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Recognition of a Hero - John L Sullivan

In 1944, during World War II, the skies over Europe were full of heroes. They really didn't consider themselves as such; they felt they were just doing their job, if you can call defending freedom "just a job". My father John L Sullivan was one of those men. Seventy years later France has recognized him as a hero by awarding him their highest honor.

On February 28, 2014, Governor Jay Nixon presented him the medal in a ceremony at the Missouri State Capital Building attended by family and friends and others who appreciate the sacrifices he made so long ago.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 when he was just eighteen. After training as a navigator/bombardier in a B-24 Liberator he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the 93rd Bombardment Group in Norwich, England. He arrived in England in June of 1944 eventually flying 35 missions, many over Nazi occupied France. The French people have never forgotten and are awarding those who served.

The award was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. Veterans of allied countries who fought in World War I and World II are eligible for the award. It is not awarded posthumously.

Consul General Graham Paul wrote in a letter from the French Consulate in Chicago, "Thanks to your courage, and to our American friends and allies, France has been living in peace for the past six decades...For us the French people, you are heroes".

My father was very proud to receive this award. He couldn't be more proud than I am. Being the man he is, he has always been my hero.

Peggy Sellers, Daughter of John L Sullivan



Photo 1: Major General Stephen Danner of the MO National Guard, John Sullivan, Governor Jay Nixon.

Photo 2: Brendan Sullivan, Cynthia Sullivan, Rebecca Curtit, Stella Curtit, John Sullivan, Bee Sullivan, John Sellers, Bethany Sellers, Peggy Sellers, Jim Sellers.

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President's Corner

Ted's Travelling Circus by Carroll (Cal) Stewart provides a glimpse of daily activities throughout the war. For instance on March 16, 1944 (70 years ago and the day I am writing), 30 bombers were sent to Friedrichsafen, an important rail junction on the north shore of Lake Constance, opposite Switzerland. Two B-24s from the 330th Squadron were hit by flak and were unable to return. Eight men from the first crew were captured by the Germans while two escaped and were interned in Switzerland. The second crew landed safely in Switzerland and was interned. The target, a manufacturing city for Dornier aircraft, was not hit—instead a small Swiss town, Schaffhausen, bordered by Germany on three sides was struck with more than 50 civilian casualties. Stewart concludes, "As time wore on, German flak grew more menacing and deadly." This is how the war went. Some days were quiet and uneventful. Some like March 16, resulted in the loss of planes and crews. If you have Cal's book, read it regularly as a reminder of the great sacrifices made by our veterans. The books are available through our PX.



Last month, while traveling on business I was staying overnight in Jacksonville, FL. Remembering Johnny and Betty Fridell were from there, I decided to look them up. My email to Johnny went unanswered as did my phone calls. Not knowing what else to do, I drove to their home. Knocking on the door produced no response and the house looked shut up with no evidence of anyone present. I took a chance and knocked on the next door neighbor's home. They had lived there more than 50 years and knew Fridells very well. After they provided the number and called Johnny on my behalf, I made arrangements to visit him in his apartment. We had a wonderful visit catching up with all that has happened to Betty and Johnny and all their friends in the 93rd. Betty is living in a separate assisted living facility near her son and needs more care than Johnny can provide. He and Betty are able to visit occasionally and talk daily. Johnny asked me to extend his greetings to everyone in the 93rd. He misses the reunions and talking about the "good-ole-days." The photo captures Johnny and I standing in front of his contributions to the Veteran's wall at Deerwood. Johnny would be happy to hear from you. Please correspond with him at Mr. John Fridell, c/o Deerwood Place, Room 332, 8700 AC Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

The Association has agreed to fund the placement of a plaque honoring the 93rd in St. Margaret Parish Church in Hardwick about 2 ½ miles from the base. A similar plaque in the St. Margaret Church in Topcroft about 1 ½ miles away memorializing the 93rd Bomb Group has been in place for many years. Working with a Hardwick resident, Robert Lewis, and the Parish Council, the plaque will be placed in a prominent location inside the church to remind future generations in Hardwick of the important contributions made by Americans of the 93rd to their freedom and way of life. We hope to provide photos of the new plaque in the next Ball of Fire Quarterly Express. On his own initiative, Robert Lewis has maintained the wooden cross with brass plate memorial placed in 1999 to commemorate the crash of the Marx crew on Dec 19, 1944. Because of his twice a year cleanings, polishing and varnishing, the cross remains a fitting marker to commemorate the death of 10 fine young Americans.

Last issue, I asked four questions as follows:

Do you believe we should combine with another group such as the Heritage League or another Bomb Group Association?

If so, when should we move to consolidation?

What are the important factors to consider when making the decision?

What steps should we take to preserve the 93rd's identification and uniqueness?

I am eager to hear from our members regarding this important issue. Please communicate your thoughts with me by email, letter or phone. My contact information is 109clearview@verizon.net, 109 Clearview St, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 or 724-843-3897.

John Marx, President

By: Jim Guddal

(Castle Air Field was the post WWII home of the 93rd Bombardment Group (H) from June 15, 1946 until it was inactivated June 16, 1952. During that time it was also the home of the 93rd Bomb Wing (H). The Bombardment Squadrons 328th, 329th and 330th were assigned to the 93rd BMW. Team Castle made up of three separate wings working together closed July 4, 1995)

A Revisit to Castle Air Force Base (now Castle Air Museum)



Over the 2013 Christmas holiday, Corinne and I traveled to San Jose, CA to visit grandson Sidd and his parents. He is an eleven year old whose primary interest now is “robots”. His mom is a physician and dad is an analyst with Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical company.

We three guys drove two hours from San Jose to Atwater which is located in the Central Valley not far from Merced, the largest city in the region. Merced is also the gateway to Yosemite National Park.

Castle Field was opened in 1941 as the Merced Flying School. Vultee BT-13 trainers started arriving in December 1941 just as Pearl Harbor was being attacked. They would be followed by BT-15s and Link trainers (designed by Edwin Link Jr. in 1928). Over the course of four years, hundreds of student pilots completed basic training and went on to all theaters of war by 1945. Military law, navigation and radio communications were also taught at the school. At peak, 1,000

cadets per week graduated with a total of 13,000 persons receiving training at Merced Army Flying School by 1945. The base had 600 aircraft flying 535-550 daily permitting 40-42,000 flying hours per month.

After WWII, training continued with B-52 bombers and KC-135 tankers. Corinne’s brother trained here as a navigator on KC-135s in the late 1960’s when we first visited Castle. It was thrilling watching B-52s do “touch and go” one after another.

Not to be overlooked were the more than 156 **Women Army Service Pilots (WASPs)** serving at Castle the first of who started arriving in November 1943. As training demands increased, the women provided training services (but not pilot instruction) as well as ferrying aircraft to other bases. In late 1944, during a very politically charged environment concerning the WASPs, they were disbanded by Congress. According to Castle records, more than 1,000 women participated in the program flying a variety of aircraft during the war years. No recognition of their service to this nation would occur until 1997 when President Jimmy Carter signed a law giving them military recognition.

During the B-52 and KC-135 years, more specifically on June 10, 1982, history was made when the Strategic Air Command, s first- ever all woman air crew arrived at Castle. “The flight orders were bordered in pink lace, the outside of a KC-135 tanker was decorated with bright pink bows, and the flight was dubbed **“Fair Force One”**.”

Five women made up the air crew. Two schedulers as well as all members of the ground crew were women. They were part of the 924th Air Refueling Squadron at Castle. Ranking from Sergeant to Captain, the air crew had a combined 3,700 hours flying experience.

“As KC-135 crewmembers with the Strategic Air Command, all the crew members of **“Fair Force One”** are members of the Combat Crew Force at Castle. They serve on alert duty, seven days straight maintaining a constant state of readiness as part of our nation’s nuclear deterrent force.”

The naming of Castle Air Force Base



Like many of our modern day air bases and commercial airports named for military leaders, Castle was named in honor of **Brigadier General Frederick Walker Castle**. He was born in Manila, Philippine Islands in 1908 to a military family Col. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Castle. After joining the New Jersey National Guard at age 16, he received an appointment to West Point graduating in 1930. By 1931 he had received his pilot training at Kelly Field in Texas. With the breakout of WWI and after a short stint in the civilian world, he re-entered the Army and became Asst. Chief of Staff to General Ira C. Eaker, a leader of the 8th Air Force. He rose quickly up the ranks becoming a Brigadier General in two years. By his request, he was

assigned to combat earning many medals including the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Service Cross with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.



On his 30th mission December 24, 1944, as Air Commander and lead aircraft over more than 2,000 aircraft, General Castle's aircraft lost an engine and had to fall out of formation so as to not slow it down. To avoid possible injury to friendly troops below, he refused to jettison his bombs from the B-17 Flying Fortress resulting in slower speed and greater vulnerability to enemy fighter attack. They were attacked and suffered damage from cannon shells setting the oxygen system on fire. All of the crew were saved except for General Castle and the pilot before the plane with Castle at the controls exploded and plunged to the ground. Posthumously, he was awarded the **Congressional Medal of Honor**. He is buried at the U.S. Military Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

"His **Medal of Honor** citation reads, in part "... Repeated attacks started fires in two engines ... realizing the hopelessness of the situation, the bail-out order was given.

Without regards for his personal safety he gallantly remained at the controls to afford other crew members an opportunity to escape. Still another attack exploded the gas tanks ... and the bomber plunged earthward, carrying General Castle to his death. His intrepidity and willing sacrifice of his life to save members of the crew were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service."

The above citation is reprinted from information received from Castle Museum.

On Saturday, April 6, 1946, Merced Field was renamed Castle Air Force Base. Those in attendance included Generals Henry (Hap) Arnold and Ira C. Eaker and Colonel Benjamin F. Castle

A Chronology of the History of the Castle Air Base

1941	Merced Army Flying School opens
1942	Lt. General Henry (Hap) Arnold visits base; 400 new flight recruits arrive for basic military training
1944	Base receives National Safety Award for its massive record of hours flown and for a low accident rate
April 1945	B-29 flight engineer training commences
Feb 1946	59th Reconnaissance Squadron arrives with B-29s, B-17s, C-47s, C-45s and 1 C-54
April 1946	15th AF assumes jurisdiction from the 4th AF
April 6, 1946	Army Day – Gen. Henry Arnold christens the base Castle Field
June 15, 1946	93rd Bomb Group was assigned to Castle Field
July 28, 1947	93rd Bomb Wing was activated and the tactical units, 328th, 329th, and 330th Bombardment Squadrons were assigned to the 93rd BMW.
Sept 1947	Dept of the Air Force becomes a separate service
Jan 1948	Castle Field becomes Castle Air Force Base
June 1949	New aircraft, B-50s arrived and with them new and varied maintenance problems. The units flying time was decreased due to these problems, but did not stop the 93rd BMW from winning the SAC team-bombing competition in October 1949.
June 16, 1952	93rd Bombardment Group is deactivated at Castle.
1953	Strategic Air command (SAC) converts 93rd BW into a B-52 crew training base with responsibility to train all B-52 crews
May 1954	First B-47 medium jet bomber arrived.
December 1, 1954	SAC bestowed the history, battle honors, and colors of the 93rd Bomb Group upon the 93rd Bombardment Wing
June 29, 1955	First B-52 jet delivered to SAC lands at Castle. Headquarters SAC had decided to convert the 93rd BMW into a B-52 crew-training unit for the command.
May 1957	Arrival of the first KC-135 jet tanker assigned to the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron.
November 1956	Operation "Quick Kick" – Two B-52s flew nonstop flight around the perimeter of North America.
Jan 1957	Operation "Power Flight" – First non-stop flight around the world. Three B-52s from the 93rd BMW circled the world in 45 hours and 19 minutes, one of the greatest feats of modern aviation. "Power Flite" had completely cut in half the non-stop times to fly around the world. The Wing was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
January 1959	The 1,000th crew graduated from the B-52 training program.

May 1959	SAC units re-organized under the new deputy commander concept. The air base group becomes the 93 rd Combat Support Group, responsible for certain areas of support for the 93 rd BMW.
July 1959	47 th Air Division moved its headquarters from Walker AFB, New Mexico to CAFB
December 15, 1961	The 330 th BS assumed ground alert.
March 1962	KC-135 (tanker) aircraft of the 924 th and 93 rd AREFS participate in flight refueling support of the B-58 Hustler aircraft setting a new speed record from LA to New York and back
August 17, 1962	<u>President John F. Kennedy arrived on Air force One and visited a short time to give a speech before departing for Yosemite National Park. He had come to dedicate the new San Luis Dam</u>
October 22, 1962	<u>Cuban Missile Crisis began.</u>
September 16, 1963	330 th BS moved to March AFB to become the 2 nd Bomb Squadron.
March 25, 1964	The wing was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the second time.
Aug 1964	93 rd AREFS assumed all training commitments for KC-135 tankers
Dec 17, 1964	93 rd AREFS went on ground alert
1977 to 1989	Wing earns numerous unit awards including best in SAC
May 1982	First all female tanker crew in SAC
1992	SAC deactivated and the B-52s of the 93 rd now under the Air Combat Command. The KC-135s now under the Air Mobility Command and later reassigned to the Air Education and Training Command
1993 to closing in 1995	Castle becomes host to a new tenant squadron, the 34 th Bomb Squadron from Mt. Home AFB Idaho. Castle was now made up of three separate wings working together and the base became known as TEAM CASTLE ---where GLOBAL REACH AND GLOBAL POWER BEGIN.
1995	Castle closes as an active air base

In Summary



What I have presented here is but a brief glimpse of the rich history of Castle Air Force Base now Castle Museum. While not as grandiose as a Wright-Patterson museum at Dayton, Ohio, Castle has an excellent outside display of 63 aircraft. The number one aircraft placed at the entrance to the Museum is a B-24M manufactured by Consolidated Aircraft. It carries the markings of our own 93rd Bomb Group, 329th Bomb Squadron. Across the parking lot sits an awesome Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird. Inside the museum building you will find a fascinating collection of aviation and wartime memorabilia on display including a B-52 Link Trainer (flight simulator).

We had a really good time at Castle and look forward to going back. One eleven year old boy now knows something about the fine aircraft that served his country from the B-24, B-25 and B-29 of WWII to Korea with a North American F-86 Sabre Jet to the McDonald F-4 Phantom and Douglas A-4 Skyhawk serving in Vietnam. Like so many young men, he was pretty impressed with that SR-71. But, who wouldn't be impressed with that majestic black bird? This museum was worth the trip!!! Check out the pictures of the B-24 accompanying this article.

Archiving historical memorabilia at Castle

Even though we were there on Saturday, both the museum's Curator Tony Rocha and its CEO Joe Pruzzo were there to greet us and give us a personal tour. They also shared with me how they process the valuable collections that come their way from veterans of all wars. **Here is how they process the collections:**

1. Upon receipt, each item is recorded in a note book. The donor, date, description of donated items and location in the museum are recorded.
2. An "accession number" is assigned to each artifact.
3. The items are stored in acid free boxes and mounted on paper when needed.
4. As resources permit, the data will be recorded on an archival software program called "Past Perfect" to make the artifact easily accessible.

I was very impressed with the care in which the Curator handled the artifacts shown us including an 328th BS A-2 flight jacket, pinks and cap. (see picture) Even the paper documents were very carefully demonstrated. Also in their archives are albums of all the classes graduating from Castle during the war years.

My impression of how this museum handles memorabilia was very positive and I would feel comfortable donating material to Castle. If any of our members received their training at this base and have sentiments toward donating to the Castle Museum, give Tony or Joe a call to discuss the possibility. Please keep in mind that like similar institutions, budgets for archiving seem to be thin and your contribution of memorabilia should be accompanied with money to help the museum process your very important history on a timely basis. So, do not hesitate to donate to the Castle Air Museum!

The next time any of you happen to be in the Merced/Atwater, California area, do stop by the Castle Museum and take time out for a walk through history. You will be glad you did!

The information included in this article has been presented with the permission of the Castle Air Museum. For the complete Castle story, please contact the Museum and order "**Castle Air Force Base – Home of the B-52**" by Gloria Dale Griffin, the former curator. Every person interested in aviation history and the final chapter of the **93rd Bombardment Group** should have this one on their library shelf. It sells for \$24 including shipping. In addition to the book you will receive a very informative **Visitor's Guide** packed with pictures and a brief historical sketch about each of the 63 aircraft on display at the museum. **Make your call today as supplies are limited.**

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We would like to recognize 93rd Bomb Group member **Charles Sill**. Charlie was a volunteer docent at the Castle Air Museum for many years. Charlie left us a few years back and we miss his gentle and quiet way. For those folks visiting Castle with Charlie as their guide, we know they came away with a greater knowledge of Castle's history, the B-24 and much more.

93rd Website Update

At the time of writing this article, 72,735 people have visited the 93rd BG website since it's redesign in November 2009. A visitor recently was logged all the way from Carlingford, New South Wales, Australia.

Annual Reunion Webcasting Project

Coming up at the 2014 reunion in Dayton, Ohio the 93rd BG will continue its webcasting project. The big challenge this year will be to get the word out to as many people as possible. We had an okay viewership at the last reunion in Hartford, CT but I would personally like to see it grow 10 fold in Dayton. To date we have 332 members on the 93rd BG Facebook site. Some members on the site are regulars that attend reunions but most are friends, family and your average interested individual that is curious about the 93rd and it's mission. I'm going to concentrate my efforts in trying to use Facebook more this year to grab the members and get them to "tune in" to our webcast. I'm also going to explore Facebook's power in giving updates and possibly even embed a movie player to see the reunion live as we do on the 93bg.com website. These are new challenges and if we start now we can get the word out and have a big audience check out this year's reunion. It's important to have people see what the 93rd BG is all about and how we strive to continue on the legacy.

2013 Hartford, CT reunion webcast

If you would like to still check out the reunion that took place in Hartford, CT last year please go to www.93bg.com and click on the link in the "News" section of the homepage. I have edited out all the eating that takes place (not to take away how good it was!) so you can get right to the podium talks and presentations. It's a really great thing to go back and watch even if you did attend because things went by so quickly. Lots of great info from lots of great people!

On a personal note



My grandfather John L Sullivan is featured on the front page of this newsletter. As mentioned, he was recently awarded France's Légion d'honneur award. The article was written by my mother Peggy Sellers. We are very proud of him! I did a little research of my own and would like to share a picture of the award in closer detail and some additional information – please read below:

Technically, membership in the Légion d'Honneur is restricted to French nationals. Foreign nationals who have served France or the ideals it upholds may, however, receive a distinction of the Légion, which is nearly the same thing as membership in the Légion. Foreign nationals who live in France are submitted to the same requirements as Frenchmen. Foreign nationals who live abroad may be awarded a distinction of any rank or dignity in the Légion. Wearing the decoration of the Légion d'honneur without having the right to do so is an offence. Wearing the ribbon or rosette of a foreign order is prohibited if that ribbon is mainly red, like the ribbon of the Légion. French military members in uniform must salute other military members in uniform wearing the medal, whatever the Légion d'honneur rank and the military rank of the bearer.

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Greetings from the 93rd BG Historian!

Celebrate VE plus 70 years in Norwich over Memorial Day Weekend 2015! **Mini Reunion in England**

Please let me know a head count by April 30, 2014 even if you talked with me at the reunion!

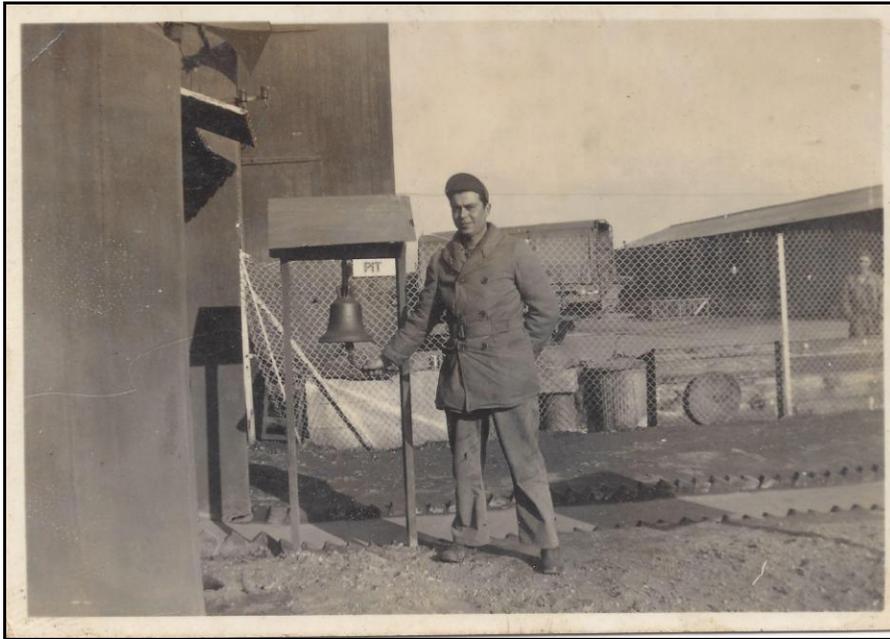
We are looking at the idea of having a Mini 93rd BG reunion in England as discussed at the 93rd BG reunion in Hartford, CT. I am looking for a head count for those who would be interested in the mini reunion around Memorial Day in 2015. It would be a 3 day event ending on Memorial Day. There may be an optional 2 day pre-reunion package for sightseeing around the area of NON 93rd BG/ WW2 places. This will be a similar plan to the 2011 England reunion. If you are not 100% sure, just say "maybe". If there is a location that you would like to visit, please include a note so we can see if we can include in the schedule. Please remember to send your address, Telephone # and email (if available).

93rd First combat loss 41-23678 "Big Eagle"

On the first mission to Lille, France Oct 9, 1942; a B-24 41-23678 of the 330th BS was lost. Please send any information or photos of the plane or crew.

Does this photo Ring a Bell??

Please look at the photo below. I am trying to determine if this photo was taken at Hardwick. Do you recall this location? What does the bell mean?



Looking for old diaries and documents of the 93rd BG

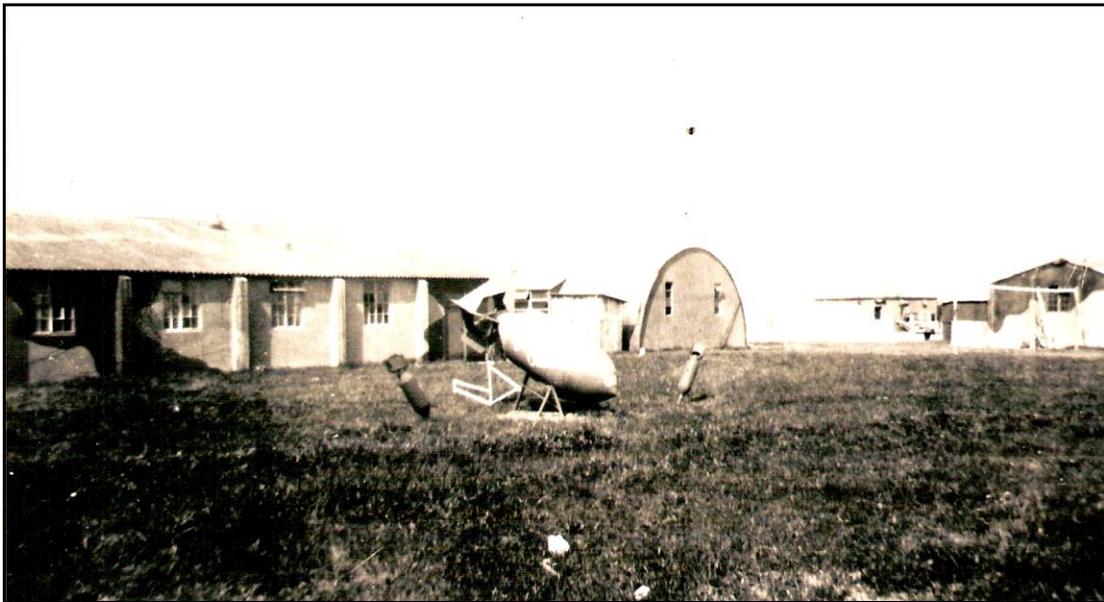
I am looking for any notes, diaries or documents that discuss activities, locations, men or aircraft (serial numbers, Letters, artwork names, flight crews, ground crew or its loss).

FREE Memorabilia cataloging and Research

I am willing to scan any documents, records and photos of a 93rd BG veteran and return ALL of the original items (unharmed) along with cd's of all scans/jpeg images along with any additional information I can add regarding names, plane serial # /artwork and places. There is NO charge for this service! I can also make extra cd's copies for family members. I have done this for several veterans over the years. My contact info is shown below.

The Big Bomb At Station Ordnance (lawn ornament) at Hardwick

Many men of the 93rd BG had photos taken around the large Bomb as shown in the photo below. The attached photos were used to make a layout of building size and type to help in search.



Based on the above research, Station Ordnance "Big Bomb" was a crossed the road from HQ.

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Reminder on Our Dayton, OH Reunion 2014

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

Dates: **Thursday, October 16th – Sunday night, October 19th, 2014**

Hotel	The Dayton Marriott Hotel
Location	Downtown Dayton, OH
Room Rate	\$109.00 for single or double plus 13.25% tax and occupancy fees
Sales Event Manager	Bobby Ogles Direct phone #: 1-937-449-5578

Includes: Full breakfast buffet up to 2 persons per room, complimentary parking in garage, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, full service restaurant on site, and indoor heated swimming pool/fitness center.

Website	www.marriott.com/dayoh
Address	1414 S. Patterson Boulevard Dayton, OH 45409-1000
Phone	1-800-228-9290
Reserve via phone	1-800-228-9290 Use Code: BOMS
Reserve via web	www.Marriott.com Use Group Code: BOMBOMA

We will also post a direct link, on our website, www.93bg.com

Cutoff date: **September 15th, 2014** (so make your reservations early!!!)

Other activities, events, dinners, and tours are being planned, and more information including full schedule and reunion registration fees, will be available by June, 2014. You can also keep checking our website for more information as it comes available: www.93bg.com

NOTE: Transportation to & from the airport (15 miles) is NOT included, and no hotel shuttle is available. Special needs for pick up of veterans can be arranged. Contact Jim Root or John Marx.

Another great reunion is planned!! We want to see you there!!

**93 BOMB GROUP REUNION - OCT 2014
DAYTON, OHIO**



Schedule of Reunion

Day 1 – Thursday, Oct 16

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration / Memorabilia Room Setup at hotel Tradewinds Room
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration /Memorabilia open at hotel Tradewinds Room
2:00 PM	Reunion Officers Meeting in Hospitality Room at hotel boardroom
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Reception at hotel, Salon F/G/H
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Welcome Dinner at hotel, Salon F/G/H

Day 2 – Friday, Oct 17

7:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
8:30 AM	Bus departs for National Museum of the USAF
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Tour WW2 Gallery, Cold War Exhibits
11:00 AM	Re-board bus to Presidential Hanger
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Tour Presidential Hanger
12:30 PM	Bus return to Hotel
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch buffet at Hotel, Salon F/G/H
5:00 PM	Bus departs for National Museum of the USAF
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception & Group Photo “under the B-24”
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner & event at National Museum of USAF

Day 3 – Saturday, Oct 18

7:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Business Meeting at hotel, Salon F/G/H
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Memorabilia Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch, Salon E
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Education Session TBD, Salon F/G/H
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Reception at hotel, Salon F/G/H
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Memorial Dinner at Hotel, Salon F/G/H

Day 4 – Sunday, Oct 19

7:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Religious Service (hotel)
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Optional Tour of Wright Museum (lunch on own)
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Education Session TBD, Salon F/G/H
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Memorabilia Room open
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Light Dinner at hotel, Salon F/G/H

Help Wanted

Editor, Ball of Fire Quarterly Express

Due to a new job, JoAnne Sargent will not be able to continue as our Editor past October. She has done a fabulous job and will be a tough act to follow, but it is time for a new Editor to step forward. The position is responsible for publishing the BOFQE four times per year. The job description from the By-Laws states: **BALL OF FIRE QUARTERLY EXPRESS EDITOR. Shall prepare, publish and distribute the Ball of Fire Quarterly Express in a prompt and timely manner.** The position is an elected position with a two-year term that may be extended by additional two-year terms. JoAnne is willing to provide training and assistance to the new Editor to assure a smooth transition. Anyone one interested should contact John Marx for additional information. 109clearview@verizon.net or 412-327-1909.

Nominating Committee

Three Active Members Needed

Every two years our association elects members to fill eight positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Ball of Fire Quarterly Express Editor, Convention/Reunion Coordinator and Historian. We will nominate and elect officers at our annual meeting in October. A Special Committee is established by the President to develop recommendations. Our By-Laws state:

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

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

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

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

If you are interested in serving, especially if you are a veteran, as a member of the Nominating Committee please contact John Marx for additional information.

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Letters to the Editor

From: rapier4@hotmail.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com;
webmaster@93rdbombardmentgroup.com
Subject: 93 BG Request - Bathtub Bessie/Big Eagle
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2014 09:38:14 -0600

Howdy,

I am the grandson of the late Michael L. Reardon, who flew with the 93rd, 330th in the mission to Lille. He was aboard the plane "Bathtub Bessie/Big Eagle" (as mentioned through research and on your site) which was shot down on their first mission. He passed on when I was very young and much of his time in service and details about his plane, crew, and experience were kept with him. I am looking to dig up as much information about the crew and plane known as "Big Eagle" (Or Bathtub Bessie) and the mission my grandfather part of.

I am hoping that this could be run in one of your newsletters or whichever methods you go through in looking for information. I have also utilized the message board and the facebook pages for the 93rd to help solicit any information. Any information or photographs would be very helpful; I have been unable to locate a single photo of the crew or the aircraft. I would hope I could find any of the surviving members or their relatives to gather

information to compile and share with my family. The main things I hope to find are:

- Photo of the plane/Nose art
- Photo of the crew
- Concrete name of the plane (Bathtub Bessie or Big Eagle)
- Contact with anyone from the mission in Lille or any surviving crew members

Plane Info:
Bathtub Bessie/Big Eagle
B-24D s/n: 41-23678
Shot down on Lille mission 10/9/1942

I hope to learn much more about my grandfather's time in service and also the rest of the 93rd so that I can pass this along with my family to cherish in our history.

Please feel free to contact me if needed. I joined the group and made payment on 1/29/2014.

Thanks for your help
Sean Reardon
713-816-0999
Rapier4@Hotmail.com

From: gfrickell@yahoo.com
Sent: 9/25/2013 9:01:03 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: 8th Air Force Pilot

If anyone at your reunion would happen to know about Jim, his remaining family would appreciate hearing anything your friends and families might be able to offer. Please send any help you might be able to offer to us to gfrickell@yahoo.com and I will pass that information to his family.

Hello,
James N. Stanley was a pilot in the 8th Air Force during World War II. He never talked about his war experiences and never wanted to. His family respected his wish to be silent about his experiences "over there" but would like to learn more about what he went through while flying in the war.

Respectfully,
Gary Frickell

Mr. John W. Archer, England sent a letter and pictures from Jacques Willems, Brugge, Belgium who spoke at the commemoration ceremony for the "Able Mabel" crash on June 19, 1944. Jim Guddal, the nephew of the co-pilot Floyd R. Cook received the flag at the ceremony.



Mayor, Colonel, & Color Guard



Mr. Willems, Mayor, Jim Guddal, & Colonel



From: hubbard@dakotacom.net
 Subject: Podgurski
 Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2013 11:10:01 -0700
 CC: joyridecp@msn.com
 To: onyx.sax@aol.com

Dear David Cohen,

I just read your request published in the Ball of Fire, and can perhaps contribute to your database about Podgurski.

My maternal uncle Charles S. Young also learned to fly in Canada and was in the RAF before he was transferred to the 8th AF in early 1943. He was in the 409th squadron of 93rd BG and was a drinking buddy of Podgurski as well as a fellow pilot. For Tidal

Wave (1 August 1943) Young was displaced from his regular seat as copilot of Tupelo Lass and flew instead as a waist gunner and spare pilot.

I attach a couple of scans of pages from Al Naum's photo album, which were made available to us by Jim Wells who knew Naum in his later years (Naum was on board Tupelo Lass for Tidal Wave). There is at least one photo of Podgurski, taken at Bengazi just before Tidal Wave, in this album. You might check with Jim to see if he has more. Here is the contact info that I have:

Jim Wells <jwintex@yahoo.com>
 Jim Wells
 1584 Stanford Ln.
 Denton, TX 76210



At the 2003 Tidal Wave reunion, I had the opportunity to meet Ken McFarland (now deceased). The attached photo shows him with Blaine Duxbury.

I talked several times with McFarland at the reunion. He said that his own plane (copiloted by Podgurski), was the very last one in the 409th squadron formation, and that they had the opportunity to admire Dessert's flying ability as they followed Tupelo Lass. Tupelo Lass was hugging the contours of the ground, up and down. McFarland's recollections of Dessert jibed with Young's.

How do I know that my uncle and Podgurski were drinking buddies? Below I give a brief description of the "short-snorter" bills that my uncle left us. If you would like scans of these bills, let me know.

Regards,
 Bill Hubbard

The "short snorter" is a nice custom from WWII that turns out, many years later, to be of historical interest as well. It provides us with a succinct record, in the form of signatures on a series of taped-together currency notes, of people who had a friendly round of drinks together. The "short-snorter", the one with the shortest roll of notes, bought the round. A short-snorter roll is a record of people relaxing together between missions. My uncle, Charles "Five-by-Five" Young, left a few such bills in his

effects, and I have finally had an appropriate moment to study the signatures. I can identify a number of the people based on research that I have carried out with the help of this interest group.

Not surprisingly, many of the IDs are of people associated with Young's Squadron 409 of the 93rd BG and include a lot of known Ploesti veterans. But there are quite a number of people that I have not heard of before. I was glad to find Art Ferwerda's signature (he is

a member of this group). Ben Kuroki, Jake Epting, and H. H. Womble show up more than once. I hope some group members, especially Art, can tell us something about the other signers. I'll attach some scans of bills that are dense with signatures. Suggestions about what I should do with this archive would be welcome. I can completely scan the bills and send images to those who may be interested.

There were a surprising number of women present at these social evenings, although not on the African bills. At least one of the women, Lt. Frances Jianas, held military rank. There was a drinking group that included at least two famous people one evening. I don't know how famous they were at the time. The drinking groups seem remarkably egalitarian, at times including both high-ranking officers and NCOs.

It appears that my collection has been damaged. There is one intact short-snorter roll, bills still taped together, but tape at the ends suggests that more bills were originally attached. The collection includes six additional bills with scotch tape on the ends, but no longer intact as a roll. All of this suggests that some bills were removed from an original longer roll. I had hoped to find Ivan Canfield, but so far can't find his signature on any of the bills.

Here are the signatures that I have made out so far. (Due to space, signatures were not included.)

Regards,
Bill Hubbard



Hot Stuff Update by Jim Lux
B-24 Hot Stuff Memorial Monument Fundraiser Golf Tournament
Honoring Robert "Jake" Jacobson

The first Hot Stuff Memorial Monument fundraiser golf tournament held at Lost Creek Country Club (LCCC) in Austin, Texas on March 9, 2014 was a great success, raising more than \$6500. The participants were mostly members of LCCC who knew Robert "Jake" Jacobson. Jake was the bombardier on Hot Stuff but few members knew his story until recently. He was an icon at LCCC and organized afternoon golf tournaments known as Jake's Open. An annual golf tournament is named in his honor and the tees for golfers 70 and over are known as Jake's tees.

I joined the Confederate (now Commemorative) Air Force in 1991 and began organizing "Gathering of Memories" air shows for the Central Texas Wing of the CAF in San Marcos, Texas. The CAF restores, flies, and maintains mostly World War II airplanes as a flying museum honoring those who built, flew and maintained them during the War. As part of each air show we invited honored guests, World War II veterans including, AVG "Flying Tigers," bomber crews, ground crews, "Tokyo Raiders," WASPs, Tuskegee Airmen, Fighter Aces and others. The honored guests, led by a marching band, were paraded before the spectators in vintage cars and watched the air show in air conditioned comfort from the officers club in a restored World War II hangar.

Jake was a quiet, humble man and it wasn't until he learned I was a history buff that he told me he had flown 31 missions in Europe in a B-24 and 15 missions over Japan in B-29s during the War. I invited him to attend a "Gathering of Memories" air show as an honored guest. He later expressed to me what wonderful time he had and how much he appreciated the experience. We became close friends but it wasn't until he developed health problems and could not longer play golf in 2009 that I learned more about his experiences as a bombardier during the war. He left the Air Force after the war to get his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration and reenlisted to finish his career in the Air Force as a hospital administrator.

Jake asked me if I would search the internet for information about the 93rd Bombardment Group. He said, "I doubt you will find much." My search led to the 93rd Bombardment Group Association website. It was there, while reading the 93rd BG's history that I discovered Jake's B-24 Hot Stuff was the first to complete 25 missions in the 8th Air Force in World War II. Unfortunately, Jake passed away at the age of 93 shortly after I learned about this. I decided his story and that of Hot Stuff needed to be told.

A monument honoring Hot Stuff he crew and those killed in the crash was the idea of Doddi Marteinsson, an Icelander whom I located after searching for someone in Iceland who had visited the crash site. He and his brother Oli spend much of their time researching World War II crash sites in an effort to make them National Historic Sites to preserve the remnants.

I decided to go to Iceland to recover pieces of Hot Stuff wreckage and offer them to prominent museums for display as one of the best ways to get the Hot Stuff story told. Doddi offered to take me to the crash site and it was while we were there that he suggested there should be a monument located there. We concluded, however, that it should be located along a highway with the crash site in the background so that more people could see it.

Doddi and Oli located a site for the monument and, with the help of United States Ambassador Luis Arreaga, members of his staff and the support of the town of Grindavik, the site was approved. A memorial plaque, another of Doddi's recommendations, was unveiled at the site on the 70th anniversary of the crash on May 3, 1943. A fundraiser for the memorial monument was begun in January 2013 with the goal of raising \$70,000 in time for it to be dedicated on May 3, 2018, the 75th anniversary of the crash.

Hot Stuff Memorial Fund Project

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

HOT STUFF MEMORIAL FUND PROJECT

Jim Lux, Project Coordinator

Nancy Stranger, 93rd Bomb Group Assistant Treasurer

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

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

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

H: 512-327-1750

C: 512-731-8024

email: jlux@austin.rr.com

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

B-24 Liberator "Hot Stuff" Memorial Charitable Donation

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Complete Name (please print clearly) _____

Address _____ (street) City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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

Mail check or money order to:
93rd Bombardment Group Association
783 North Sedona Court
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Folded Wings

Asch, Col. Alfred, December 8, 2013

(Email from son, Pete Asch. He will submit an article for the Summer 2014 issue)

Bruzinski, Chester J., January 16, 2013



Chester Joseph Bruzinski passed away peacefully on. A lifelong resident of Fairfield, he was born in Pennsylvania to Valentine Brudzdienski and Sophie Kordusiewski Brudzdienski on March 16, 1925. Chet was a veteran of World War II serving with the 8th Army Air Corp in Europe flying 35 missions as a waist gunner on a B24. He was the recipient of 4 bronze stars. Chet was employed by Neuss Flooring. He was a member of Fairfield Fire Vol. Co 2 and a lifelong member of Holy Family Church. Chet enjoyed golfing, bowling, fly-fishing, football, gardening and photography as well as spending time with his extended family. Chet was truly a member of "The Greatest Generation" in every sense. Never boastful and always gracious, Chet epitomized the true meaning of the word "Gentleman" in all of the various aspects of his life. His always calming and often inspiring presence will be greatly missed by all those who were blessed enough to have known him.

Geyer, Donald C., November 26, 2013



Chief Master Sergeant Don Geyer, 90, of Sparks, NV passed away on November 26, 2013. Chief Geyer joined the United States Army in November 25, 1942, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He graduated from aircraft gunners' school and was assigned to B-24s. He arrived in Liverpool, England on November 4, 1944, and was assigned to the 93rd Bomb Group, 409th Bombardment Squadron, 8th Air Force flying in B-24 aircraft. He flew 34 bombing missions over Germany, Austria and other European countries. His aircraft once had 44 holes in it from enemy fire. He wore electric suits, gloves and shoes to stay warm in the aircraft. He received five air medals as a waist gunner in the B-24.

He returned to the United States on June 2, 1945, and was assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, working in base operations. He was released from active duty on October 8, 1945, and was transferred to the inactive reserves. He was recalled on August 12, 1950, for the Korean War and was stationed at Fairchild AFB, Washington and Japan. He was assigned in base operations. His unit was flying B-29s over Korea. He was released from active duty on August 15, 1951. Don returned to the military on September 4, 1958, joining the Nevada Air National Guard where he worked in base operations. He later transferred into administration and continued in that position until his retirement on February 28, 1983.

Gibbs, Tyrus C., December 9, 2013



Mr. Tyrus Cobb Gibbs, 92, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at this home in Tupelo, Mississippi. He was born in Houston on June 17, 1921, the son of James Miles and Mary Wright Gibbs. When he was a child the family moved to Fulton, where he grew up and was a graduate of Itawamba High School in 1938.

While at Ole Miss, he received his pilot's license and became a member of the Diamond Life Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He earned his law degree and had been a member of the Mississippi Bar Association for 67 years. He was also a Lifetime Member of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association. All of his life he has been an avid booster of all Ole Miss sports. Concerned about college education for young people in the area, he established three Endowed Scholarships at Itawamba Community College for his first wife, Dot Gibbs, for his wife, Ann Gibbs, and for his sister, Bonnie Ruth Gibbs Owings, all who were teachers. He was a Life Member of Itawamba Community College and High School Associations.

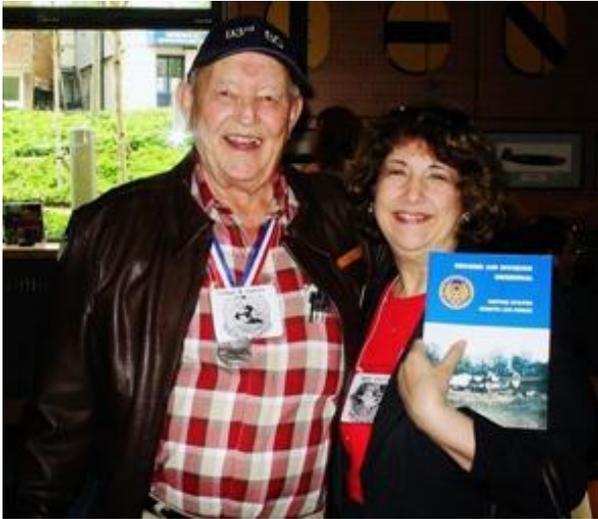
A veteran of World War II based in England he served as a Nose Gunner on a B-24 from September 1942 until October 1945. On their 24th Mission over Germany, their plane was shot down over Schouwon Island in Holland where his crew bailed out and was taken prisoners of war by the Germans. Following the war, he returned to Ole Miss to complete his education only to be recalled to the Korean War where he served for over a year.

He held Life Membership in the American Legion, the VFW, the Louisiana chapter and Northeast Mississippi chapter of POW's and the 8th Air Force Historical Society, as well as the Air Force Gunners Association.

He and a friend, Bill Rieves, spearheaded a drive to place a monument at Tupelo Veteran's Park in memory of World War II veterans. Recently he participated in the establishment of a new memorial in memory of the 8th Air Force Veterans to be placed at the Park. He truly was a patriot and loved his country. He co-authored with his crew a book, ""Against All Odds,"" describing their experience during WWII.

Johnson, George Howard, March 9, 2013

George and Sandy Comstock at the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich, England



George H. Johnson, Colonel, USAF, Retired, born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 16, 1924, was laid to rest on Thursday, November 7th, 2013 at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. George passed away on March 9th in Meridian, Idaho.

He graduated from Hyde Park High School, Chicago, Illinois and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He also received a Masters Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University, Washington D.C.

George was a Navigator and Pilot who had dreamed of flying as a young man and served his country in three wars. After his retirement from the military, George served as the Executive Secretary for the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association and later worked for Walker, Wilson & Hughen in Lompoc, California. George was also a life-long student with a great thirst for learning that led him to pursue studies in numerous subjects throughout his life.

George was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley M. (Sams) Johnson and is survived by daughter Wendy Eveland (Thomas), son George F. Johnson (Nancy), daughter TerryJo Johnson Wing (Chet), daughter Deborah Desilets (Gary), 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Robert Johnson, Calumet City, Illinois and his sister Helen Watters, Riverdale, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any memorial contributions be sent to The Wounded Warrior Project.



Jung, George, May 1970

(email from his son, George Jung to add his father's name to the Folded Wings list)

Lepore, Alex, January 15, 2014

Alex Lepore was buried today. He was an Armament man (loaded bombs etc.) in the 93rd during WWII. He and I went to Jr. & Sr. High School together and I attended his wedding in 1946. (note from Ray Eck)

Alexander J. Lepore, 92 of Williamsport was born in Tiaughton, Pa on September 24, 1921 the son of Pelino and Rose Vivino Lepore. Alex was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He was self employed and was the owner of L & N Plastering. He retired from Aquarius Pools as manager. He was a 1941 graduate of Williamsport High School and graduated from Williamsport Technical Institute now Penn College. He was an original member of the Son's of Italy Lodge 138, a member of the Loyalsock Kiwanis Club, the Loyalsock Little League, where he served as president for 12 years. He was the organizer of the Jimmy Bubb Fund and played softball with the Newberry Softball League.

Alex was a charter member of the West Branch Home Builders Association since 1958 and was on the board of directors. He enjoyed card playing, bowling and family gatherings. In WWII he was in the Army Air Force, 93 Bombardment Group in England. He is survived by his wife of 68 years the former Mary Carnevale Lepore, his three children, six grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren as well as brothers and sisters in law and nieces and nephews. (Sun. Gazette.com Obituary)



News from Station 104 Hardwick England

Museum update - March, 2014. – Short report

Well it's been a quiet time at Hardwick station 104 over the winter though it's not been too cold it's been wet and windy and the helpers Paul (the curator), Richard, Jack and I continue to work through the museum maintenance and development work.

Work progresses well on new display area in Hut 2 and I think Richard's carpentry skills are being used to their full extent. I'm thinking if we can get a uniform to fit him we'll leave him in there!



Work has also been done to clean out and repaint some of the display areas in Hut one and we are in the process of arranging the other exhibits to freshen up the display ready for the new season. These are crash site relics from a Thunderbolt and are now clearly displayed.



Another little task ahead of us is to match the dummy body parts. Now some would argue that we have enough dummies at the museum but no, we are short of display dummies so after rummaging around in Hut 4 (currently used as a store) we located a number of components. The problem is finding which part fits what, even with a basic understanding of human anatomy it's not been straight forward so far! It's caused a lot of conjecture and the assembly of some grotesque images of the human form.



Never mind we will be ready for the new season, I hear spring is arriving! It must be the sound of Paul mowing the grass.



Looking forward to the new season - Derek Fulton
d.fulton@tiscali.co.uk



The 2nd Air Division Memorial Library have recently partnered up with an exciting new three year Heritage Lottery Fund project – The Eighth in The East. The project aims to fully tell the story of the 8th United States Army Airforce (USAAF) across East Anglia during WWII.

The story of the 8th United States Army Air Force in the East of England is one of the most remarkable in military history. Now, more than seventy years on, witnesses to this social and landscape revolution are sadly passing and with them a living connection to those years of turmoil that helped shape our world.

Concentrating on people and places, and working with communities across the Eastern Counties, the Eighth in the East will explore this history to: support the work of volunteers who care for this heritage, encourage new blood into museums, develop resources for visitors and future generations, develop people's skills and bring communities together through this shared past.

The Eighth in The East project aims to focus on the archaeological remains of the airfields themselves and the social and cultural impact the 8th USAAF had on the local area. The project is particularly interested in the role of women during this period, which many suggest kick started the beginning of female sexual liberation. Another area of focus is the role of black American servicemen who were segregated from the white Americans and whose role in the war effort has never properly been told

Through the use of theatre, art, film, volunteer programmes, oral histories, archival research, archaeological surveys and intergeneration community education, the Eighth in The East plan to paint a full picture of this pivotal and highly significant moment in the region's past.

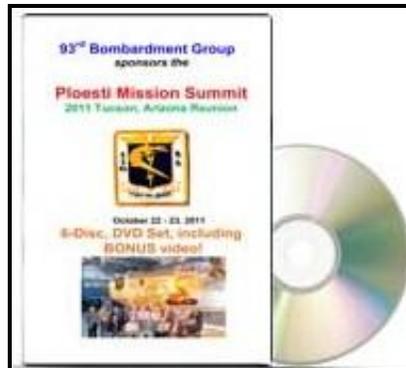
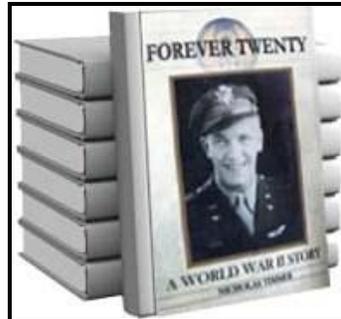
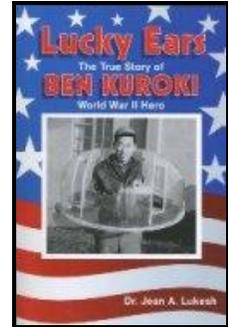
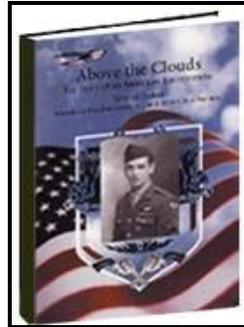
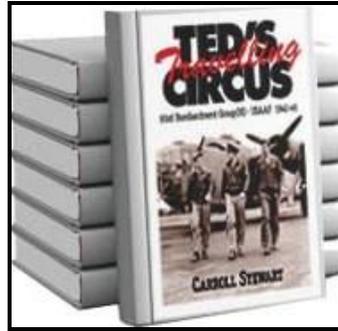
The 2nd Air Division Memorial Library are providing valuable expertise, access to resources and archives and board level support to the project. The project's team is now in place and you can find out more on their website www.8theast.org. They will also be holding a number of community events around the region where local people will have the chance to share their stories and find out more about this rich heritage.

If you are interested in being involved, or have any information that could help then contact the project manager David Cain via david@8theast.org or visit www.8theast.org



Photo (left to right) : Hannah Potter (Community Archaeologist), David Cain (Project Manager), Nick Patrick (Project Director) and Annie Sommazzi (Learning Officer).

Post Exchange (PX)



Your Post Exchange (PX) Order Form

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Ploesti by Cal Stewart and James Dugan (See 93 rd Web site & Amazon)		
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