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President's Corner

Raison d'être is a phrase borrowed from French where it means "reason for being". The 93rd Bomb Group Association has a very clear understanding of its *raison d'être*. We are established to accomplish four specific purposes: (1) carrying on the traditions and memories of the 93rd Bomb Group after the veterans of the war have deceased; (2) continue to advocate and to support an adequate, effective and efficient Armed Forces; (3) perpetuate the friendships and memories of service together in the 93rd; and (4) support the Memorial Trust of the 2ADA Memorial Library, the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and the Heritage League of the 2ADA. How well have we achieved our purposes in the last year?

From where I sit, our Association has had an excellent year in fulfilling our *Raison d'être*. If I were grading our efforts I would give us a 98%. We have completed the transition of our officer positions to the 2nd generation continuing our veterans influence by an advisory panel of former association officers. We are carrying on "traditions and memories" and "perpetuating the friendships and memories of service together through the continued publication of the Ball of Fire Quarterly Express and by our continuation of the annual reunions.

This year's reunion at Barksdale takes us back to the beginning when we visit the base where the 93rd was established. Our wildly successful fund raising campaign to purchase and dedicate a stained glass window at the Eighth Air Force Museum Chapel demonstrates our continued commitment to supporting tangible reminders of the sacrifices our veterans made for our freedom.

What do we plan to do in the future to continue the tremendous heritage we have inherited? We have several initiatives that will contribute substantially to meeting our purposes. Among them is the dedication ceremony for the stained glass window in Savannah, GA; the new improved web page, and efforts to vastly improve our communication with our members and other veteran's organizations such as the Heritage League of the 2ADA. We anticipate the end of the 2ADA sometime in the near future as they fulfill their *raison d'être*. From the beginning the 2ADA envisioned a definite conclusion when the veteran's could no longer continue to meet to renew their camaraderie. Although many of us hoped for a different course, it appears that the 2ADA will not change their course after more than 60 years and will conclude their organization with dignity and grace. The Heritage League is prepared to continue in their stead with a different organization and purpose with the utmost respect and regard for the 2ADA's accomplishments.

As we approach the 2009 reunion, it's clear that only about 10% of our members will attend. The difficulties of travel, health considerations and work conflicts are all factors that prevent traveling to Shreveport. Nevertheless a significant number are gathering to perpetuate our friendships. For those who have never attended a reunion, friendships are what keep us going back year after year. There is room for more friends to join us in future years. We need every one of our veterans to encourage their children, grandchildren and great-grand children to join the 93rd Bomb Group Association.

John Marx, President

**93rd Bomb Group Association
Annual Meeting
October 24, 2009**

Call meeting to order	President/John Marx
Reading and approval of 2008 Annual Meeting	Secretary/Paul Levine
Communications	President/John Marx
Financial Report	Treasurer/Jim Guddal
Ball of Fire Editor Report	BOFQE Editor/JoAnne Sargent
2ADA Report	93 rd Group Vice President to the 2ADA/Charles Sill
2009 Convention/Reunion Report	Coordinator/John Marx
Committee Reports Stained Glass Fundraiser	Paul Levine/Jim Guddal
Old business: Dedication of Stained Glass Window Savannah	Paul Levine
New Business:	
Web Page Policy	Michael Sellers
By-Law Revision	John Marx
Lifetime Membership	Jim Guddal
2010 & 2011 Reunion Locations	John Marx
Nominating committee report	Fernley Smith, Cal Davidson, Paul Levine
Election of officers	
Adjournment	

Proposed By-Law Changes

If the Executive Committee approves the proposed By-Law changes, the membership will be asked to approve the recommended changes at the annual meeting at the October Reunion. The final document will be provided to all attendees at registration for review before the Business Meeting. In general the changes accomplish the following:

- Incorporate the previously approved amendment into the document
- Expand the purpose statement
- Eliminate the extra officer positions established so that we could have a veteran and a 2nd generation member serving together
- Establish the Convention/Reunion Coordinator Title and a Convention/Reunion Committee
- Add Article IX to formalize our web page
- Add Article X to provide guidance for dissolution.
- Eliminate the outdated list of personal names of the officers.
- Make editorial corrections.

If you have any questions about the recommended changes please contact John Marx, 412-327-1909 or by email at 109clearview@verizon.net.

Secretary's Report

I met with Brian Mahoney, President of the Heritage League, on Sunday August 23rd in Chicago, where the 2nd AD was having their reunion. I met with Brian at the request of John Marx, our President, to find out where the Heritage League stands in regards to their relationship with the 2nd AD and gather Brian's thoughts on what their mission is over the next few years. Coincidentally, I also met John Lee and Jim Guddal there as well. Jim, Brian and I had a very pleasant conversation over lunch. Jim will have a report for our membership as well at our reunion in Shreveport.

I have 2 good pieces of news that resulted from Brian's and Jim's attendance at the 2nd AD meeting:

1. Jim was appointed the backup treasurer to the 2nd AD, as long as that organization exists
2. The Executive committee of the 2nd AD passed a consensus resolution to 'transfer their seat on the board of governors memorial Trust fund to "the Heritage League', so there will be a sustaining representation from the US on that board. The Heritage League will represent all of the 2nd AD Bomb Groups. (more on that below)

According to Brian Mahoney, the mission of the Heritage League is to work closely with all the BG's of the 2nd AD 2nd and 3rd generations, especially the

93rd, as we represent a model they strongly feel is effective and workable for all the BG's. Both the Heritage League's Board and the 93rd have the same common goals, i.e., Legacy perpetuation, planning, education, history research, and accessibility to data.

Brian informed me that the Heritage League wants desperately to work with the 93rd as well as those BG's to fulfill "our" mission. They want to set up a Stewardship program to work amiably and in cooperation with one another. The Heritage League has some ideas and plans on the drawing board that, personally, I feel has a great deal of merit, but I cannot comment on it until Brian is ready to release their program's for 'Future' Veteran Reunion's.

Brian plans on attending our reunion in Shreveport next month and he will have more to say about the Heritage League's mission and perhaps some of the planning they have in mind.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Shreveport, LA.

Best Regards,
Paul Levine, Secretary

Treasurer's Notes

Dear members, you have been really generous about sending in donations for the "Window" project with your dues. However, we are still a little shy of complete funding. Your officers agreed to advance \$1,935 from the treasury to complete the installation of this grand memorial to the 93rd BG in the chapel at the 8th Air Force Museum. This will be my last call for 2009 tax deductible donations and the opportunity for you to be part of a lasting legacy to "Ted's Traveling Circus".

DATA BASE: BOF Editor JoAnne Sargent and I are working to perfect our member data base. It is an ongoing effort with members changing addresses and e-mail contacts. Thanks for letting us know when

your changes occur.

WEB SITE: The 93rd BG web site now has a "membership button". Please check it out and if you have any feedback, let me know. If you know of any veteran or next generation that is interested in joining up with us, thanks for referring them to the web site for membership requirements. Or, call me at 763.694.9058.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Shreveport!

Jim Guddal, Treasurer

2nd Air Division Association

The year that just passed, during which I was President of the 2nd ADA was a very satisfying experience. I indicated from the beginning that I would work toward the younger generations being utilized more in areas of responsibility. We are doing much more now to achieve this goal. We did not

consider dissolution at our recent convention in Chicago, but the average age of our Vets is now 87 so that this action will have to take place in the next couple of years.

I congratulate Dick Robert who is our new President of the 2nd ADA. I am confident that he will do a good job. He did a great deal as Executive Vice President to help me. He will prepare for the question of how to carry on the memory of the nearly 7000 members who not only died during WWII but also those who served and have since passed away.

The next convention of the 2nd ADA is being planned for New Orleans but the exact dates have not been established. It will most likely be earlier than October in order to obtain better hotel rates. I am confident that Dick Robert and Betty Lee, who is the convention chairperson, will address this in more detail.

We are looking forward to the 93rd reunion in Shreveport and hope that we can work out our

schedule to be able to make it. We have already made reservations to go to England for Remembrance Day in November, so that there could be some conflict between the two.

I congratulate all those who are so active in the 93rd. I have used your dedication and outstanding efforts as an example of what we should do in the 2nd ADA. I also would like to express my thanks to those who attended the 2nd ADA convention in Chicago. Those in attendance were: Jim Guddal, George Johnson, William Sargent, and Kim Moore. We were happy to see Paul Levine who came later to talk with the Heritage League President, Brian Mahoney.

Thank you all again for your support.

John Lee, Past President 2nd ADA

93rd Bombardment Group Website

It's been a good summer and Michael Sellers has been busy. He's been working on the new redesign for the 93rd Bombardment Group website. His goal is to completely have every page redesigned by the '09 reunion in Shreveport, LA. Hopefully the group will be able to get a first hand peek at some new features the website will offer. Michael wants the group to add comments and suggestions to make the site even better. Speaking of the reunion, he is also going to be setting up his interview booth again. So if vets and family members are interested - he'd love for you to swing by and chat a little. Also keep a look out for him at the banquets and city tours - he'll be documenting your every move there too!! On a final

note - he's just returned from Los Angeles and assisted one of our fearless organizers, Joe Duran, in transferring some long lost 8mm film footage from the war. A nephew of Harold "Hap" Kendall, a B-24 co-pilot (then later, pilot) in England and North Africa sent Joe some footage that Hap shot. Michael set Joe up with a transfer facility in L.A. and was surprised and amazed what they found. Joe and Michael plan to show the footage at the reunion and hopefully get the vets to really start fitting the pieces together at what they're seeing. See you at the reunion!

Michael Sellers, Webmaster

Attention 93rd Bomb Group Veterans

As we have done at previous reunions, an opportunity to record your memories for future generations is planned. Our own, Michael Sellers, is continuing his interviews with anyone who is willing to talk about their experiences during the war and how they have lived their lives since. Plan to spend some time talking to the camera and your great, great, great, great grandchildren! Michael will coordinate interviews throughout the reunion.

This year we have agreed to allow the Shreveport Times Military Reporter, Mr. John Prime, to interview any veteran who volunteers. He is the co-author of a book about Barksdale AFB written with the former 2nd Bomb Wing Historian, Shawn Bohannon, and the 8th Air Force Museum Director, Buck Rigg. Mr. Prime is particularly interested in meeting those who served with the 93rd at Barksdale AFB prior to overseas deployment. If you are interested in discussing your experience you can contact Mr. Prime at 318-459-3250 or email at jprime@gannett.com.

Stained Glass Memorial Project for the 8th AF Museum in Savannah

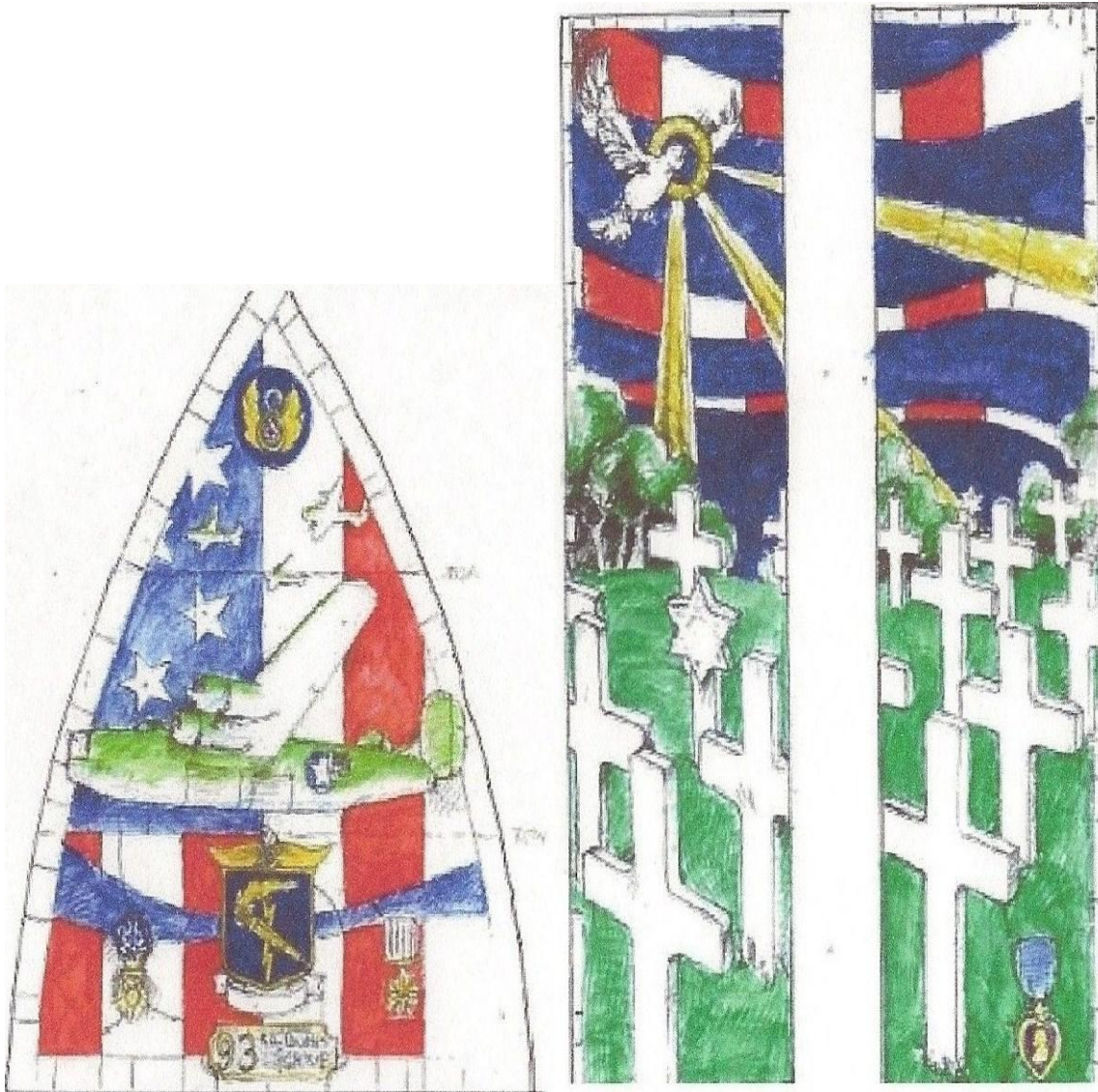
It is my pleasure to report to the Board of Directors and General Membership that the Stained Glass Window & Door Project has been completed and paid for through the many generous donations from our own veterans, members, family members and friends. The 93rd BG Assoc. deeply appreciates all those that took the time to donate whatever they could as a gift of remembrance that will be displayed for many years to come.

The 93rd Board is currently working on a special dedication ceremony to be held at the 8th AF Museum (Chapel) in Savannah, Ga., hopefully before

the end of the year or early 2010. A special acknowledgement of all the donors and those that they are honoring will be on display. Details will be forthcoming in the very near future.

We will be contacting all those that made donations to please contact Joanne Sargent or Paul Levine **if they did not stipulate an honoree with their donations.**

Paul Levine, Secretary



93rd Bomb Group Reunion
October 22 – 26, 2009
Shreveport & Barksdale AFB, LA
Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 22

1:00 PM – Reunion Committee Meeting
2:00 PM – Registration – Homewood Suites Hilton
6:00 PM – Complimentary Manager’s Reception/Dinner Buffet
6:00 PM – This N That Barbershop Quartet (until 7:00 PM)
7:30 PM – Welcome Program - Master of Ceremonies – Paul Levine
Schedule Review – Red River (Hospitality) Ballroom – 2nd Floor
7:45 PM – Web page Demonstration – Michael Sellers
8:00 PM – Membership Report – Jim Guddal
8:15 PM – 93rd Historian’s Presentation – Don Morrison
10:30 PM - Red River (Hospitality) Ballroom Closed

Friday, October 23

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
9:30 AM – Educational Program (for all ages) – Gerald Veteto, 93rd VP
11:30 AM – Subway Lunch in Red River (Hospitality) Ballroom
1:30 PM – Bus departs for Barksdale AFB
2:00 PM - Tour of 8th Air Force Museum and Barksdale AFB – 30-minute Movie
4:30 PM – Reception at 8th Air Force Officer’s Club
5:30 PM –6:30 PM – Dinner at Officer’s Club, Dedalion Room
5:30 PM – Color Guard from Barksdale AFB
7:00 PM – Guest Speaker – MG Carpenter
8:30 PM – Bus Returns to Hotel

Saturday, October 24

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – 93rd Business Meeting
12:30 PM – Box Lunch at hotel
1:00 PM – Enroute to Barksdale Air Force Base
2:00 PM - Flight Line Visit & B-52 Tour – 93rd Bomb Squadron
4:00 PM – Enroute to Restaurant – International Buffet – Sam’s Town
4:30 PM – Dinner & Casino
7:00 PM –Enroute to Hotel
10:30 PM – Red River (Hospitality) Ballroom Closed

Sunday, October 25

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
11:00 AM – Buses depart for Red River District/Louisiana Boardwalk
11:30 PM – Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – Buses depart for the American Rose Center
1:30 PM – Visit American Rose Center
3:00 PM – Buses Return to Hotel
6:30 PM – Catered Dinner in Red River (Hospitality) Ballroom
7:00 PM – Memorial Service and Program

Monday, October 26

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet

For any questions regarding the October reunion, please contact:

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

For those attending the reunion---make plans to be present for our opening dinner. While we enjoy the hotel's Manager's reception, "This N That", a barbershop quartet, will get our feet tapping and our hearts soaring. Featuring:

THIS N THAT

Members of the

Northwest Louisiana Chapter

Of the

Barbershop Harmony Society

Formally, the

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of

Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America

The "THIS N THAT" Barber Shop Quartet is officially registered with its parent society and has performed extensively in Louisiana and Texas. Their repertoire includes Barber Shop Standards, Gospel, Doo Wop, Hymns, Disney, Broadway Show tunes, Popular and Patriotic songs. They have performed for audiences of over 500 to single honorees, including diverse venues like Engagement parties, Birthdays, Reunions, Valentines Day surprises, Churches and Funerals. Our members are: Wendell Glass - Tenor; Montie Dalton - Lead; Wendell Glass III - Baritone; Bob Heverly - Bass. We are three generations of singers and no matter what type of music you prefer, we will entertain you by our easy style and the ringing chords of THIS N THAT.

Candidate Cities for 2010 93rd Bomb Group Reunions

Where will the 93rd land for next year's reunion? That question will be answered by the members at the business meeting in October. But, would you like a sneak peak at the candidate cities? Well here they are in state alphabetical order:

Tucson, Arizona	Monterey, California
Washington DC	Portland, Maine
Buffalo, New York	Seattle, Washington

We'll provide additional information about each city at the reunion and ask the members to vote on a 2010 and 2011 city. Next year, we will pick the 2012 city and so on--so we are always working on the current year and the following year reunions.

2008-2010 Officers

President	John Marx
President Emeritus	Paul Steichen
Executive Vice President	Gerald Veteto
Secretary	Paul Levine
Treasurer	Jim Guddal
Editor of the Ball of Fire	JoAnne Sargent
Associate Editor of BOF	Vacant
Conventions Director	John Marx
Associate Conventions Director	Kent Jaquith
Historian	Don Morrison
Associate Historian	<i>Vacant</i>

Advisory Board

Past President	Fernley Smith
Vice President to the 2ADA	Charles Sill
Assistant VP to the 2ADA	Vacant
Past Treasurer	Cal Davidson

Additional Critical Positions

Graphics/Media	Kent Jaquith
Documentary Project	Michael Sellers
Photographer	Bill Sargent
Webmaster	Michael Sellers
Reunion Committee	Phyllis & Joe Duran Fred Weir

Folded Wings

We are sad to report two of Richard Throusdell's crew passed away.

Lt. John Kerler

Lt. John Kerler was a pilot with the 328th and he passed away in March 2009. He was originally from Burlingame, CA. Lt. Kerler was the first to report to Harwick interrogators, "It was 1250 hours, 25,000 feet, just after bombs-away" when Lt. John R. Cadle's piloting No. 456-m was hit.*

*Ted's Travelling Circus by Carroll (Cal) Stewart

Paul Myers

Paul Myers was a waist gunner with the 328th and he passed away in August 2009.

Letters to the Editor

From: bulge@hotmail.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com;
webmaster@93rdbombardmentgroup.com
Subject: WW2/Sroubek/93 BG Request
Date: Sun, 17 May 2009 11:36:13 +0000

Dear Sir, Madam:
Please assist me in regard of the following.
I do research about US servicemen that were killed in WW 2 and are/were buried in the US Military Cemetery in Holland, near where I live.
I am searching information about and in particular a picture from:

Pravdomil Sroubek (or Srowbek), Staff Sergeant.
He was killed in action December 22, 1943.
His Army service number: 35324375.
He was from Cuyahoga County, OH, born 1917.
In particular I am seeking a picture from him. There may have been some kind of article in a newspaper in 1943, or in a yearbook.
Any info/help will be welcome.
Can you help?
Thank you in advance,
best regards from Holland,
Antoine Nouens
bulge@hotmail.com

From: drs@execpc.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com
CC: circus@93rdbombardmentgroup.com
Subject: 93 BG Request - Connie SR# 42-7682
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 2009 00:10:32 -0500
Hello,

I stopped in at your website a few months back, but your plane list was off-line. I came back tonight and saw that the list was now posted.

I have some questions about a plane that I believe flew missions for the 93 BG during the spring and summer of 1944. Later, it was transferred in the fall of 1944 to 8 466th 785 (2U L+). This plane was Connie (FO 42-7682). My father flew the nose on Connie's last two missions (30 March 1945 and 31 March 1945). On March 31 they crashed Connie in Holland while returning from Brunswick. Connie never flew combat again, but was salvaged.

I see in your plane list the following:
27682, 862, O/P, 409, YM, Connie? / Blasted Event?, H, OD

I have 3 pictures of Connie with the 466th that I gave to the 466 BGA and that were published in their history book "Attlebridge Arsenal".

I would love to get some history of Connie with the 93 BG.

Tom Brittan (466th?) added this info to several pictures of Connie on b24bestweb.com:

From: jjackg1@verizon.net
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: Re: 93rd BG Newsletter - Summer 2009
Date: Tue, 30 Jun 2009 13:00:10 -0400

Hi JoAnne and Bill,

Originally 8 93 329 (RE O). Equipped with G-H and flew as lead (provided with crew by 93rd BG) with many different 2nd BD Groups during the spring and summer 1944. Transferred in the fall 1944 to 8 466 785 (2U L+). Crash-landed in the Netherlands 31 Mar 45 and was salvaged.

I can vouch for the crash as I have the photos of Connie in the Holland farmers field (about 20m from the Arnhem Bridge), and the 466th History the "The Attlebridge Diaries" has a memoir written by my father's pilot (RA Dibbell), about the day they crashed.

Does your group have any information on Connie and its missions?

Seeing as the manufacturing date was 1942, I have to imagine that it flew quite a few missions BEFORE it made it to the 466th. Several pilots in the 466th have been quoted as saying that Connie was their favorite plane. It flew missions #159 thru #218 (crashed), so that works out to 59 missions with the 466th. No wonder the pilots liked this plane, as it came back 58 missions in a row!

I can send you all the pictures of Connie that I have, if you'd like them. I would love to discuss this plane with your historian.

Thank you,

David Swoboda

We have never met, but at present my doctors and the V. A. are keeping me busy with appointments, but I am hoping it will be clear up in time for the reunion.
My name is Jack Greco, cell phone 727-515-2819, connection our crew was transfer to the 93rd 329 SQ. from the 446th Bomb GP we were to fly and lead the way

to the target and then drop colored smoke trailers with our bombs. Other 24s would follow and drop their bombs on the smoke trailer, if I am correct.

2nd from left and I keep in touch. Our pilot passed away a few years ago. No one seems to know anything about the co-pilot Thurlkill. I'm 3rd from left lower row.

Here is a picture of my crew and plane we had to leave behind, when we transfer Nav. Eugene Rosen, top row

See picture My Crew Picture in 93rd BG Web info

Date: Sun, 5 Jul 2009 18:40:09 -0700
From: americancrooner@yahoo.com
Subject: 93 BG Request
To: joyridecp@msn.com, webmaster@93rdbombardmentgroup.com

My name is George Petrilyak Jr and I am writing because my father was a member of the 93rd and I'd like to have him included on your site, as well as try to find anyone still alive who may have known him. Many details of his military service were lost and I am trying to get an accurate record for our family. I do have a copy of his discharge as well as a partial copy of his enlistment record. He died on January 1st 2004 at age 79.

From March 1944 to end May 1944 he was back in the US in Atlantic city. He then re-enlisted and on D-Day was en route back to Hardwick in England. He then flew 21 more missions from mid June 1944 - October 1944 before he was honorably discharged in April 1945.

George Petrilyak was a B-24 Radio Operator and Aerial Gunner in the 8th AF, 2nd Air division, 93rd Bomb Grp, 409th SQ.
Serial #13099873
Rank was Technical SGT.
His call sign was "Thurfare" Code: YM

I know that he was a member of the DAV, due to I believe re-current headaches he got that began not long before he was discharged. He never received a purple heart, however I think his air-hose was shot at some point during a mission and he passed out. Luckily for me one of his crew mates got him air. I have no information on who that was.

He enlisted on June 13, 1942 in Hazleton, PA. He was in training for the next year, as follows:

He also spoke of a friend named Dale Akers. He was also from PA, and arrived in Europe with my father.

Camp Lee, VA for Processing
Biloxi, MS at Kessler Airbase for Basic Training
Scottsfield, IL for Radio Training
Fort Meyers, FL for Gunnery School
Salt Lake City, UT where assigned to crew and completed first of final 3 phases of training
Tuscon, AZ for phase 2 final training
Big Field, TX for phase 3 final training

Any information anyone could provide would be greatly appreciated. I don't know any of the names of the planes he flew in, however I believe he said there were several.

He then went to Maine where he prepared to go overseas, which he did in June 1943. He flew 26 missions from July '43 - Feb '44. He described an incident where on one of his earlier missions his plane took a nose dive but they recovered and the entire crew survived. I cannot say for sure this was the Aug 1st Ploesti raid, but I he told me he participated in it and I am trying to verify.

I have attached 3 photos.... his portrait, one of his crew, and one I believe of him with his friend Dale. In the crew shot, he is in the front row, second from the left. In the picture with his friend, he in on the left. I found it a bit unusual that the crew photo was not in front of a plane, and I have no idea where it was taken. Looks like some sort of screened porch in the background. Any ideas?

I would greatly appreciate your including the photos on your site. Hopefully someone may recognize him. I have included my phone # if for any reason you would like to speak with me directly.

Thank you again, and I look forward to learning more.
George Petrilyak, Jr
(727)403-0146

Subject: Crew photos
Date: Sat, 1 Aug 2009 20:42:57 -0500
From: kerry.fox@shell.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com

wrote on the back of each picture (also the jpg file name) "Our Crew, Hardwick 1943" (not standing in front of their aircraft - according to Mr. League) and "Ivan, Nick & crew, All KIA August 1, 1943 Ploesti, Rumania" (Jose Carioca).

My father was the navigator on Dick League's Greyhound Express.

<<Our Crew, Hardwicke June 1943.jpg>>

Enclosed are two photos with the captions my Dad

<<Ivan, Nick & crew All KIA Aug 1, 1943 ploesti, Rumania.jpg>>
Room 214
Office - 504-728-5167

Kerry Fox
CAO Auger TLP
Cell - 504-250-2789
Fax - 504-728-5200

Date: Thu, 6 Aug 2009 18:09:59 -0700
Subject: Re: FW: Crew photos
To: joyridecp@msn.com
CC: kerry.fox@shell.com; k8qgc@aol.com;
doniac1967@sbcglobal.net;
fernleybud@yahoo.com; mtsellers@mac.com

From: dogpatchraider@gmail.com

Dick League is still with us and has been very helpful with family and friends of the 93rd BG. I spoke with him a few weeks back and he is still getting around!

Kerry,

Let me know if we can be of any help.
Best Regards
Joe and Phyllis Duran

Great photos! Is your Father still with us. Can you ID him in the crew photo?

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To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: Re: 93rd BG Database - Your Input is Requested
Date: Thu, 30 Jul 2009 10:56:31 -0400
From: cwwjr99@aol.com

crew being found. It was his brother who went MIA on the A/C Missouri Sue that 16th day in April 1943 along with the other 9 crew members.

Hi JoAnne,

Can you please help my Dad and I along with the other family members of the MIA crew of the Missouri Sue, find out if this claim has been investigated. If so, by who and if JPAC was notified of this claim? I would like to see the follow up of the investigation. If it has not been investigated, why not and what do we need to do to get this going?

To start, I am niece to SSgt James V Roberts who was a tail gunner, on the A/C 41-24122 - Missouri Sue. According to part of the MACR, the plane he was on was damaged and had to ditch on a mission to the U-boats at Brest. The plane and its crew went MIA on April 16, 1943. Also according to part of the MARC, the pilot of a spitfire who was there protecting it, claimed they were all seen in raft and were thought to have been able to make it to shore.

I have written many letters to the Neale's, but have never had a reply.

My Dad doesn't have internet. I can give you his information if someone wants to contact him.

There is a interesting article in the Volume 4 no. 1 Spring of 1996 Ball of Fire Quarterly Express. On the front page 3rd paragraph, of this volume it claims, graves of the 10 crew members including my uncle were found by villagers of Melle. Before I started doing research on my uncle, my Dad had no idea that there was this information published to make claim about graves of the

I am constantly searching for information to help my Dad learn more about his brother and the rest of the 93rd.

Thank you,
Veronica Wilmot

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Date: Sun, 2 Aug 2009 16:17:14 -0700
From: piznal27@sbcglobal.net
Subject: ted's flying circus/409
To: joyridecp@msn.com

Harold K. Kendall, was a bomber instructor back in the U.S. The photos I have are a crew photo, one of my aunt, who was girl painted on my uncles B24 and I have a list of his crew(from the web site of the armyairforce).

My uncle was Harold k. Kendall, he was the Captain of the B24, named "Lucky", S/N 41-242125. He was in Teds flying circus in the 409. I have a few photos, they were taken by Ivan Dmitri, who wrote "Flight to Nowhere". Ivan sent the photos and a copy of the book to my uncle, as my uncle was in the book, about the Ploesti Raid in August 1943. I do not have the book, I read it, a book from a college library. The Ploesti Raid was my uncles 30 mission after the mission, my uncle,

Sincerly Mark W. Piznal email-
piznal@att.net

P.S. Could you add his bomber to your web page. Captain Harold K. Kendall-pilot, John R. Colvin-copilot, William V. Fitzsimmons -bombardier, George L. Hastings-radio operator, James E. Goodgion Jr.-top turret, Elmer W. Dawley Jr.-tail gunner, William J. Krause-

observer,Andrew J. Miller-tunnel/ballturret,and Donald H. Saltsman-waist gunnerKC B24 named Lucky s/n

41-242125 (from 8th air force web site).

From: **Joe Duran** <dogpatchraider@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 6, 2009 at 5:58 PM
Subject: Harold (Hap) Kendall
To: piznal27@sbcglobal.net
Cc: John Marx <109clearview@verizon.net>, jim guddal <jguddal@yahoo.com>, Kent Jaquith <gajk38@bendbroadband.com>, Don Morrison <doniac1967@sbcglobal.net>, Blaine Duxbury <BDUX@aol.com>, Cal <k8ggc@aol.com>, Michael Sellers <mtsellers@mac.com>

My uncle Joe Avendano started his tour of duty with your uncle at Cal Aero flying school in Ontario, Ca in 1941 and finished together flying the Low Level Ploesti raid Aug.1,1943 over Romania. The Ploesti mission was also my uncles 29 or 30 mission. He was lost over the skies of England - Jan.23,1944

If I can be of any help please give me a call. My wife Phyllis and I help out with the yearly reunions with the 93rd BG and are going to make the outing in Oct. It would be great if you could make it.

Mark,

Best regards Joe and Phyllis Avendano Duran
Nephew of Capt Joe Avendano Original 93rd Pilot
1942-1944

Great to hear from you and that you are searching for info on your uncle Harold Kendall. Their are many family and friends in the 93rd BG - 409sq that remember your uncle.



Date: Mon, 3 Aug 2009 14:49:38 +0100
From: Richard.Hearing@beds.ac.uk
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: 93 BG Request

Frank Kilcheski. I was wondering if the exact location of the crash site is known, as I am trying to track down the origin of a B-24 known to have crashed in Moggerhanger Park, a small estate near Bedford, in 1943. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, even if it is just to confirm that this was not the same plane.

Hi,
I am looking to find some information on the plane 'Thunder Mug' (Tail #240246) which I understand crashed near the town of Bedford (in the UK) on 30th October 1943 due to Mechanical Failure, killing the pilot

Many Thanks,
Richard Hearing



From: WilLiscomb@aol.com
Date: Fri, 14 Aug 2009 10:47:10 -0400
Subject: For 93rd BG historian
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Sir;

Thanks for contacting me and writing about your dad and you hang gliding passion. How wonderful it must be to fly like a bird. I'd be happy to let you use our 389th logo, but according to my records, your dad never belonged to the 389th Bomb Group. He was in the 93rd Bomb Group when he flew the Ploesti mission, as was Jake Geron. The 93rd was nicknamed "Ted's Travelling Circus" for it's original commanding officer Ted Timberlake. I have drawn all of the 8th Air Force heavy bomb group insignia and have attached the 93rd's. Feel free to use it as you wish. These insignia are public domain and you don't have to have permission to use them.

I could not find an e-mail address for your group historian, could you please forward this to him for me.
Best Regards,
Bill Liscomb

As for your father's memoirs, I commend you for encouraging him to write it all down. I wish more of our veterans would do this. It's very kind of you to offer and I would indeed appreciate having a copy of it. I might be able to use the portion related to Ploesti on my August 1, 1943, mission report. With your permission, I would also like to share it with a few of my colleagues who are enthusiastic researchers and scholars of the Ploesti mission. I encourage you to contact the historian of the 93rd BG <http://www.93rdbombardmentgroup.com/> and offer him a copy of your dad's wartime memoirs. I'm sure he would be very pleased to have a copy.

Dear Kelsey;
Thanks for getting me straightened out regarding which unit my dad was in...I knew it had a 9 and a 3, and was attached to the 8th, so I guess my aging mind juxtaposed it into the 389th. I've attached a .doc file of his entire WWII story. Just days before his passing, he gave me two items I never knew he had until that day - a diary and a photo album from Switzerland. Feel free to use all or part of his story in any way you wish with one condition - that he be given credit as the author.
Thank you
Bill

In a message dated 8/13/2009 11:39:51 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, kelsey@389thbombgroup.com writes:
Dear Bill,

Thanks again for sharing this important history with us.

Respectfully,
Kelsey McMillan
389th Bomb Group Official Historian

----- Original Message -----

From: Williscomb@aol.com
To: kelsey@389thbombgroup.com
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 11:15 AM
Subject: 389th emblem

Kelsey;

Thanks for your website. My father, Russell P. Liscomb was a co-pilot in the "Death Dealer," the pilot was Alva "Jake" Geron, and this was one of the lucky planes to return from the first Ploesti run. Shortly after Ploesti, they landed in Switzerland and became the first

bomber crew to be interned. My father was later traded for a Luftwaffe officer and sent stateside. Several years after the war ended he rejoined the Air Force and retired after 27 years of service. He passed away on July 25, 2003 at the age of 86. Long before he died, I asked him to write his experiences down so what he did can be remembered. The resulting story is 24 pages long and is quite an amazing tale. If you are interested, I will gladly send it to you, and if you do like it, it would be fine to post it on your website.

Whether or not you agree, the offer for my father's story stands....

Best Regards
Bill Liscomb
LightWing Productions
185 Via Las Brisas
San Marcos, CA 92069
760.518.3281

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: M8XR - 93rd BG -
Date: Mon, 24 Aug 2009 20:45:50 -0500
From: Fred Preller <f3red@preller.us>
To: Graphics Department
<artwork@allegrapc.com>
CC: Historian@Mighty8thAF.Preller.US,
Econfina Tackle Traders
<econfinatackle@knology.net>,
swcoxclu@knology.net

References: <C6695A25-5820-4E0B-AF59-97165025CFC2@allegrapc.com>

Sorry - I meant to mention I have no, repeat NO, knowledge of Gay, and little knowledge of the 93rd, other than what is on my website (domain Mighty8thAF.preller.us).

Graphics Department wrote:
Dear Mr. Preller,

My name is Steve Cox. I am the editor of the Florida Antique Tackle Collectors Magazine, and recently acquired several pieces of fishing tackle owned by Major Greenwood George Gay, of Pensacola, Florida. In learning more about Major Gay, it became apparent that as interesting as his old fishing tackle is, the man who owned it was far more so. My daughter, Nicole Cox, is working on her PhD in History at the University of Florida and assisted me with my search for more information on Major Gay. Her computer work led me to your website for the 93rd Bombardment Group. I am writing an article about Major Gay and his tackle for our upcoming issue of the FATC magazine and would like to include some of your photos and link information to your website. As a tribute to all of the WWII veterans, I want this story to have special meaning, and would like to send a number of additional copies to the attendees at the upcoming reunion in October at Shreveport/Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. If you would be so kind, please

advise how many attendees are anticipated so that I may adjust my print quantity accordingly. We are a small, not-for-profit organization, and cannot print large quantities, but may be able to add an additional 50 - 100 copies of the 24 page color magazine, which will be printing in the next two weeks. Do you know the name of Major Gay's B24 plane or any crew members? Also, do you have any photos of him? In talking with one of the family members, they indicated many of Major Gay's personal effects were lost in Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Was he in 328th, 329th, 330th, or 409th Squadron. Your website and the National Archives and Records Administration assisted in pinpointing his prison camp as Stalag Luft 1 Barth-Vogelsang Prussia 54-12.

Any information you can assist me with will be greatly appreciated. I lost my dad in January 2008. He was a US Navy veteran of the Korean war and served as a gunners mate on the destroyer escort George E. Davis, number 357. We are losing so many of our veterans, and I would like my readers to have something to remember them by...

I'll forward the text of the article as soon as it is finished; we are waiting on this final information to complete the draft.

Best Regards,
Steven W. Cox

Please note, this email is coming from the desk of our graphic designer at Allegra Print & Imaging. My addresses are in the CC section of this email. You can respond to this email or the addresses in the CC section.

Fred Preller
Fate, Texas
Webmaster:
- [HTTP://WWW.384thBombGroup.com/](http://WWW.384thBombGroup.com/)
- [HTTP://Mighty8thAF.Preller.US/](http://Mighty8thAF.Preller.US/)

From: doniac1967@sbcglobal.net
To: artwork@allegrapc.com
CC: dogpatchraider@gmail.com; joyridecp@msn.com;
109clearview@verizon.net; jguddal@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Re: M8XR - 93rd BG -]
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 17:32:21 -0400

Hi,
This is what I have from my collection.

Plane was 42-100323 Radio call letter (RCL) "J" of the 330th BS. At that time in the war the only official marking on the plane would have been the large white circle on the tail with a "B", below the circle was 2100323 then J below the #. There would not have been BS codes at that time.

B
2100323
J

The plane was a B-24J -90-CO built at Consolidated (San Diego) and was OD in finish.

Plane was lost on Feb 25, 1944. I do not have a photo of the plane nor Mr. Gay.

Most of the crew survived being lost on a mission to Fürth and became POWs. The Pilot McCartie and Engineer Brown were Killed and buried at Nieder.

I have included a scan of the flight record for the day they were lost.

Best Regards,

Don Morrison
93rd BG Historian
1375 West Comet Rd
Clinton OH 44216



From: moe2revs@cox.net
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: 93rd BG Info
Date: Sat, 8 Aug 2009 12:01:18 -0700
Dear Joy Ride,

Have been doing some investigation of your website, looking for information about my father, SSgt. Richard W. Ford, who served as a tail gunner with the 93rd, 330th squadron in 1944-45. I located the serial number of his plane, the "Picadilly Virgin?" on the list of planes on your

site: 450534 but your list shows ? in the space for name. Was able to Google a picture of the Picadilly Virgin? which also lists all her identifying info. It credits Peterson Air and Space Museum. Would that museum be the best place to look for information on that plane and her crew or does your organization have any such records? (The pilot's name was Neville Libby (sp?)) Anything you could tell me would be appreciated.

Thanks.
Shelly Ford Moe

From: doniac1967@sbcglobal.net
To: joyridecp@msn.com; moe2revs@cox.net;
k8qgc@aol.com; dogpatchraider@gmail.com;
mtsellers@mac.com
Subject: RE: 93rd BG Info
Date: Mon, 10 Aug 2009 09:24:28 -0400

The plane was named "Piccadilly Virgin?" This list on the web page is old. I do have some 330th flight records for that time period. Do you have his list of missions?

Thanks

Don Morrison

Hi Shelly,



To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: 93 BG request
Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 13:23:46 -0400
From: burnettmo@aol.com

spoke about it. I do have a few pictures of him from WW II. I would be happy to copy and share them with your group. I know he was a radio operator on a bomber. He really wanted to be a bomber but he said he didn't pass the test.

Hello, I am looking for any information about my father who served as a Sargent in the 93rd Bombing Group. His name was Hugh Ronald Murphy and his DOB was June 1, 1925. He was from Hudson, Wisconsin. I know he was young, I believe 17 yrs. old when he signed up because I remember my mom telling me his father had to sign the papers for him to enlist in the Army Air Corps. So this would put the year he enlisted in 1942 or 1943. My father passed away in 1997 and he never really

Really this is all the information I have. I would love to know any missions he flew on, and where, and if any of the men from his group are still alive. I do have a half of a picture of him and 5 of the guys standing or kneeling in front of the plane and the first number on the plane is the number "6". My father is the handsome guy standing 2nd from the left... I looked at all of the photos you have on your web site and did not see this same photo.

Thank-you so much for any information you could get to me. I really appreciate it. I am thinking I might like to join the group also. I am very proud of my father and the fact that he served in World War II.

Sincerely,

Maureen Murphy Burnett, New Orleans, LA 70125

----- Original Message -----

From: [koen wouters](mailto:koen.wouters)

To: dogpatchraider@gmail.com

Cc: [koen wouters](mailto:koen.wouters)

Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2009 11:58 PM

Subject: Godfather

Dear Mr and Mss DURAN,

As I was searching on the net for information about 2e Lt Alvin KIBLER I found your adress on the site of the 328th Bomb Sq.

As my father, who was a war orphelin of the second world war learned me, I continue having great respect for all the young man who gave their lives for freedom and democratie in the second world war.

So I became godfather off the graves of 2e Lt Alvin KIBLER (328th Bomb Sq/93rd Bomb Gp Heavy) and of William H. Wender, technician 4 Class of the 38th Infantry Rgt/2nd Inf Division.

Every year, in september, we bring some flowers to their graves in Henry Chapelle. Fallen but not forgotten!

Why am I writing all this in my best english?

Well, I would like to become some more information of both men. Who where they, do they still have family a live? Maybe the family will be happy to know that so far from home, their uncle, grandfather... is not forgotten. Their graves are visited every year, their lives have not been given for notting, they are remembered and honored.

Maybe you can give me more information or even pass my adres towards services who can help me by this search.

Sorry for my English writing.

In the hope to become some more information I thank you in advance,

respectfully,

Koen WOUTERS

Beersel/Dworp, Belgium

From: agnes_vdb

To: [Joe Duran](mailto:Joe.Duran)

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 11:22 PM

Subject: Re: Godfather

Dear Mr and Mss DURAN?

I was so happy to receive your mail. Thanks to your information 2e Lt KIBLER becomes already more than a small white cross on a grave yard. Of course any information about this young soldier stays welcome. The fact you answered my mail will be extremely motivating for my brothes and sisters who also became godfathers of graves on the grave yard of Henri Chapelle. As I already said next month there wille be a small parade on

this grave yard with representatives of de US government and the Belgian state.Survivers of WW II and the battle of the Bulge participate of course. The children of the school of Henri Chapelle are also present and walk hand in hand with those ancient soldiers. So the remembrance is given trough from generation to generation. I think the fact that we don't forget is not known enough in the States. It is a pity because it's important not only for the familys of the fallen brave young men but for remembrance on its own.

I will send you some photographs off the ceremony ath the end of september.

Koen

From: [Joe Duran](mailto:Joe.Duran)

To: [koen wouters](mailto:koen.wouters)

Cc: [JOANNE WILLIAM SARGENT](mailto:JOANNE.WILLIAM.SARGENT) ; [Charles Sill](mailto:Charles.Sill) ; [Don Morrison](mailto:Don.Morrison) ; [Cal Davidson](mailto:Cal.Davidson)

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 7:41 PM

Subject: Re: Godfather

Koen,

I apologize for our slow response to your email. It's wonderful to hear stories like yours about how you continue to honor our fallen loved ones. We too have an Uncle, Captain Joe Avendano buried in England at the American Cemetery in Cambridge. Thank you for your kindness it is greatly appreciated!

On you question about 2nd Lt. Alvin Kibler I have very little information on him but will share what I have. With your permission I would like to forward your email to a few others and see if they might have more information than I do.

On Sept. 21,1944 while on a raid to Koblenz marshalling yards, two planes collided in the clouds near Inglemunster, Belgium. The two planes were piloted by Lt. Everett E. Johnson of the 328th and Lt. Clair F. Mullin of the 330th. Lt. Kibler was the navigator on Johnson's crew. There were only 5 survivors, all were from Johnson's crew. Also there was a written report filed four days after the accident by Naughty Nan's pilot Lt Johnson recorded in our 93rd BG history book called Ted's Travelling Circus. It's rather lengthy I'll see about getting that to you later.

I'm so sorry that I can't help you with the other gentleman you inquired about.

Thanks again for remembering. We will be in touch soon,

Phyllis

From: dmp@gorowan.com <dmp@gorowan.com>
Subject: Your website
To: jguddal@yahoo.com
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 1:20 PM

My uncle George B. Brandon, Jr. from Concord, N was 2nd. Lt 330th, was POW crashed near Wangerin on 6/20/44 in B-24 #4295039 record source MACR 6152.

My father John William Patterson never entered service but helped build the Norden bomb sights in Durham, NC during the war.

My wife's father William Jay Smith was a navigator on a B-24 during the war. He was from Kannapolis, NC

Dan Patterson
Spencer, NC

On Wed, Sep 9, 2009 at 12:58 PM, Walter Ruff <theruffs@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
Dear Mr. Duran,

My name is Walter Ruff. My dads name was Richard Ruff. He was in the 93rd Bomb Group 409th Squadron. He was in England from June of 1944 to May of 1945. He flew out of Norwich, England. My Dad passed away in June of 2004 and my Mom passed away last December. I knew very little about my Dad's war

experience. Are there any resources available on the history of these men who flew at the same time my Dad did.
I have looked at Ted's traveling circus web sight and wondered if there were other resources similar to this. I am a retired school teacher from Texas and finally have the time to do some research on this subject.
Thank you for any information you can give me.

Walter Ruff

From: dogpatchraider@gmail.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: Fw: 2009 Reunion
Date: Wed, 9 Sep 2009 15:15:58 -0700

----- Original Message -----

From: Joe Duran
To: Walter Ruff
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2009 2:47 PM
Subject: Re: 2009 Reunion

Walter

I want to first say that it is good to hear from you and you are not alone in your quest for info about your father. There are many resources to aid you in your search for info. One is the 93rd BG news letter (Ball of Fire) that

you can subscribe to. You can then post request for info about your Dad.
The 93rd BG history book written by Carroll (Cal) Stewart list your father on the 93rd rolls but that is it. Any info ,like the name or names of this Pilots and crew members will help.

Many of the crew info is listed under the pilots name.

We also have a yearly reunion that has a number of 409 sq members that show up and family and friends are able to fill in much of the history. Our web site has the reunion info on it if you are interested.

Best Regards
Joe Avendano Duran

Nephew of Capt Joe Avendano Pilot 328-329th sq
1942-1944

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PAST AND FUTURE B24 EVENTS

I am sharing a couple events that I received and passed along on email. I received positive feedback from the members about the "Tupelo Lass". I wanted to notify the members who received their newsletters through regular mail of these events and the ability to contact the individuals directly.

JoAnne Sargent

PRESENTATION OF MODEL OF THE "TUPELO LASS"

From: LPScott62@aol.com
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 13:42:13 -0400
Subject: Presentation of model of the "Tupelo Lass" to the Veterans Museum in Tupelo, MS
To: joyridecp@msn.com

Hey BOFQE guys and gals -
Just like you to know about this presentation on 7 September which I and Tommy Carr have planned. Here's my memo to the mayor's office and Tupelo Journal about the presentation -

To Mayor Reed -
Thanks for taking my call and scheduling the councilman to be present at our presentation of the model of the "Tupelo Lass" to the Tupelo Veterans Museum (Tony Lute, curator) -- at 1:00 pm on 7 September.-
(Tony says the museum is normally closed on Mondays - But go around to the rear door for access.)

The Tupelo Journal has been contacted and photos have been made - and an article will be run in the Journal on Wednesday of next week -

The following is a bit of history of this WWII B-24 bomber -- written to the paper last week --

My name is Leland P. Scott (I go by Patrick - my middle name)

I have a story and an event that I think is newsworthy - For publication in the Journal.
My friend Tommy Carr in Tupelo has constructed a model of the "Tupelo Lass" from a kit which I purchased for him. The "Tupelo Lass" was a B-24 bomber piloted during WWII by a Tupelo native, Jake Epting, Jr. They flew on many missions over occupied Europe including the famous Ploesti oil refinery low level raid over Romania. The model built by Tommy has been reproduced in detail and has a wing span of 48 inches. The "Lass" was a bomber in the 409th Bomb Squadron of the 93rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) of the Mighty 8th Air Force.

We intend to donate this model to the Veterans Museum on West Main in Tupelo on 7 September 2009 at 1:00 pm. The curator of the museum is Tony Lute at 844-1515. Please feel free to contact him about this presentation.

I will be submitting a detailed story of the Tupelo Lass to you there at the Journal (or as directed) for publication as you see fit.

Please reply to this email and provide further instructions - If a photographer could be present - it would be great !! I actually think this occasion would be something the mayor would like to be informed about and maybe attend in person.

There remains only one living member of the crew of the Tupelo Lass - He is Ben Kuroki - a gunner on the bomber - one of the few Japanese-Americans ever allowed flight status during WWII. Another member of the crew, the navigator, passed away this year in Denton, TX - He was Ed Weir whose log books were the source data for the book "Down To Two Feet Altitude" written by Jim Wells of Denton, TX. It tells the story of the Tupelo Lass in detail.

I will provide more info in the article - which I hope to produce in the coming week -
Please respond to this memo - So that I can have a contact at the Journal.

I can be reached by email or on my cell phone at 321-266-3831.

Between now and early September I will be on the road - But hope to arrive Tupelo around 6 September for the presentation at the Museum on 7 September.
Thank you for your attention to this Story.

~) Patrick Scott
(.~*)
"Whether the Cup with sweet or bitter run,
The Wine of Life keeps oozing drop by drop,
The Leaves of Life keep falling one by one."
__ Omar Khayyam (Rubaiyat)

B-29 / B-24 Squadron Tours

From: tschmid@austin.rr.com
To: tschmid@austin.rr.com
Subject: WWII Veterans CAF AIRSHO special guests
Date: Tue, 25 Aug 2009 21:02:37 -0500

WWII Veterans are invited to CAF AIRSHO in Midland with complimentary admission on Saturday and Sunday Oct 10-11

- Sat/Sun Free Admission for any WWII Veteran, plus one guest
- Special parking area and a ride into the grounds to the WWII Veteran Tent
- Lunch provided by the CAF Desert Squadron

Contact Col Darrell Sanders of the Desert Squadron, for information and arrangements.
Darrell 432-563-1000 ext. 2258 (CAF Headquarters)

World War II Veterans Tent

Sponsored and hosted by the CAF Desert Squadron. WWII Veterans are welcomed into a large tent with tables and chairs (shaded.) WWII Veterans also get special parking and a ride to the tent, as well as other places as needed. The tent is located on the east side of the HQ/Museum. Desert Squadron provides a lunch and drinks.

Other Events:

Friday Oct 9: A day for relaxing around the hangars and museum, and watching CAF aircraft arrive from around the country.

11:30am "Save the Girls" BBQ Lunch in CC Hangar (info below and at link)
Help support the museum's collection of authentic World War II aviation Nose Art®
Details: http://airsho.org/?page=cms/index&cms_page=8

7:00pm American Combat Airman Hall of Fame 2009 Induction Dinner
You will want to return year after year for this very moving event.
Details: http://airsho.org/?page=cms/index&cms_page=19
(I NEVER miss this! - it is a highlight of my AIRSHO weekend)

Saturday & Sunday Oct 10-11 AIRSHO <http://www.airsho.org/>

The Sunday show is a repeat of Saturday.

Aircraft: http://airsho.org/?page=cms/index&cms_page=6

B-24A Liberator OI' 927 will be open for tours both days. Rides may be purchased for \$450 per seat.

B-29 Superfortress FIFI will be open for tours both days.

re-engine project Updates & Photos: <http://www.cafb29b24.org/a/B-29-Updates-2009.htm>

PS: if you plan to attend AIRSHO in Midland, please let me know.

Keep 'em Flying!

Toni Schmid Stevenson

B-29 / B-24 Squadron Tour Director

512-796-1123 cell

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AIRSHO offers a lot of special activities and events, both during and prior to AIRSHO. Consider some or all of these activities to make your AIRSHO visit a truly spectacular and unique experience!

Save the Girls Lunch

Enjoy live entertainment and authentic West Texas barbeque, all while supporting the world's largest collection of World War II Nose Art® at the "Save the Girls" lunch, Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. The lunch will be held in the Commemorative Center

from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30, with sponsorship tables available.

To order tickets or reserve your table for this unique and memorable experience, call the Special Events Coordinator at (432) 563-1000 ext. 2270 or email ariggs@aahm.org. A portion of the proceeds help in the operation of the Aviation Nose Art Gallery and Conservation Lab in the CAF Airpower Museum.

American Combat Airman Hall of Fame Banquet

Dine with true aviation heroes at the 13th annual American Combat Airman Hall of Fame (ACAHOFF) banquet Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, at the Midland Center in **downtown Midland**. The ceremony will honor seven individuals and one combat unit. In addition to the induction ceremony, the CAF Airpower Museum will unveil exhibit panels featuring each inductee. The CAF established the ACAHOFF in 1997. Its purpose is to recognize Americans whose service in the air during any war or conflict reflects credit upon the fighting men and women of the United States.

The banquet is a guaranteed sell-out. If you are planning to attend this unique and memorable event, order your tickets or reserve your table early by calling the Special Events Coordinator at (432) 563-1000 ext 2270 or email ariggs@aahm.org. The 2009 inductees are: Col. Dean Caswell, USMC (Ret), Lt. jg Ross Thomas Collins, USN (WWII), Lt. Col. James W. Empey, USAF (Ret), Walter Tom Holmes, Lt. Col. (WWII), Fred Ohr, Maj. (WWII), Orville "Blackie" Blackburn, MSgt (WWII), Col. Darrell Welch, USAF (Ret) and 49th Fighter Group

AIRSHO Accommodations

Be sure to log on to www.airsho.org to book your accommodations for the 2009 CAF AIRSHO! It's on the one stop shop for all of the Midland/Odessa area hotels. See you at AIRSHO!

[Click here to go directly to the Accommodations page..](#)

American Combat Airman Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

Friday, October 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Information: 432-563-1000 ext 2270

"Save the Girls" Lunch

Friday, October 9, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

Ticket Information: 432-563-1000 ext 2270

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FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

Attention Members of the 93rd Bomb Group Association. Effective January 1, 2010, we are going to transition to a calendar year end date for purpose of renewal of your Dues and Newsletter Subscription. While using the INTERNET to transmit your BOFQE has been a cost effective way of reducing production and mailing costs, it has become more difficult to keep track of everyone's anniversary. With your understanding and help, your 93rd will taxi down the old runway very smoothly. Thanks! *Jim Guddal, Treasurer*

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