five other B-24s, took off from Adak to locate and bomb three Japanese supply ships reportedly headed for the harbor of Japanese-held Kiska Island. The 500-mile trip to Kiska was made through deteriorating weather conditions. When the flight finally arrived over the target, they were forced to abort the mission due to the weather and head for home.

Captain Pruett in the remaining aircraft, running low on fuel, radioed the Adak tower that he planned to put down on Great Sitkin Island about 25 miles northeast across the bay from the base. Capt. Pruett eased the B-24 onto the tundra at about 130mph, with the landing gear up to prevent flipping the aircraft. The B-24 slid about 1,000 feet over the mud and wet grass before it finally came to rest, passing between several large boulders at the foot of the volcanic mountain on Great Sitkin. The Navy ship USS Hurlbert picked the crew up later that same day and returned them to the base on Adak.

For the next 50 years the forgotten aircraft rested on that lonely, wind-swept plain on the uninhabited island. Then in the summer of 1994 it was located by a scouting party from the **Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Utah**, searching all known Alaskan B-24 crash sites for a recoverable aircraft for display at Hill Aerospace Museum. An expedition was organized for the summer of 1995.

Pruett was contacted by members of the Heritage Foundation and asked if he would like to return to the island and assist the recovery team in plucking "his" B-24 from obscurity. He and several members of the Heritage Foundation, the 419th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, and the 67th Aerial Port from Hill Air Force Base labored in the harsh Aleutian weather for several weeks to completely disassemble the plane and maneuver it to a waiting recovery ship. It was then transported to a restoration facility in California.

The restored B-24 fuselage finally arrived at the museum on May 17, 2002 and the wing center section arrived in early November 2006. Final assembly is now complete, and the result is the beautifully restored B-24 displayed in an excellent diorama indoors at the Hill Aerospace Museum.

This information is taken from the Hill Aerospace Museum website, "airplanesofthepast"

93rd BGA Annual Meeting Minutes

BG Business Meeting 10/12/19 in MI

Attendees: 93rd BG members, meeting held at Sheraton Metro, Romulus, MI

Agenda and notes:

1. Welcome – Jim
2. Safety, contact #'s – Jim
3. New attendees/liaison – Jean K.
 - Membership (Jean K)
 - \$25/year
 - 219 members
 - 20 vets
 - 8 UK members (no charge)
4. Review schedule/logistics – John
5. Review 2019 reunion financial status – John
6. Review Business meeting slides – Jim
7. Proposed Officer meeting, Sunday night, debrief, wrap up - Jim
8. Meeting minutes have been approved and accepted
9. New Business – New projects

Budget

- Peter Asch proposed motion to establish a budget on the PX so he is not burdened by the up front costs. After some discussion, Jim suggested that a small committee be created to redefine the PX process to avoid member financial costs.
- Jim reported for Wally, the projected end of CY2019 General fund balance will be \$32K

Newsletter report (Don, Historian)

- Copyright articles must be approved and source must be included (Life magazine cover, published articles about members, etc.) before putting into newsletter
- BOF archive copies are on the website

Website and film updates (Michael)

- Website – you can post a message in the bottom corner, post-it icon, discussion
- On-line registration for reunions possible for next year if it can be done in a secure way, Michael will look into
- Media section needs updating, Michael has been busy with film efforts
- Insurance has been researched, "Chain of Title" is being used
- Michael has won several awards since screening the film
- Film is jointly owned by Frankenbite/Michael and the BG association
- Budget of film covered, \$93,332 has been raised over the last 4 years

Film Funding Proposal (Jim)

- Paul Stroich makes the motion to approve use of \$5000 max emergency fund to use from the BG budget for film use, Jean seconds. Approved.

Reunion report (John)

- Final \$ will be published in the next BOF
- 2021 reunion will be in Salt Lake City, Utah, John will start researching. No dates have been established yet.
- Elevation is ~ 4400 ft. Could have snow.

Candidates for 2021 reunion

- Boston, MS
- Pensacola, FL
- San Diego, CA
- Savannah, GA
- Seattle, WA
- Tucson AZ

A vote was held, voting twice narrowing down the candidates. Boston wins for 2021 Reunion! Jim Lux said to consider Dallas, TX for 2022 for the many WWII airplanes and museums.

Other/Misc.

- Always looking for new suggestions on how the volunteers are engaged. Try to use the newsletter and social media as much as we can. Contact Jim Root if you are interested in volunteering.
 - (4) Special projects suggested by members once we complete the film project: 1) 93rd BG Monument at Dayton, OH, only a small plaque in the ground. Should we do something bigger? A suggestion to create a new committee or volunteer to research how much something on a bigger scale would be, size the effort. 2) Support/assist with potential Hardwick Museum Quonset Hut refurbish. 3) Establish a Willow Run/Yankee Air Museum memorial or exhibit for the 93rd BG. 4) Morning report briefings – scan & index.
 - Don passed out a copy of a “morning report” from the National Archives. Morning reports list any change in status such as assignment, leave or sick. Don proposes that we make a project to copy, scan and index all of the 93rd BG and associated units.
 - Motion to fund the copying from the Archive for \$ up to \$4000 made by Michelle Timmer. Vote was rejected until film efforts are complete. To revisit later.
 - Hardwick reunion 2020: Two possible weekends. May 8 or Memorial Day weekend. Let Don know if you are interested and how much you are interested. Be specific with dates if you are only available for one.
10. Communications: Veteran Message: Wayne Baker is glad to be here, appreciates the hard work, and will bring his family to the 2020 reunion.

Paul L. enters a motion to adjourn meeting. Multiple seconds, Approved and adjourned at 12:15 PM.



L to R Jean Koznarek, John Marx, Jim Root, Wayne Baker (Veteran), Pete Asch, Bill Brown (Veteran), Don Morrison, Pam Kawashima, George Jung, Michael Sellers

2019 Detroit Metro Reunion

Financial Results

The 2019 Reunion concluded with a balance of \$3,123 in the reunion fund. This is an increase of \$832 from the beginning balance. Our goal is to generate receipts adequate to cover all reunion expenses. The total expenses were \$15,040: slightly less than our receipts of \$15,872. The difference was about 5%. We had 60 attendees including three 93rd Bomb Group veterans. The results follow:

Title	Expenses	Totals
Beginning Balance		\$2,291
Receipts @\$310 per person plus partial attenders		\$15,872
Food & Beverage	\$9,889	
Transportation	\$3,450	
Museums	\$1,298	
Shipping	\$294	
Registration	\$57	
Miscellaneous	\$52	
Total Expenses		\$15,040
Ending Balance		\$3,123

93rd BGA Treasurer Report

*	Previous account balance (End of CY 2018)	\$29,537
	* Income	
	* Membership	\$ 1,330
	* PX Sales	\$ 70
	* Film Donations	\$19,860
	* <u>Reunion Registration</u>	<u>\$16,350</u>
	* Total Income	\$37,610
	* Expenses	
	* PayPal Fees	\$ 107
	* Postage & Printing	\$ 921
	* Bank & Subscription Fees	\$ 108
	* Awards	\$ 110
	* Charity	\$ 600
	* Film Expenses	\$17,700
	* Legal Fees (Film)	\$ 1,235
	* <u>Reunion Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	* Total Expenses	\$ 25,781
	* Available Balance (as of 10/10/19)	\$41,366
*	Less reunion & remaining film expenses	\$ 8,610
*	"Pro-Forma" Balance estimate (as of 12/31/2019)	\$32,756

FOLDED WINGS



Henry John Nykamp, 95, of Holland Township, NJ, passed away Friday, October 4, 2019 at his home in Beachwood, OH. Born November 15, 1923, at home in Holland Township, NJ, Henry was the only son and youngest of four siblings. He was a 1943 graduate of Frenchtown High School. In July 1943, Henry began his service in the Army Air Force and was discharged in October 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his service, he was a nose gunner and armorer in a B24. Henry flew 35 missions from Hardwick England over Europe. In July 2017, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor for



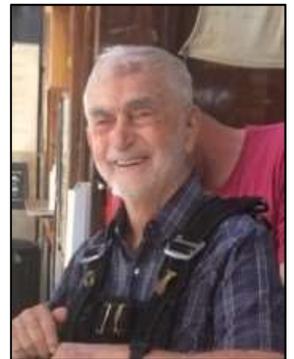
his participation in the liberation of France in World War II.

Henry married Beatrice Virginia Crum in November 1945. For 35 years, he worked as a meat cutter and meat department manager for A & P Company. Henry and his wife raised their family in Holland Township, NJ, where Henry was an active member in the VFW Post 7857, serving as Post Master and becoming a Life Member. He was a member of the Phillipsburg Masonic Lodge #52. Along with gardening and caring for his property, Henry loved hunting, bowling and playing golf at the Oak Hill Golf Club. He supported the Holland Township Library, Holland Township Fire Department, and Hope for Honduran Children.

Son of the late Herman and Francina (Schryver) Nykamp, Henry is survived by his daughters Judy Gill of Virginia Beach, VA, and Jean Koznarek and her husband Mark of Shaker Heights, OH, and his five grandchildren, Kimberly and her husband Richard, Rebecca, Laura, Anne and William. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Beatrice, his son Bruce Nykamp, and his sisters Aaltje "Jean" Gardner, Wilhemina "Wilma" Magnarelli, and Dora "Doris" Dunlap.



Howard Patrie Jones, Jr., 94, of Walterboro, entered into rest Friday afternoon, December 28, 2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He was the loving husband of sixty-six years to the late Mrs. Nellie Warner Jones at the time of her death in 2012. Born June 15, 1924, in Schenectady, New York, he was a son of the late Howard Patrie Jones, Sr. and the late Dorothy Grime Bruce. He served our country faithfully in the United States Air Force, serving as a Tail Gunner during World War II. He served a long and dedicated career with General



Electric, where he retired after forty years of employment from Manufacturing Management. He was a member of the American Welding Society and the Historical 8th Air Force Group. He loved fishing and had a passion for sky diving, having completed his eleventh jump in June 2018. Surviving are: three sons, Howard Patrie Jones, III of Belize, David Christopher Jones and his wife Donna of North Charleston, and Michael Jameson Jones and his wife Karen of West Columbia; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Jones of Walterboro; and two brothers, Richard Bruce of Walterboro and James Bruce of Summerville. There are seven grandchildren, Tracy Wall (Randy), Michael Jones (Audree), Amber Whitmire (Chris), Erin King (Sterling), Robert Dawsey, Jr. (Agnes), Austin Jones (Katherine), and Tyler Jones (Alexa); and eleven great grandchildren that also survive.



Gene Bright Gladwell, age 93, formerly of Indialantic, FL passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2019. He was born on July 2, 1925 in Hillsboro, West Virginia to Lynn A. and Mary L. (McNulty) Gladwell. Gene was a veteran of [World War II](#) and had served in the Army Air Corps as a waist gunner on B-24 bombers based in Hardwick, England.



Following the conclusion of the war he returned to West Virginia and married Mary Frances Patterson and enrolled in Davis and Elkins College in Elkins,

WV, graduating in 1950. Gene then began a career in accounting and in 1960 he and his family moved to Indialantic where he was the accountant for The Melbourne Times until it was acquired by Gannett. He then went to work for Gannett as the credit manager for the Florida Today in Cocoa and retired from Gannett in 1985.

Mr. Gladwell volunteered for a number of years as a neighborhood commissioner in South Brevard for the Boy Scouts of America. He was a lifetime member of the Advertising Media Credit Executives Association (AMCEA) and in retirement, he was an active member of the Melbourne Masonic Lodge, The Melbourne Shrine, and the Melbourne Golf League. Gene was pre-deceased by his wife of 61 years, Mary (Pat) Gladwell in 2009; and he leaves behind two sons, Steve (Trina) and John (Vicki); one granddaughter, Amy Gladwell Jones (Jeffrey); and two great grandsons, Emmett and Jaxon.

Howard G. Hallgarth Jr On June 13th, 2018, he finished his final mission and joined his beloved wife Hermina. Howard was born on June 15th, 1921 to Howard Sr. and Blanche LaMay (Van Dorn), and he lived his entire life in the Yakima Valley. As a youth he was active in Boy Scout troop #1 affiliated with Yakima Presbyterian Church. Scout Master Clarence Trout took the troop on Sea Scout boat trips to Canada and winter trips to the troop cabin at Gold Hill. The love of the outdoors developed in scouting and continued into adulthood as Howard climbed all the major NW peaks.



Howard Senior owned the City Meat Market at 9 North First Street and it was here that Howard Jr. became proficient in the retail meat business. Howard would later credit his experience in the meat market with his terrific ability to socialize with people.

Howard attended Yakima High School and graduated in the class of 1939-1/2. Following this, he attended Eastern Washington College in Cheney, WA until 1942 when he joined the Army Air Force. He was sent to Texas where he became a B24 Liberator pilot. Howard was stationed in Hardwick, England with the 93'd bomb group during WWII. He flew 26 missions over Germany and made food drops over Poland. He had many stories to tell about flak and the German fighters. When the war ended he flew many happy warriors home to the states. Howard continued his military service with 20 years in the Reserves and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He always kept his old uniform in good condition and wore it in many Veteran's Day parades down Yakima Ave.

After the war, Howard attended WSU. After graduating from WSU with a degree in Entomology, he put his education to work as a field man for Yakima Farmer's Supply. Howard continued to work in

the agrichemical business with Niagara Chemical and finally as a regional manager for FMC. After retirement, he farmed apples and pears on Summit View Extension where he and Hermina had built their unique mid-century home. Howard's #1 sport was skiing with his daughter, sons, and friends at White Pass. This was an activity that he enjoyed, along with the free lift tickets, until age 90.

He leaves behind his daughter Camille Ann Smith, sons Brian and Bruce Hallgarth, many grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Blessed with good health for over 90 years, Howard often said that he had lived a very interesting life.



Olive Ruth Belter, 95, of Raymore, Missouri passed away Sunday February 25, 2018. She was born May 31, 1922 to Claude and Winifred (Clayton) Moore in Omaha, Nebraska.

She married her husband, Richard, on September 2, 1946 in Omaha, Nebraska. When she was younger she loved to paint and do arts and crafts. She is survived by her four sons: Richard Belter, Ronald Belter, Bruce Belter, and Paul Belter; two daughters: Patricia Curtis and Lynn Hillebrand: 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children. Mrs. Belter is preceded in death by her husband Richard, her parents, brother: Floyd "Bud" Moore and sister Faye Musgrove.

They will be missed!



GREETINGS FROM THE 93RD BG HISTORIAN!

Holiday Memories

Due to the Holiday season, I have searched thru the December 1944 Unit history and pulled some interesting memories.

328th BS Report; After much planning by the representative section heads, the personnel of the ground echelon enjoyed a fine evening of entertainment on 18 December. With Major John R. Dowsell as head waiter; and all the ground and several of the flying officers assisting him, a delicious meal in courses was served to all the men. The menu included soup, thick steaks, French fried potatoes, peas, corn, pie a-la-mode and plenty of beer. "Montana Slim and his Hillbillies" highlighted the evening with a spirited performance.



The *American Red Cross* and the *Special Services* section did everything possible to give the boys a Merry Christmas. A dance was held at the "Aero Club" on the 20th with plenty of pretty girls, good music and appetizing refreshments.

The most outstanding party, was the children Christmas party, held on December 22nd. We sent out invitations to over 160 children (ages five to fifteen) living in two nearby villages and an orphanage. Approximately 175 children attended. A long list was posted early in the month with the names and age of every child attending, and each soldier was asked to sign up for two. The children were first brought to the post theater to see Walt Disney "Reluctant Dragon" in Technicolor and then came to the "Aero Club" where they all had ice cream and cake, and a gift from father Christmas. Besides an individual gift each child was given candy and gum which the boys had contributed from their rations. Looking over the situation it was hard to tell who was having the better time, the children or the soldiers. During the Party, 15 gallons of ice cream was consumed. For many of them, it was the first time they had ever eaten ice cream.



ARC Aero Club

First 5Th Generation attendee at a 93rd BG Reunion!

Piper Ann Morrison 5th generation at the 93rd BG Reunion, is the Great, Great Granddaughter of S/Sgt Melvin Morrison 328th BS.

Photo (L to R) Don Sr, Piper, Don Jr, Lacie

Cheers,

Don Morrison



93RD WEBSITE & FILM PROJECT

Return To Hardwick Documentary Update

Wow! Lots to catch up on with the progress of the 93rd Bomb Group's documentary *Return To Hardwick*. Since the last update in the Ball of Fire newsletter, the film is getting close to completing screenings around the country. We have been able to screen the documentary at over 20 venues from the east coast to the west coast. It's been a mix too – some have been museums and others have been film festivals.

Two museums come to mind as highlights, the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Savannah, GA and the Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA. We were lucky to have Hollywood actor Michael Cudlitz at both of these screenings. Michael of course did an on camera introduction in the film and provides narration. Like the 93rd Bomb Group and it's members, Michael has truly jumped on board to help spread the awareness of remembering the sacrifice of our fallen and educating future generations. Michael has donated his time towards this project and it's very special to have him represent the film at these events. The Q&A sessions ended up being great too! Photo (L to R) actor Michael Cudlitz, Kim Sellers, Jim Sellers, Stephen Sellers and Michael Sellers at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force



Film festivals have also been very rewarding and reaffirming that we have produced a very special film. The DOCUTAH film festival was designed to showcase documentaries just like ours. Along with 65 others films, people converged in St. George, UT for a week long event. I've driven through this part of the country as a kid but forgot just how beautiful it is. It makes a great backdrop for the festival. I even zipped over to the Western Sky Aviation Warbird Museum to talk to the people that run that facility. They are located just off the St. George Regional airport and have some amazing planes displayed there. A few people from the support crew even showed up for a screening of *Return To Hardwick* the next day! In addition to a great experience at festivals we have been wining awards too! Take a look at the festivals that have acknowledged all of our hard work (see diagram attached).



Finally, I was able to screen the film in my hometown of Jefferson City, Missouri. Not only could we get a bunch of friends and family to go but my grandmother was able to attend. I traveled with her and my grandfather to the annual 93rd Bomb Group reunions for years. My grandfather was a bombardier/navigator in the 93rd BG and he really enjoyed the reunions in his later years. He passed in 2016 but it was great to get my grandmother out at age 94 to see the film at the local cineplex with everyone. Photo (L to R) Michael Sellers with grandmother Bee Sullivan



Please make sure that you visit www.hardwickfilm.com and sign up for email updates.

Michael Sellers
Producer/Director
Return To Hardwick

Film Festival Screenings & Recognition

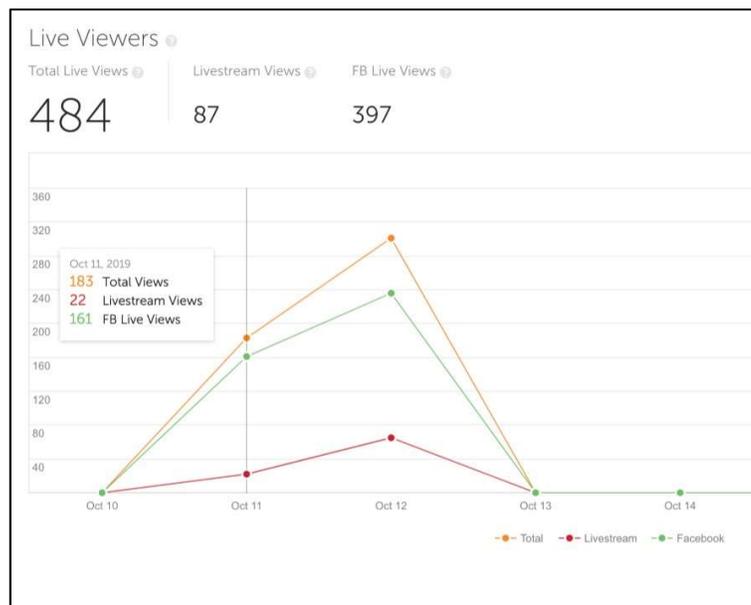
Impact Docs Awards	Award of Merit – Special Mention
Independent Film Awards/London	Best Documentary Feature
Aphrodite Film Awards	Best Documentary Feature
United States Film Festival	Best U.S. Documentary
Olympus Film Festival	Best Documentary Feature
Twin Tiers International Film Festival	Best Cinematography Feature
Royal Starr Film Festival	Best Documentary Feature
Emerge Film Festival	Best Documentary Feature
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	Nominated for Rotary "Service above Self" Awd.
Northeast Mountain Film Festival	Official Selection
Kansas International Film Festival	Official Selection
DOCUTAH Film Festival	Official Selection
Rocky Mountain International Film Festival	Official Selection
New Ulm Film Festival	Official Selection
Reel East Texas Film Festival	Official Selection

Museums and Other Screenings

National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force	Savannah, GA
The Military Heritage Museum	Punta Gorda, FL
Commemorative Air Force: Minnesota	St. Paul, MN
Empire State Aerosciences Museum	Glenville, NY
The Museum of Flight	Seattle, WA
Planes of Fame	Chino, CA
Norwich and Norfolk Millennium Library	Norwich, England
GQT Capital 8 Theaters	Jefferson City, MO

93rd Bomb Group Website Update

The 93rd Bomb Group reunion in the Detroit Metro area was a great success! We were able to stream the reunion live over Facebook and the 93rd's website www.93bg.com. Here is diagram of how many people watched the live stream (see attach image). We got close to 500 people watching our 3 day live stream. What seems to be helping the most is getting the word out over Facebook. We had a few technical snags but over all the live streaming has been able to help us share our reunion with others who can't make it – this includes veterans who might not be able to make the trip anymore. We hope to continue this service for members and help share the reunions with as many people as possible.



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93RD PX

The 93rd BGA PX will be going under a complete renovation over the next several months. A committee is being formed to review and improve the PX process, product offering, budgeting, and ease of use. A limited amount of product, including Ted's Travelling Circus books will be available during this time. We appreciate your cooperation during this time frame.

MEMBERSHIP

With Fall upon us and the holidays just around the corner, several things are part of the season for the 93rd BGA. The Reunion in Detroit was a great success. It is one of the things that makes being a member so much fun. People saw old friends and made new ones. There were poignant moments and some business executed including the showing of the film, "Return to Hardwick".

The other thing that is part of the Fall season is the membership renewal drive. If your membership expires on December 31, 2019, I have sent you a letter with a membership form. Please renew your membership soon if you haven't already. Please feel free to do so on the website, 93bg.com.

As you know being a part of the 93rd BGA is like being a part of a family. We are all connected through our WWII veterans and their stories, whether a relative or a friend. We also welcome people interested in WWII and the 93rd BGA.

Our mission is to be dedicated to preserving the legacy of the men and women who served in the 93rd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force during WWII. We also support the programs and efforts of the Memorial Trust of the 2ADA Memorial Library in Norwich, England and the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah, Georgia.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your membership or know someone who is interested in becoming a member, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your memberships and support of the 93rd BGA.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2020

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email Address _____

93rd BG Connection: (please circle appropriate) **Vet is/was-self, father, uncle, grandpa or I am a Historian/friend.**

Name of 93rd veteran _____ Rank _____

Squadron _____ Time period in Service: _____ 19 _____ to _____
19 _____

Airplane Name(s) _____ Pilot(s) _____

Crew Chief(s) _____ Comments (list crew if known) _____

(use back side for more info)

Annual Membership	\$25 \$ _____	
2 year discount rate (2020 & 2021)	\$45 \$ _____	
Tax deductible Donation	\$ _____	(The 93 rd is a 501(c)(3) Organization)
TOTAL	\$ _____	

___ *Please MAIL newsletter* ___ *Please E-MAIL newsletter*
Please note, membership is on a calendar year.

Make checks payable to: 93rd BOMB GROUP
(We encourage you to pay by PayPal through the 93rd Bomb Group website, 93bg.com)

Mail to: Jean Koznarek, 93rd Bomb Group Ass'n.
2644 West Park Blvd., Shaker Hts., OH 44120

Copy this form for family and friends to become members. Thank you!

___ **Yes! I would like to volunteer to help the 93rd BGA and my skill is:**

KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE!