

Ball of Fire QUARTERLY EXPRESS



NEWSLETTER OF THE 93rd BOMB GROUP

2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, Hardwick, England

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President's Corner

Where has the time gone? This year I have an answer. Many of us are enjoying the excellent 2009 calendar that Kent Jaquith developed and provided at last year's reunion. Each month, crew and plane photos with accompanying description are featured. In January, *Wham Bam*, a B24D, with the Dick Wilkinson crew in front greeted us. In February, the low-level mission to drop supplies to the Allied troops in Eindhoven illustrates the diverse capability of the Liberator. In March, the Hinchman crew including a youthful, Clarence Neumann, one of our faithful reunion attendees, was pictured after their arrival in England. In April, Shelton's crew with Lt. John Sullivan, Bombardier, (John is another regular at the reunions along with several generations of his progeny) is shown before their departure from the United States. In May, Lou DeGuidice's (Louie has attended our reunions for years) plane, the *Judith Lynn*, displays her nose armament threatening any German fighter coming their way. And finally a few days ago, I turned to June to be greeted by the Tully crew with Fernley Smith, our former President and the youngest pilot in the 8th Air Force, Gunner John Lee, the current President of the 2nd Air Division Association, and Bob Stahl, the 93rd's ex officio Chaplain at recent reunions. Kent did a great job assembling the photos and text for the calendar. I hope you are enjoying yours as much as I enjoy mine.

There are a number of initiatives underway to help improve our communications with our members and continue to tell the 93rd's story. Jim Guddal, our Treasurer, and Jo Anne Sargent, the BOFQE Editor, have undertaken the challenge of updating our

membership lists to assure that we are able to communicate effectively with everyone. Jim's call to renew memberships has resulted in a flood of updated personal information and dues contributing to our financial stability. Jo Anne is sending the Ball of Fire Quarterly Express by email to about a fourth of our members speeding delivery and saving postage. She mails more than 350 to members around the world. Unfortunately, the address data base is never current. When you move please don't forget to give Jo Anne your new address right away. Another initiative is a new revamped web page to take advantage of today's technology and provide even more information about our group and their accomplishments. As I reported last quarter, efforts are underway to apply newly available technology to further enhance the experience of our web page visitors. Michael Sellers, our Webmaster, is planning to roll out the new improved web version at our October reunion and give us a chance to "test drive" before we make it available to the world. Finally, Paul Levine, has championed the 93rd's Stained Glass Window Project for the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah, GA. You have given more than 75% of the \$15,000 needed to purchase the window. See Paul's status report elsewhere in this issue for more details. If you haven't given yet or would like to give more, now is the time!

The Nominating Committee consists of three active members, two being veterans of WWII and one from the next generation. Fernley Smith, Cal Davidson and Paul Levine have agreed to service as our 2009 Nominating Committee. First, they will contact our current officers to assure that they can continue to

serve for the second year of their two year terms. Second, they will identify the vacant positions. Third, they will seek candidates from our active members to fill the vacancies. Fourth, the Nominating Committee will present their slate to fill all vacant positions. Finally, the members will vote on the candidates at our annual meeting.

Planning for the Shreveport, LA reunion is progressing nicely. Registration information, tentative schedule, and hotel contact information are featured elsewhere in this issue. Make plans now to join us from 22 – 26 October. We are particularly hoping that our veterans who were in the 93rd when it was formed at Barksdale will return. One of only 10 Liberators left in the world, “Louisiana Belle II”, a B-24J, is located at the 8th Air Force Museum. If you plan to attend let the Duran’s know to assist our planning process!

John Marx, President

2008-2010 Officers

President	John Marx
President Emeritus	Paul Steichen
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Secretary	Paul Levine
Treasurer	Jim Guddal
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Associate Conventions Director	Kent Jaquith
Historian	Don Morrison
Associate Historian	<i>Vacant</i>

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Vice President to the 2ADA	John L. Lee
Assistant VP to the 2ADA	Vacant
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Graphics/Media	Kent Jaquith
Documentary Project	Michael Sellers
Photographer	Bill Sargent
Webmaster	Michael Sellers
Reunion Committee	Phyllis & Joe Duran Fred Weir

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.

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 Tucson, Arizona Monterey, California

Washington DC Portland, Maine

Buffalo, New York Seattle, Washington

sneak peak at the candidate cities? Well here they are in state alphabetical order:

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.

Treasurer's Notes

A great big **THANK YOU** to all of you Veterans, spouses and other members who have sent in your 2009 dues. Many of you have sent in 2010 dues as well. For those of you who have not sent in your 2009 dues (and 2008 dues in some cases) thank you for sending in your \$25 for 2009 plus \$20 or more donation to the 93rd's new window. As I have stated before, your "tax deductible gift for the window" will square you for any past unpaid dues.

Folks, we won't be a sustainable organization for long unless everyone keeps up their dues. Beginning with 2010 it will be easier to keep track of your anniversary date, because from now on it will always be January 1st.

As Dean Martin used to say, KEEP THOSE CARDS & LETTERS COMING!

Jim Guddal, Treasurer

2nd Air Division Association Reunion

We are working to make the 2nd ADA convention in Chicago, 3-7 September, a successful one and to accomplish some important issues effecting the memory of our Vets.

One of the issues that is very important that we address is how we will continue the 2nd ADA involvement in the Memorial Trust in Norwich, England. The average age of our Vets in now 87 which means the involvement of our Vets is going to run out in the not too distant future. For this reason, we need to take an action to give responsibility to the Next generation in regard to representation on the Board of Directors. The Heritage League has made a proposal that will be on

the program in September. I have sent a copy of this proposal to several officers in the 93rd BG for review. We would like to have the 93rd play a role in this project. The 93rd has set a good example of what can be done. There are other questions that we need help with from the next generation in the area of "back up" for the Officers and Committee Chairmen. At this time there is no plan in the 2nd ADA By-Laws to carry out such a program. Therefore we need greater representation for the younger group at our convention in order to fully explore the possible solutions and take steps toward implementing the proposals that will develop if there is sufficient interest to do so.

John Lee, President 2nd ADA

Heritage League and the 2ADA Memorial Trust

The following is an email John Lee sent to Brian Mahoney, President of the Heritage League on Jun 12, 2009:

Brian,

One of the issues that we will discuss at our Chicago convention is the role that the Heritage League will play in the future regarding the Memorial Trust Board of Governors. Please send a copy of the Heritage League's recommendation, to me and to Dick Robert, so that we may have a better understanding of just what the Heritage League would like to do. I would also appreciate any other recommendations that you or the Heritage League may have that should be included on the Agenda. I personally would like to see more action toward members of the

HL serving as back-up to the Veteran officers and committee chairs. I would also greatly appreciate any thoughts or recommendations that can be made on how we can work toward getting more participation from the younger generation who are active in the BG's.

How are things going with the Heritage League? We were impressed with the notice of the convention that was sent by Mary Beth Dyer. It was very well done.

John Lee

The following is the email reply from Brian Mahoney:

Dear John,

I am delighted and heartened that you have asked me to discuss timely subject of our future connection with the Trust. We have been having our own informal but high level correspondence about their vision of our relationship into the future. Our vision

own commitment and intent is actually explicit in the League's Mission Statement:

3. to continue the work of the 2nd Air Division Association in fully endowing the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust;

4. to assume from the 2nd Air Division Association the roles of financially supporting the work of the American Fulbright Librarian at the 2nd Air Division

Memorial Library (Norwich, England);

5. to encourage strong friendships and meaningful exchanges between our members and like-minded people around the United States and the world, especially in East Anglia (England)

We have no written "proposal" because what we recommend can be stated in one sentence:

We would like the 2nd Air Division Association to request the Trust Governors to convert the voting member seat now held by a 2ADA member, into a perpetual voting seat to be filled by a Heritage League member.

Since you have asked, and in anticipation of you circulating our case for this proposal, I am laying out the thinking of my Heritage League Executive Committee colleagues, and which I also informally shared with Chuck Walker in Grapevine. Please DO circulate this as you see fit.

HERITAGE LEAGUE VOTING SEAT
ON 2 ADA MEMORIAL TRUST BOARD OF GOVERNORS:
BENEFITS FOR THE 2 ADA

1) An assured perpetual American presence in the governing body of the "living Memorial" will sustain the living connection between the WW II service and sacrifice of the Second Air Division it commemorates, and the descendants of those who served in that remarkable military outfit.

2) The formal relationship, and the travel to Norwich which it entails, will continue to promote ongoing personal relationships between individuals on both sides of the pond who are committed to keeping your memory accurate and alive. You could rest assured that the Anglo-American friendship candle will not flicker out, but will continue to have a solid foundation.

BENEFITS TO THE MEMORIAL TRUST

1) Please consider this language from the website of the Memorial Library, and imagine how painful it will be for them to rewrite it in the very near future, if they do not have a formal, strong, institutional connection with an American non-profit:

Who administers the Memorial Library? The Board of Governors administers the Memorial Trust, a registered UK charity, and operates in very close consultation with the Norfolk County Council Library Authority, and with the Executive Committee of the 2nd Air Division Association. The Trust employs a part-time Trust Librarian, a Library Manager, and two Library & Information Assistants. Through funding raised by the Second Air Division Association, a scholarship is awarded annually to an American post-graduate student studying at the University of East Anglia, and the 'American scholar' is also part of the

Memorial Library team. Also represented on the Board of Governors is the Cultural Attache at the American Embassy in London and a representative of the 2nd Air Division Association. The Trust works closely with other organizations interested in Anglo-American relations including the University of East Anglia, the Imperial War Museum Duxford, the Muckleburgh Collection at Weybourne and the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum in Savannah, Georgia, USA.

After the dissolution of the 2 ADA, the ability of the Trust Governors to liaise with American institutions and societies will be limited if they do not have in their midst a US citizen of some standing. The ability of the Trust to develop and sustain individual and corporate support will be enhanced by having an American member on its board, a committed, high level volunteer, whose participation will stand as a considerable endorsement of their mission.

2) A related matter will be facilitation of substantial American individual gifts or bequests, or institutional or corporate gifts, without the inhibition of confiscatory taxing. The 2ADA, a recognized US tax exempt organization, has what the IRS regards as effective participation in oversight and governance of the Trust, and thus it can receive for the Trust substantial contributions which retain tax exemption. The IRS would regard the League, if it "assumed the seat" of the 2 ADA, as able to continue that tax-free conduit to the Memorial Trust.

BENEFITS TO THE HERITAGE LEAGUE OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION (USAAF)

1) Among perpetual non-profit organizations, there is none so close to our very focused and weighty mission and legacy as the Second Air Division Memorial Trust. When we wrote our mission statement and committed ourselves to working with like-minded others into the future, it was the Memorial Library we had foremost in our hearts and minds. As we have made clear to the Governors, we are ready to make the commitment to fully and formally participate, supporting the travel of a mutually agreed League member to the AGM and other meetings.

2) We laud the remarkable extension of warm and deep friendship between scores in your generation and dozens of fine East Anglians, and note that the formal connection and common activities of the Memorial Trust and the 2ADA underpin all of the great conventions there, the remarkable and substantial presence of Governors, Library staff, and their families, at reunions "over here." We want to see this personal connecting continue, and help it evolve as needed to sustain it. While this might be possible without any formal relationship between the two organizations in the world that concern the Second Air Division in WW II, it is hardly assured without it.

This is the time to go for that assurance, and the leaders of the 2ADA are the ones to make it happen.

Grateful for your service, "then and now,"

Brian Mahoney

The following is an email John Lee sent to Jim Guddal, 93rd BG Treasurer:

Jim,

I am sending you a copy of an e-mail from Brian Mahoney, who is President of the Heritage League. This issue will be on the agenda at our meeting in Chicago. In order to better prepare for the future, I feel we must discuss this and other subjects regarding the next generation. If you and others can work toward encouraging people to attend, we can work toward accomplishing some of the actions similar to those the 93rd has taken. As the bylaws of the 2nd ADA are set up now, it will take some changes to bring about these objectives. The average age of the Veterans is 87, and I fit into that category, which means we won't be here much

longer. What we face is some resistance from those who feel the organization should close out with the passing of the veterans.

I am very grateful for people like you and others who are willing and eager to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices made during WWII.

If you have any recommendations on how we can best accomplish this, I am certainly open. Thank you again for your interest and willingness to help. Hope to see you and others in Chicago.

John Lee, President 2nd ADA

A Hero's Reunion Documentary

Michael is back from across the pond! Michael Sellers and his wife Suzanne recently returned from a two week European vacation. While seeing everything from the Eiffel Tower to those big old rocks called Stonehenge they even had time to visit our friends at Hardwick. Colin Mann was gracious enough to rendezvous with them at the Norwich train station and then ferry them around for three days.

Michael first interviewed Paul Thrower the curator for the 93rd BG museum. Paul mentioned that they have big plans for the museum. Landowner David Woodrow agreed to clean out an existing structure near the museum and convert it into a "Canteen".

Paul believes that this building may have actually been a real watering hole for some of the base personnel. They want to possibly serve food on museum open days and display even more

93rd memorabilia. Michael then zipped up to the Norwich Library and interviewed Libby Morgan the Trust Librarian at the 2nd Air Division Memorial wing.

Questions came up about how she liked attending the 2nd Air Division '08 reunion in Dallas and also questions about what role she sees the library playing for the future of the 2nd Air Division. In addition, Colin Mann also gave a great interview about how he is on the Memorial Library board of "Friends" and talked about the role of being a liaison between the various base museums throughout East Anglia. Please visit Michael's website www.aherosreunion.com for updates and video. Michael is currently working on a new design for the 93rd Bomb Group website and hopes to have a preview at the '09 reunion in Louisiana.



Letters to the Editor

Looking for Connection

What a joy to discover you. Thank you for your service to our country.

My father was one of the "founders" of the 93rd Bomb Group. He has mentioned "Ted's Flying Circus." He graduated from flying school, on 12 Dec., 1941 in the class of 41- I (forty-one eye), among the first graduates after Pearl Harbor. Some of his buddies helped him get married in Manchester, New Hampshire in Aug. of 1942. Maybe someone remembers because Mom was the only woman in the wedding.

Is there a way to connect with guys who might remember him? His address is C. M. (Pat) Murphy, Jr., 341 S. Ellington Parkway, Apt. # A-101, Lewisburg, TN. He was a lawyer in his working years. He will be 90 this Oct.

Is there any kind of fund or help since he and Mom are in deteriorating health and are not well-off financially? He had heard there may be some sort of trust fund for people who served in the 93rd or people who fought in WWII or Korea. The Air Force refused him retirement rights and the courts have refused to properly review the improper actions of the Air Force in the case.

He has been working on a lawsuit for almost 20 years to get his retirement started from Oct. of 1979. It's a long story. Do you know of someone to talk to about that?

Thanks for any info you can give me.

Rev. Charles M. Murphy III
306 Charlton Ct.
Bluff City, TN 37618
cmmurphywpc@embarqmail.com

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

This project is to honor the memories of our 93rd Airmen. The total cost of this project is \$15,000 for the 3 Stained Glass Elements, including the Top Cathedral shaped window above the door and 2 separate panels in the upper portion of the new

fiberglass door. The Stained Glass Memorial will be completed at the end of June.

Fernley Smith, Past President

Memorial Project Financial Update

Hello Fellow 93rd BG Assoc. Members, Family and Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on the financing of the stained glass project. On 5/14 I sent the 3rd of 4 payments to the Mighty Eighth AF Museum in the amount of \$5630.

\$15,000 Total Project

Balance due is.....\$6225
93rd Acct balance is.....\$3225
Net Due Museum is.....\$3000

We are so close to our goal!

We are most grateful to those who have made a contribution, no matter how small or benevolent. When the stained glass project is complete and ready for installation, we will make sure each person who donated will be inscribed in a nicely bound book and acknowledge those they are honoring.

I would ask if any 93rd member or friend who have not made a contribution thus far, to please do so (no

matter how small or large), **the 93rd BG would be most grateful.**

This project is **memorializing** what every proud 93rd BG man contributed to the Victory in Europe May 8th, 1945 which put an end to the tyranny of the Nazi regime, for which the modern world is forever grateful. ***Please find it in your hearts to donate whatever you can.***

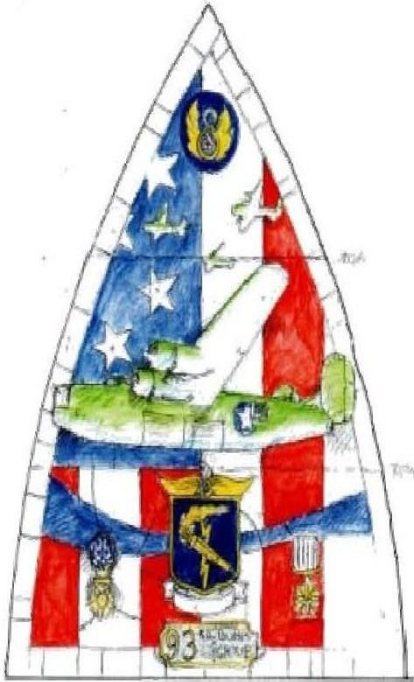
Paul Levine, Secretary, **847-676-1593**
omahadd@sbcglobal.net

Please make checks payable to:
93rd Bomb Group

Mail checks to:
Paul Levine
6530 N. Christiana Ave
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

To pay by credit card, please use the form below and mail your donation to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.

93rd Bomb Group 2008 Stained Glass Memorial Project



I want to do my part to provide a lasting memory of the 93rd Bomb Group through a contribution to the Stained Glass Memorial Project at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

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**Method of Payment**

Check (enclosed)

Debit/Credit Card

- Visa
- Mastercard
- Discover Card
- American Express

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Credit Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

I would like my debit/credit card charged for my donation:

- deducted all in one payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- deducted in \_\_\_\_\_ equal payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail to:  
 Stained Glass Memorial Donation  
 Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum  
 PO Box 1992  
 Savannah, GA 31402



**93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group  
Reunion 2009  
October 22 - 26  
Shreveport, LA**

**Step #1** - Make hotel reservations now but not later than October 1st to obtain the group rate. For registration call:  
**1-800-225-5466**

The hotel's address and phone number are:  
Homewood Suites, Hilton  
5485 Financial Plaza  
Shreveport, LA 71129  
(318) 549-2000

Please give the following group name/group code to the reservation agent when making reservation: "93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group". State and local taxes of 13.1% (at this time) are additional. Total cost including taxes is shown in the table below:

| Room Style                | Daily Rate | Tax (13.1%) | Per Day Total |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Studio King Suite         | \$99       | \$12.97     | \$111.97      |
| 1 Bedroom King Suite      | \$109      | \$14.28     | \$123.28      |
| 1 Bedroom 2 Queen Suite   | \$115      | \$15.07     | \$130.07      |
| 2 Bedroom 1 King, 2 Queen | \$139      | \$18.21     | \$157.21      |

Rates are available for 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting dates beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup> and ending on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Room rates include:

Studio, one- and/or two-bedroom suites feature separate living and sleeping areas  
Fully equipped kitchen, refrigerator, microwave, stove, dishwasher  
Two remote control TVs  
Complimentary high speed internet access  
Reception/light meal Thursday evening  
Hot Breakfast every morning  
Shuttle to and from the Airport and locations within 5 miles

**Step #2** - Tell us that you are coming to the reunion and how many will be in your group. Simply mail, call or email Joe and Phyllis so we can estimate how many people will be attending. You can change your mind at any time before the formal registration concludes in September.

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

**Step #3** - Make travel arrangements to arrive in time for dinner at 6:30 PM on Thursday October 22nd. The hotel provides shuttle service to and from the airport and within a five mile radius of the hotel.

If you arrive after the shuttle hours, the hotel will pay for the Taxi when you arrive. Simply contact the hotel to request the shuttle and they will provide instructions.

**Step #4** - Complete Registration Form and submit with your check not later than September 25<sup>th</sup>. Make check payable to **93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group**.

**Step #5** - Mail completed form to:

Joe and Phyllis Duran  
309 E. Santa Paula St  
Santa Paula, CA 93060

**Step #6** - Plan to join us for a great time going "Back to the Beginning" at Barksdale AFB. We hope you'll be there, too!



# 2009 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Reunion Registration Form

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

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

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

Additional Attendees Names:

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## Calculate your registration fee:

The registration fee includes: Breakfast, Dinner for four evenings, 2 box lunches, Transportation, Hospitality room, Door prizes. The reservation fee does not include your hotel rooms.

Number in group: \_\_\_\_\_ times \$235 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete form and enclose check payable to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group for the total amount.**

**Shreveport Reunion Fee Refund Policy: No refund will be made after Sep 22nd.**

## REUNION FEE REFUND POLICY

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

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

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

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

### **93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Reunion October 22 – 26, 2009 Shreveport & Barksdale AFB, LA Schedule of Events (Draft)**

#### **Thursday, October 22**

1:00 PM – Reunion Committee Meeting  
2:00 PM – Registration – Homewood Suites Hilton  
5:30 PM – Complimentary Manager's Reception/Dinner Buffet  
7:30 PM – Welcome Program - Master of Ceremonies – Paul Levine  
Schedule Review – TBD  
7:45 PM – 93<sup>rd</sup> Historian's Presentation  
9:00 PM - Hospitality Room Open

#### **Friday, October 23**

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet  
9:30 AM – Educational Program (for all ages) – presented by 93<sup>rd</sup> Historian  
11:30 AM – Box Lunch at hotel  
1:30 PM – Bus departs for Barksdale AFB  
2:00 PM - Tour of 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum and Barksdale AFB – 30 Minute Movie  
4:30 PM – Reception at 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Officer's Club  
5:30 PM –6:30 PM – Dinner at Barksdale Officer's Club, Dedalion Room  
5:30 PM – Color Guard from Barksdale AFB  
7:00 PM – Guest Speaker - TBD  
8:00 PM – Bus Returns to Hotel

#### **Saturday, October 24**

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – 93<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting & Web Page Demonstration  
12:00 PM – Enroute to Barksdale Air Force Base  
12:30 PM – Box Lunch at hotel  
2:00 PM - Flight Line Visit & B-52 Tour - Tentative  
4:00 PM – Enroute to Restaurant - TBD  
4:30 PM – Social Hour & Dinner  
6:30 PM – Enroute to Hotel  
7:00 PM – Hospitality Room Open

#### **Sunday, October 25**

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Complimentary Breakfast Buffet  
11:00 AM – Buses depart for Red River District/Louisiana Boardwalk  
12:30 PM – Lunch on your own  
1:30 PM – Visit to American Rose Center  
3:00 PM – Buses Return to Hotel  
3:30 PM – Hospitality Room Open  
5:30 PM – Hospitality Room Closed  
6:30 PM – Dinner at Hotel  
7:00 PM – Memorial Service and Program

#### **Monday, October 26**

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

### **Things to Do in Shreveport/Bossier City From the Visitor's Center Web Site**

Shreveport-Bossier City is full of relaxing modern convenience wrapped in welcoming Southern charm.

We take care of our visitors like family, filling you up with

our tastiest food and treating you to as much entertainment as you want.

We are Louisiana's Other Side, and here, we are a mix of wide open Texas spirit and spicy Cajun attitude. We

took the best of big Texas and the tastiest of Louisiana and blended it into our own brand of entertainment and fun. From big, outdoor festivals to laugh-til-your-side-hurts indoor comedy shows, this northwestern corner of the state has it all.

Festivals are our trademark, and we hold them from the time the first warm breeze dances across our faces to the time cool air convinces us it's time to go indoors. Shreveport Bossier City's festivals draw hundreds of thousands, from this state and others, all ready to experience our family-friendly fun with loads of good food, days of dancing, art and a whole lot more. Our artistic legacy runs deep. We have live theater and symphony performances, and on any given weekend you're likely to find concerts by today's popular artists as well as those by yesterday's favorites to take you on a whimsical trip down memory lane. Our museums showcase our rich history, including our place in musical lore as the place where Elvis Presley got his start on the Louisiana Hayride.

Take a trip down to the Red River, and get ready for good shopping at the Louisiana Boardwalk and exciting

gaming at our casinos. Bring your appetite, because along the river, we have plenty of delicious eating there, too! Eat at the Louisiana Boardwalk or at the casinos – or at any of the other restaurants near the river – and you get a feast of riverfront fun. It's no wonder we do so much on the riverfront – the river is an important part of who we are! The Red River is how we got our start when a boat captain by the name of Capt. Henry Miller Shreve cleared a logjam on the Red River in the 1830s, opening the way for trade and leading to the establishing of Shreveport. Bossier City came along shortly thereafter, bringing with it Barksdale Air Force Base, the world's largest airfield of its time and a key player in today's military.

We show off all this. Whether it's an afternoon of riverfront shopping, gaming and eating or a visit to our famous Barksdale Air Show, you get a chance to engage your fun-loving side because we turn history into an experience. When you're in Shreveport-Bossier City, you never can tell what opportunities await.

## Folded Wings

### **Anita Rosacker 6-2008**

Anita Rosacker was the wife of Joseph Rosacker, who passed away several years ago. They both attended many reunions of the 93<sup>rd</sup> and were considered outstanding members and friends. Joseph and James

Rutherford were in class 43-K Cadets, then both served in the 93<sup>rd</sup> together

*James (Jim) Rutherford, Ret. USAF*

### **Edgar J. Allen 12-19-2008**

Edgar J. Allen was a part of the 328 squadron and he flew several planes as a lead crew. His crew included co-pilot Elgar Roles (deceased), navigator Earl Heffner, Bombardier Bill Reynolds (deceased), Engineer George

Baker (deceased 5/1/09), Tail Gunner, Sam Zinn, Radio Operator, Bob Reese (deceased), Nose Gunner, Tony Rapp, and Waist Gunner, Lee Schick (deceased).

### **William B. Ferraro 3-27-2009.**

William B. Ferraro was the radio operator on squadron #328 with Pilot John R. Cadle, co-pilot Samuel J. Kesler, bombardier Hearol R. Veteto, navigator Eric E. Erickson,

engineers, Prentis. A. Lewis and Frederick Kidd, waist-gunners, Arthur J. DeCoster, nose-gunner Robert G. Faulker, and tail-gunner Charles Youree.

### **Edward Stromdah 4-2009**

Edward Stromdahl passed away and his daughter, Pam Carlson expressed her appreciation for the years of

enjoyment her father received from reading about the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group in the BOFQE.

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