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Dear Members,

At last the 2012 Dayton Reunion is a done deal. It is scheduled for October 24 thru 28. We contracted with the Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. (AFRI), Norfolk, VA to assist in the planning. We will be at the Holiday Inn, Fairborn, OH. Only 5 miles from the Air Force Museum and 21 miles from the Dayton International Airport. Please read the attached instructions carefully.

Registration for the reunion is being handled by AFRI, all funds should be sent to the address shown on the attached Registration Form. There is a required registration fee of \$10 per person which is not refundable. All meals and events are at your discretion and the charges listed are for each person participating. Printed tickets will be issued and they will be collected at each event. Register for the reunion with AFRI. Make your room reservations with the HOTEL!

The hotel rate is \$95 plus 12 ½% tax, and will be extended 3 days before and after the reunion schedule. The cutoff date for a guaranteed room and rate is October 3. If your plans change, you may cancel the hotel reservation until 6:00 PM on the day before your scheduled arrival. Please wear your ID badge or at least have it with you at all times. In the past we have had some people, we entertained and fed, that had no connection to our group. Thanks so much for the work performed by **Michael La Vean and Susan Lanson**. Without them, I could not have put it together.

I have failed to make any appreciable progress on preserving our history and extending the association's life-span. **David Knickrehm**, Historian for the **43rd Air Lift Group** will attend the reunion, both he and

The George Mason University Archivist have requested that you bring documents and photographs for scanning and preservation.

I am convinced that the preservation of our association must come from with-in and if it survives a few of our associate members must volunteer!

Be careful----see you in Dayton!

Bob Richardson, President

*****EDITOR'S AND MEMBER'S REPORTS*****

"There are two ways to conquer and enslave a nation. One is by the sword...The other is by debt."

John Adams 1826

"You cannot strengthen the weak, by weakening the strong."

A. Lincoln

"When injustice becomes law, then resistance becomes duty."

T. Jefferson

February 14, 1778 the American ship RANGER carried the recently adopted STARS and STRIPES to a foreign port for the first time, as it arrived in France.

At the 2011 Board of Directors Meeting a motion, to place a 5 year limit on non payment of dues, was passed. Therefore, if your dues are in arrears for 5 years or more, you will be dropped from our mail list. The Board also wants Life and Comp recipients to indicate your wish to continue receiving the newsletter. Because undeliverable mail is not returned by the Post Office, no response will indicate that the address can be dropped.

I repeat this request, from the October 2011 Newsletter, please review your dues payment status. The code on the address label of your Newsletter envelope, must be **PD12, LIFE or COMP.** **WARNING---if the PDO7 members do not update their dues payment, they will be removed from the mail listing.**

It is not the Board's wishes to remove anyone, but we must learn who is no longer an active member.

In a telephone call from **Life Member Vera Ross, 403rd Squadron**, reported a change of address. Please note her new address is: **P.O. Box 817, Iowa Park, TX 76367** all other data remains unchanged.

A note from **William L. Jobe, 64th Squadron, Radio/Gunner**—"My dues for 2012 enclosed. Keep up the good work!"

William L. Jobe

Rodger W. Little, Elmer Schwalaach, David Kiley, Dana Davis, Valerie Wertz, William Jose, the Rodellas, Al O'Brien, Don Williams, Alan Matisoff and Mary Kathleen Lukowski have brought their dues payment up-to-date.

Valerie Wertz sent this note along with her 2012 dues: "I want to say thanks for all those wonderful "war stories", written by the men that experienced those terrible days.

"My husband **Richard Wertz, 63rd Squadron, Gunner** would have enjoyed them so much."

Take Care

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Valerie

19Feb12, a note from **Jim Cherkauer**. "Yesterday we received a letter from **Dottie Edwards** that included an obit for her son **Bruce**. I am including a copy of that obit. Bruce was the son **Russell Edwards, 63rd Squadron**, who passed away in 1997.

"Dottie has been receiving our Newsletter and wanted this information to be included in the next Newsletter. If this does not come through with the obit so that you can red it, please let me know.

"I am having all kinds of difficulties with my software in this computer. Last month, I had two viruses removed and spent days trying to get my computer back where it was before that. It has not been the case, so I now suspect that either all viruses were not removed or I have gotten another one. BAH!!!"

Jim C.

Jim, your message came through without problems. The obit is included in Attachments. Aren't computers FUN?

From **A. J. Gongol, 403rd Squadron, Flight Engineer**: "It is nice to know we are still around to communicate even though the years are taking their toll. Enclosed is a check for 2012.

"The proposed merger with the 43rd Air Lift Group sounds logical. I do appreciate the Newsletter. Keep it coming as long as I am around. Congrats to the new Board. I hope to make it to Dayton".

Sincerely,

Al Gongol

To all who have computer capability. Please log on to our website, **Kens'Men**, and note the changes! Colorful and new data! The addition of all Newsletters from #1 thru #121 provides a history of our activities since inception.

All future newsletters will be placed on the website. For those who can download and reproduce newsletters, please send an E-mail or note to Bob Richardson or Ed Gammill so you maybe removed form the mail list. The Board expects those who are dues paying members to continue sending your payments to Bud Lawson!

James Rodella, 64th Squadron, Gunner sent this note along with his and Joyce's 2012 dues: "We hope all's well with everyone. I receive the newsletter and was reminded to pay our 2012 dues.

The idea of merging with the 43rd Air Lift Group is a great one, thereby the 43rd Bomb Group can live on. Hope to see all of you at the reunion in Dayton".

Jim, Boots and Joyce

A note from **Anna Marie Franco**: "Although my husband, **Vic Franco, 63rd Squadron, Navigator** (on Bill O'Brien's crew) passed away 3 years ago, I have truly enjoyed the newsletter.

"However, I see the need to discontinue these COMP issues, so please remove my name." GOD Bless "Kens' Men"

Best Wishes

Anna Marie Franco

Dear Anna, it is not the intention of the **Board of Directors** to remove anyone who enjoys and wishes to continue the newsletter. You will continue to receive it with the blessings of all Kens' Men.

February 27, phone call from Life Member **Robert Mangan** reported his new address—**322 Washington Place - Apt 324, Erie, PA 16505**. Robert reported that he has been having medical problems, but is now home.

A President Richardson letter from **Life Member George Anderson, 403rd Squadron, Pilot**: "Dear Robert, Belated congratulations for taking over as President. It will be a year full of serious decisions. I know you and the Board, as well as our membership, will prosper with what ever solution is decided upon. **Arvid** was an excellent President and I am sure he left things in perfect order for you to take over.

"I just received the 121st edition of te BG's Newsletter. Needless to say, it was great. I have thoroughly enjoyed them over the many years as a member of the Assn. and the 403rd Squadron of the 43rd BG. I am a

"Life" Member and still breathing at 90. My daughters say they will be there for my 100th—who knows, maybe I'll make it!

"They attended with me at the 2011 Reunion and had a great time. If the 2012 Reunion comes to pass, God willing, maybe they and I will make it. I was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB. My two sons lived in Fairborn and that is where my daughter was born.

"It would be a shame if the Assn. disbanded. If a merger would allow it to continue with all of its history along with another of related type history, I think it would be great for both. The possible merger with the **43rd Air Lift Group** and the connection with **George Mason Univ.** seems to be a very logical move. The content of **Scott Miller's** e-mail, I think, bears this out.

"It's sad to see names of so many members who have passed on and the fine words given to them by their families. We will all go south at some point—lots of friendship and history going down the drain.

"I finally made contact with **Larry Hickey's** office re the BG history—same old answer still working on it. Confirmed my purchase, however."

My best to you in 2012,

George O. Anderson

Jean Byrne, COMP member and widow of **Arthur D. Byrne** sent the following letter dtd 3/5/12. "Just finished reading the last newsletter and would like to continue receiving them. What ever the cost of printing and mailing I would like to pay it if you'll let me know how much it is. Note from the Board: The wives of members, who have passed away, do not have to pay dues. Jean, we just want to know if you still wish to receive the newsletter. COMP members do not need to do anything except indicate the wish to continue receiving the newsletter!

"I have found a couple of photos taken while Art was **Intelligence Officer** in the Japanese theater of operations and will send them to you, along with anything else I may discover. Am trying to get papers and miscellaneous items to where they are useful.

"In our files there are newsletters from July 1997, of which only a couple, would I like to keep. Do you know of any one who would like to have them? You already have Art's book of cartoons. I also have his letters to me which have the original in them. Art felt badly that he briefed crews, sent them out and sometimes, of course, they did not return. So he inveigled one of the pilots to let him go on a mission. I think he wished to get the feel of such operations. He did not tell me about this until a long time after returning home.

"He was on Ie Shima or Iwo Jima when the war ended and most of the men in his group were sent home. However, he and some 16 others remained to "clean up." The 17 men had steak, ice cream and other wonderful food items for thousands of men, that we civilians had not see for quite awhile. This little group kept trying to get deactivated, but no word came; so in desperation they finally flew a war-scarred plane to Tokyo—it almost didn't get off the ground—but they made it. When they arrived at headquarters, they told that they had been declared AWOL and would not be given their merited promotions, etc. The matter was finally straightened out. They received promotions and were sent home several months after they should have been!

"In the meantime, I had been receiving calls from some of his buddies and very good friends assuring me that he should be home shortly—'shortly was not to be! However, eventually he did get home, thanks be to GOD.

"If you wish to use some of the stories, you may. If I find any more in some of his writings, I'll let you know. Best wishes, to all, for your health, happiness and prosperity in all the things that matter."

Sincerely with appreciation,

Jean Byrne

Al O'Brien's letter: "Enclosed is my check for \$100 covering my delinquent account, which was only paid until 2008. I'm sorry about that, I've eagerly read each newsletter for years hoping to connect with others that were shipmates of my brother or knew him while he was stationed at **Owi** or during his brief time at **Tacloban** before his crash. Obviously, as time goes by, the chance of connection becomes remote, but I still

like to read other's experiences during that time.

"I was in high school in 1944, when we received notice that he was MIA. I remember what a traumatic time it was for all of us. We were doing our part with Bucky (Jim), with my other brother who was training to be a Navy pilot, and my nurse sister in England readying for the invasion.

"My folks, like so many other parents, worried a good deal about their children, who were in harms way. Especially Jim, for we knew from his letters that he was in combat facing real peril.

"Anyway, good luck to all Ken's Men"

Regards,

Al O'Brien

A 3/15 e-mail: "**John Taylor, 64th Squadron, Flight Engineer/Gunner on Lt. Matt Holohan's crew.** Until about a year ago, I was not aware of the "WWII National Registry" web page where you can register a WWII Veteran along with service record, photo and honoree certificate.

"Louise Terrell, daughter of **T/Sgt. William Voght**, a 64th comrade, entered me as an honoree. I now have all ten men of my original crew members memorialized in the National Archives, also framed and posted in my hallway.

Only one other survives today.

"I've also had the pleasure of entering a number of my friends and family veterans from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines.

"It's great to do this. I am sure there are a many others who would like to have this information so they could do it. I would like to see it made available in the next newsletter.

"Incidentally the daughter mentioned above is **Col. Louise Terrell, Ret. USAA, helicopter pilot**".

Sincerely,

John

A note from Life Member **Dorothy Curren**: "Please keep sending me the 43rd Bomb Group Newsletter. It's always enjoyable as well as educational.

"I hope to be able to attend the Dayton reunion. Keep the good work".

Sincerely,

Dottie Curren

Art Mulligan would like to continue receiving the 43rd Bomb Group newsletter. He is not up to attending the reunions as much as he would like, but enjoys hearing about the guys".

Beverlie Mulligan

"When I received the Jan 2012 Newsletter, I noticed it is still addressed to my husband **C. F. "Fred" McAlister, HDQRS, Med/Tech**. Fred passed away October 2010. I notified the Association at the time, but there has not been a change in the mailing list.

"Fred and I attended the first organizational meeting in San Antonio. We have always enjoyed attending all of the reunion we possibly could.

"I wish to remain on your mailing list as a COMP Member".

Best Regards to All

Maurine McAlister

Maurine the change in your status has been made. Ed

April 2, a note from Life Member, **Michael O'Malley, 63rd Squadron, Navigator**: "I was the Navigator on **Earle Bishop's Crew** and the only surveying member of this crew.

"I will be 89 in August and wish to continue receiving the newsletter. I have enjoyed all and read each before opening other mail.

"Thanks to all present and past officers for outstanding performance."

Michael O'Malley

19 March 2012 a letter addressed to Robert Richardson: "Dear Pres. Robert,

"I wrote this article to be sent to **"BOMBER LEGENDS"** years ago, but never followed through. If you would give it to the proper person on the 43rd newsletter and if they found it satisfactory to print, I'd be pleased..

"There was nothing in the January edition of the newsletter regarding the next reunion. Yes or No?

"Best wishes to you as the new president!"

Sincerely,

Wade Kehr

Wade, the reunion is **YES** and your article **"Super Strength of Body and Mind and a Strong B-24** is an attachment to this newsletter.

A short note from **Don Williams, Associate Member** and son of **Leonard Williams, 65th Squadron**: "This should catch me up on dues, plus a year of so!" Don you are in good standing through 2014! Ed

A letter from Don: Dear Ed, "Completely by accident, I discovered this book **HELL ABOVE EARTH**, by Stephen Frater. I bought a second copy for you.

"I am amazed, Werner Goering was able to fly in the European Theater. Would have thought any other theater of the war would been more appropriate. I never heard about him until this book. Must finish the book I am presently reading then I am going to start this one. I do not know anything about the book yet, but I did note that Werner Goering is (or was—haven't checked yet) living in Tucson. If still alive I am going to Tucson and ask for him to autograph my copy.

"It is not about the 43rd Bomb Group, the 5th Air Force of the Southwest Pacific theater, but I hope you will enjoy it. It is about a B-17 pilot! Note, the photo of the crew, all officers have German names—what is that about???

"The website looks outstanding."

Best wishes,

Don Williams

Via email from Bud Lawson: **Alan Matisoff, 64th Squadron, Nose Gunner** updated his dues payment through 2012, Alan included this comment "Sorry about being so late on dues. It wasn't until, I read in the newsletter about the **Deadbeats** not paying, that I found that I was one! I enjoy your newsletter. Keep'em coming."

Also the envelope had a label with a different address than the check. The correct address is: Alan and Ann Matisoff, **8856 Sutter Cir., Unit 523D, Huntington Beach, CA 92646**.

May 1, 2012, a note from **Mary Kathleen Lukowski**: Dear Ken's Men—"So sorry it has taken me so long to send in my dues. I promise to do better next year.

"Hope you are well and keeping busy. I still find I miss my dad a lot! Wish he was still here! Take care".

Fondly, *Kathie*

In an email to me, dated 9/30/10, **Mark Feldbin**, son of **Albert Feldbin, 64th Squadron, Bombardier**, told of a series of photos made on 8/9/45 by **Mario Barsotti, 64th Squadron, Radio Operator**. It required some time for me to obtain better reproductions and permission to place them in the newsletter.

Mario made these photos of the Nagasaki atomic bomb with a small personal camera, probably using black/white 120 film. The reproductions and film suffer from age and some water damage, but they are a bit of 43rd history. I hope you find Judge Barsotti's contribution of great interest.

The correspondence and photographs are an attachment.

An email, dated 5/9/12, from **Rolland J. Less**, grandson of **John F. Dolder, 403rd Squadron, Maintenance**: "Hello Gents, attached is a picture of my grandfather in front of a sign we are all familiar. I

have seen WWII pictures, from our family collection, of oxen and people in New Guinea taking bathes in newly formed bomb craters. I never thought I would see that!

"Being the oldest grandson, I was able to acquire some great memories with grandfather. I am pretty sure he attained Sergeant or higher rank. He did not talk much about it as you can imagine. I heard he had spent some time on Tinian Island where he assisted in replacing an engine on the B-29 Enola Gay.

"Is there someone who can provide information re the jacket and patches that are displayed on the attached photograph? It would be very neat to receive any information you could provide". Roland's email address <Roland.Less@tecmungo.com>

Roland J. Less

I received the following message from **David Sipmann**:

"I am an independent film maker in Phoenix, Arisona, who is considering doing a film about the flight or "Old 666" during June 16, 1943. My goal is to be as accurate as possible with the information about this plane and it's crew. Unfortunately, I can't find a list of all of the flight crew. Perhaps you can be of assistance in this matter. Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated."

I was able to identify all of the crew except the Ball Turret and Waist Gunners. Also, I sent him a list of books and articles and the obituaries of Jay Zeamer and J.T. Britton. If any member has information that would help David, please send it to <www.lightrayproductions.com>

I hope many of you have seen the new format of our <www.kensmen.com> website. Louise Terrell, daughter of William Vought, 64th Squadron and Tracy Tucciarone, Daughter of Francis Tucher, 64th Squadron have worked very hard to present a new colorful site and they have included much new data. Bud Lawson and Jimmy Dieffenderfer deserve a big THANK YOU for their assistance in obtaining the early (1 thru 29) newsletters. During my review of those early newsletters, I found some very interesting history! The second newsletter listed approximately 191 members. Ten years latter there were over 1200!

*****MEMORIALS*****

A March 3, 2012 e-mail: "Just a quick note to let you know that my father **Richard Howard, 63rd Squadron, Flight Engineer** flew west in June of 2009. He thoroughly enjoyed the crew reunions, of which, there were many. On one occasion, the pilot **Kent Zimmerman** gathered the entire crew for a reunion. A great time it was. I believe **Steve Perrone** is the only surviving member of my father's crew.

"As a Vietnam Fighter pilot with 235 missions in the F-100, I appreciated what they and all the rest of you guys from the "Greatest Generation" did for us. I know a bit about what you guys did and shared the same triumphs and tears that we did. At least the government let you guys win. Unfortunately that didn't happen in "our" war. All I can say is, we were winning when I left.

Thanks again for your service.

Lee Howard

February 19, I received this message concerning **Roland Fisher, 63rd Squadron, Pilot**: "Hi Everyone, I wanted to let you know a great man passed away at the age of 91. He had a stroke over the weekend that he could not recover from. He was surrounded by family, as we sang his favorite song to him "**Waltzing Matilda**". He passed away peacefully with grandma **Irma** by his side on Wednesday February 15th 2012. I am proud to have been his grandson and will miss him very much. Its now time to support Irma in her time of need. She misses him dearly.

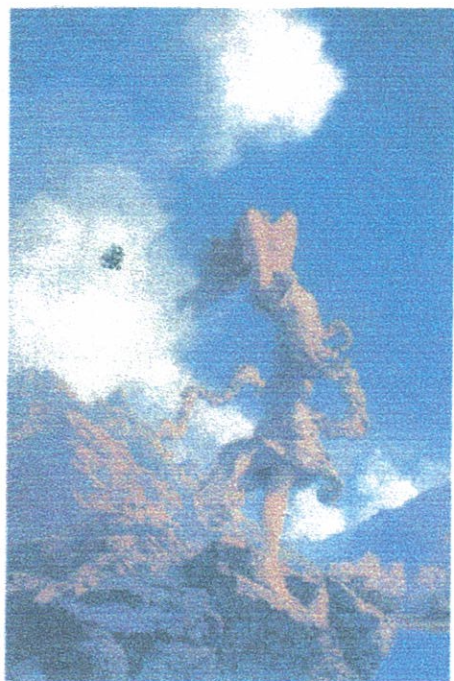
"His funeral will be Tuesday February 21st at 1 PM. It will be held at the Williamette National Cemetery Portland, Oregon".

Thanks,

Jim Fisher

We have lost our **Chaplain**, who wrote excellent messages for the **Memorial Service** of our Reunions. A good friend and a Ken's Man who served our Association well for many years. **REST WELL, SMOKIE ONE!** We will miss you and your Memorial Tributes. Ed

One of SMOKIE ONE'S favorites!



High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds- - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of- - wheeled and soared and
swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting winds along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air,
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew,
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

By Royal Canadian Air Force Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr.,
an American flier who flew with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Some
sources say he died in aerial combat, in a Spitfire, on December 11,
1941 while the latest definitive history indicates died on a training
mission.

A follow up note from **Jean Livingston** concerning the death of **Fred Peters, 63rd Squadron, Personnel**.
"Thanks for your interest. Here is the information I have. Sorry I do not have more military information.

"Fred would charm us with stories of how they brought "hooch" for the men and even made it! I suppose
this information is inappropriate for the newsletter, even though it was vital to the guys at the time. Just a good
story.

"He was very proud that he still fit in the jacket he wore when he was eighteen and of the medals he
earned".

Jean Livingston

March 13, 2012—"I am sending a copy of the obituary for my father-in-law **Jack H. Strange, 403rd
Squadron, Gunner**. Thought you might be able to include it in the next newsletter.

"My husband Tommy likes reading the newsletters, if possible please continue to send to Jack's address
would be great. Any questions, please call me at (972) 742-9805".

Thank You,

Donna Strange

Via an email from Bob Richardson: **Marguerite Drab** reports that **Francis J. Drab, 403rd Squadron,
Arm/Gunner** passed away April 17, 2012. Francis has served as a Director of the 403rd Squadron for many years.
He and his contribution to Ken's Men will be missed .

April 24, 2012, a follow on message from Peg Drab: "The 43rd and its members has always meant so much
to Frank. He loved all of you. He passed away last Tuesday at 2:35 AM in his own bed. He had congestive heart
failure and a number of other things. He had been honored the previous afternoon for his years of service.

"We always enjoyed the reunions so much. I will miss him greatly"

Sincerely - *Peg Drab.*

Received a phone call from **Sally Jasmer** informing of the August 17 death of her father **Leroy Jasmer, 63rd Squadron, Maintenance.**

Via email from Bob Richardson: **Athill W. Irvine, 63rd Squadron, Radio/Gunner** and a member of **Roger Little's** crew passed away April 2, 2012. Reported by his daughter **Susan Walters.**

From **Caryl Dresher** via our website: "I am writing to inform, my father's battle buddies, that **Seymour Dresher, 65th Squadron, Bombardier**, during WWII and the Occupation of Japan, has passed away on April 18, 2012. Dad is on the far left of the middle group picture on the Ken'sMen Menu Page.

"He kept you all in his thoughts and prayers. He lived his life as if he was still serving his country".

Caryl Dresher

Posted on our website, May 7, by **David Thaler**: "My father, **T/Sgt Leo H. Thaler, 403rd Squadron, Flight Engineer** passed away April 5, 2012 at the age of 88. He was very proud of his service as a member of Ken's Men."

Via Bob Richardson's email: "**Clifford L. McHenry, 63rd Squadron, Nose Turret Gunner**, passed away April 17, 2012. Mac was on **Roger Little's** crew and was my crew mate. Roger and myself are the only survivors of the original crew of 10. Our crew was one of the last assigned to the 63rd Squadron.

"It would be interesting to know, how many 43rd Combat Crew veterans of WWII, are still with us."

Bob

May 25, 2012—Dear Sandy, Ed, Kendra and Tammy,

"Last Saturday, we all gathered at the cemetery in Action, Mass. To lay to rest and to honor Tom. I was so proud.

"His brothers had arranged to have an honor guard from the Navy, in which, Tom had served. They were so very young and stood at rigid attention -----Taps sounded clear and I was presented an American Flag.

Sandy do you remember when Tom was with you at Arlington National Cemetery for Joe's burial, he told you afterwards that he had never been so moved and so honored as to be allowed to attend. His service was brief, his four brothers spoke and their love for Tom showed clearly.

"The military provided a bronze plaque, but the biggest honor I felt was----The honor guard came from the Charlestown Navy Yard in Mass. It was from the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides", the oldest Navy ship in the Navy which was commissioned by George Washington!

"Tom would have been so proud. His loss has created such an empty place in all of us".

Mum/Irene Dow

June 4, a telephone call from **Jim Dieffenderfer**, reported the May 30th death of his wife, **Audrey.**

June 6, **Ann Fletcher** added more information: "Dear Kinsmen, I want you to know that Audrey died peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of May 30th. She reached the age of 97 on May 29th.

"I spent a few days with Daddy and he's just fine, sad.....but also relieved. We all know Audrey is in a better place. He's making plans to visit John in Alaska, in August, for a salmon fishing trip! It is encouraging that he remains positive and forward thinking! We're all proud of him.

"Hope all of you are doing well. Bob and I will look forward to seeing you at the reunion (hopefully) in the Fall".

Love XO,

Ann

Nothing beautiful in this world is ever lost!

Those we cherish will always live on in our hearts and memory!

*****SENIOR MOMENTS*****

For those who have attained the high status of Senior Citizen

As we become older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to “make a difference” in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other “seniors” who have found courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither.

Harold Schlumberg is such a person. THIS IS QUOTED FROM HAROLD: “I’ve often been asked, ‘What do you do now that you’re retired?’ “Well—I’m fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy is converting beer, wine and whisky into urine. It’s rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it.”

Harold should be an inspiration to us all!

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back, it was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, for he hadn’t been there for a while, to look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted “We’re not coming out until you leave”

The old man frowned. “I didn’t come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.” Holding up the bucket he said, “I’m here to feed the alligator!”

Some old men can still think fast.

A lady goes to the bar in a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, “I’m on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it’s today...” The bartender says, “Well, since it’s your birthday, I’ll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.”

The old woman says, “Thank you, Bartender, I’ll have another Scotch with two drops of water.” Coming up” says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, “I would like to buy one, too.” The old woman says, “Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.”

“Coming right up,” the bartender says. As he gives her drink, he asks, “Ma’am, I’m dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?” The old woman replies, ‘Sonny, when you’re my age, you’ve learned hold to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue!’”

*****43rd HUMOR*****

A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip!

Unknown

SPAGHETTI

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he said he would pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child.

If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child was 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born.

To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write “Spaghetti” on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he come home to his confused wife. "Honey", she said, "you received a very strange post came today." "Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later," he said.

The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white and fainted! On the card was written: Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti—Three with meatballs and two without.

SEND MORE SAUCE!

Another Blonde Joke (Forgive me Blonde Ladies!)

An old, blind cowboy wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake! He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a shot of **Jack Daniels**. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?" The bar immediately falls absolutely silent!

"In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, Cowboy, I think it is only fair, given that you are blind, that you should know five things:

1-The bartender is a blonde girl with a **baseball bat**. 2-The bouncer is a **blonde girl**. 3-I'm a 6-foot tall, 175-pound blonde woman with a **Black Belt in Karate**. 4-The woman sitting next to me is blonde and **Professional Weight Lifter**. 5-The lady to your right is blonde and a **Professional Wrestler**.

"Now, think about it seriously, Cowboy. Do you still wanna tell that blonde joke?"

The blind cowboy thinks for second, shakes his head and mutters, "No, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

*******INFORMATION*******

This newsletter is published two times a year - **January and July..** Please send **membership applications** and **dues payments** to **Edward L. Gammill, 5337 E. Earll Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85018-8045**. Please keep in mind that annual dues are **\$20.00 per year**. Please make the check to the **43rd Bomb Group Association**.

Send items for the **Newsletter** to **Ed Gammill** at the **US Mail address above** or via e-mail to Edgammill@aol.com. Any material receive after the 15th of the month prior to a publication month probably will not appear in that publication.

*******ATTACHMENTS*******

- 1-Mario Barsotti's Nagasaki Bomb Photographs and e-mails (6 pages)
- 2- Super Strength of Body and Mind and a Strong B-24
- 3-John Dolder's e-mail and photograph (2 pages)
- 4-Obituaries (3 pages)
- 5-2012 Reunion Schedule and Forms (4 pages)

WARNING

This is the last newsletter prior to the October 23 through October 28 Reunion! Please plan your reunion using the attached Schedule, Hotel Reservation, Activity Registration and Tour Description Forms.

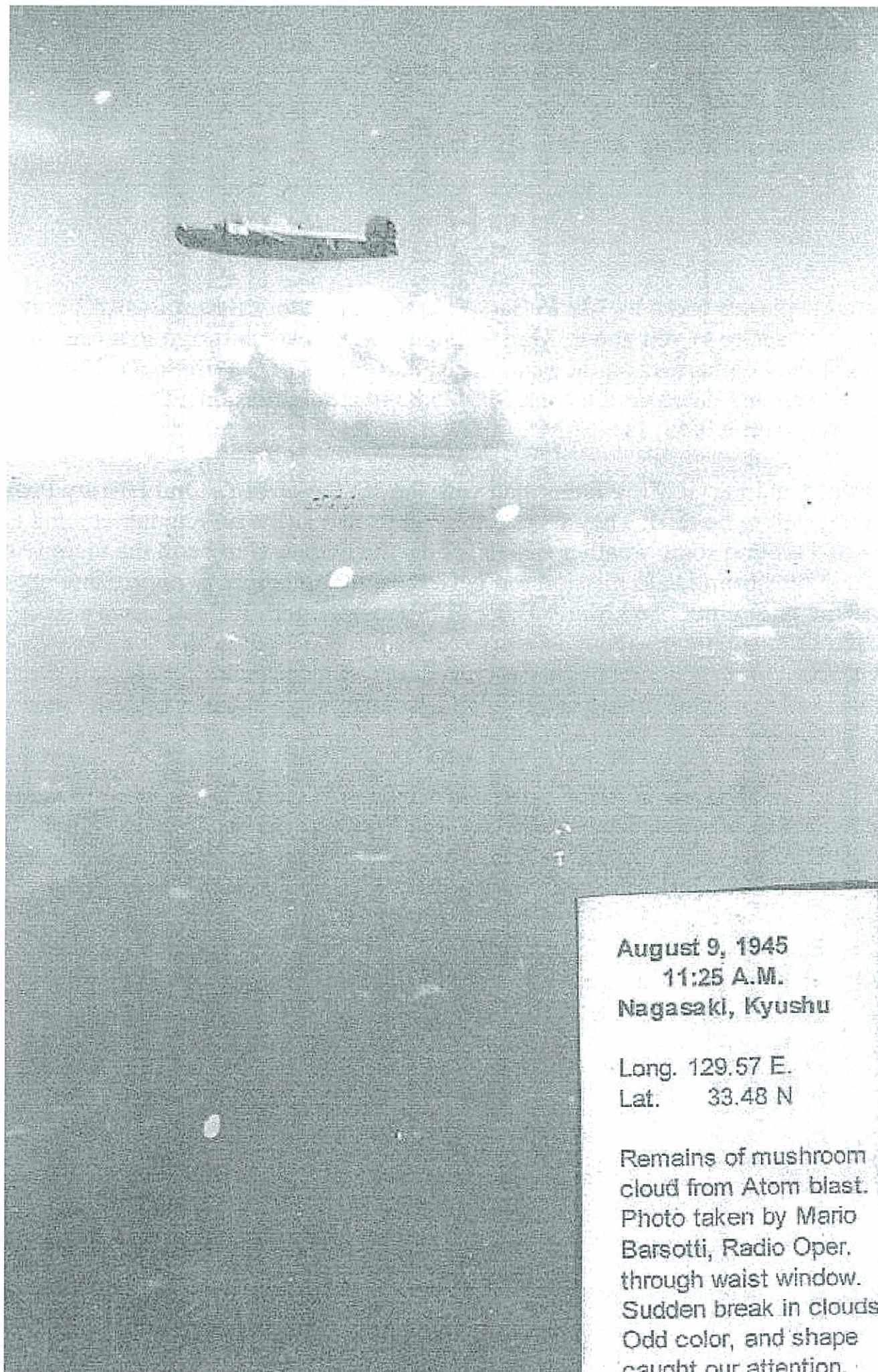
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Date: **9/30/2010 2:55:39 PM US Mountain Standard Time**
From: **m.feldbin@yahoo.com**
To: **Edgammill@aol.com**
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Ed,

These are the photos taken by Mario Barsotti, radio operator on Ken Brown's crew, 64th BS that Jim C spoke to you about. Mario's photos were lost years ago in a fire. My dad, Albert Feldbin, bombardier on the same crew, had copies of the originals. The first two are marked and dated on the back "8/9/45 Kumamoto mission"; the last one is marked "Nagasaki 8/9/45, 11:45AM".

According to an interview my father had with the NYS Veteran's Oral History Project a few months before he died: They were returning from a strike on Kumamoto and Oita and diverted around some weather which is how they managed to be in the vicinity of Nagasaki. Notes from Dad's mission log gave the column height as approximately 40,000 feet. Aircraft tail number 543.

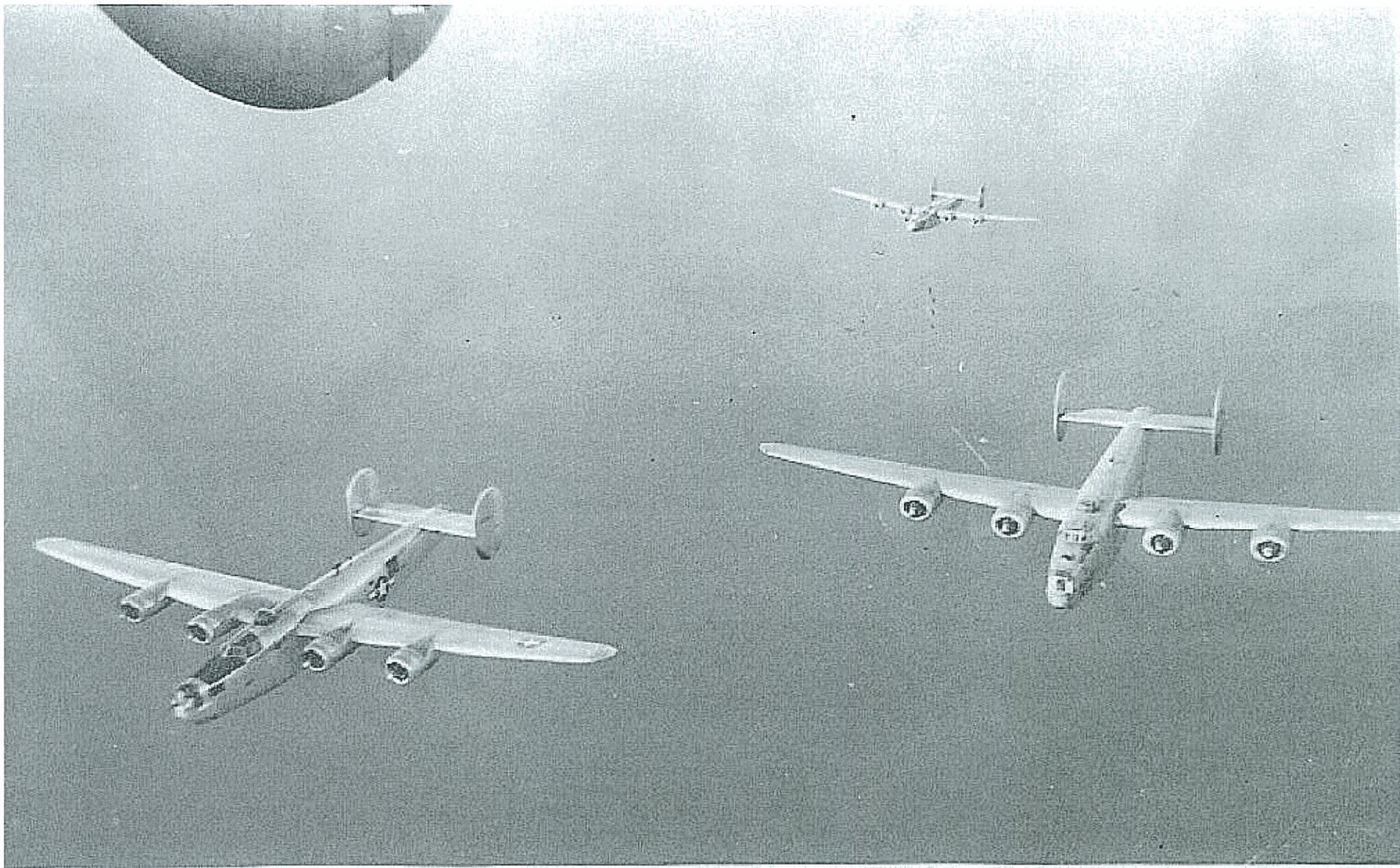
Mark Feldbin



August 9, 1945
11:25 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kyushu

Long. 129.57 E.
Lat. 33.48 N

Remains of mushroom
cloud from Atom blast.
Photo taken by Mario
Barsotti, Radio Oper.
through waist window.
Sudden break in clouds
Odd color, and shape
caught our attention.





Subj: **Re: PHOTO NAGASAKI BOMB**
Date: 3/22/2012 8:18:54 AM US Mountain Standard Time
From: marflobars@aol.com
To: Edgammill@aol.com
Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Sorry I havent sent you a reply. It will come to you very soon. Right now is a busy time for me. Hold on!!!!!! M Barsotti

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

From: Edgammill <Edgammill@aol.com>
To: marflobars <marflobars@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Mar 10, 2012 11:55 am
Subject: PHOTO NAGASAKI BOMB

Dear Judge Barsotti, I apologize for the length of time in responding to your message DTD Jan 12, 2010. The previous newsletters have been of a volume that I could not take advantage of you offer to include your photos.

Now that the newsletter will be reduced to 2 per year, the volume will be increased. So with your permission and the submittal of your much better photos, I will include in the July Newsletter. Mark Feldbin's photos appear to be water damaged.

My e-mail address is on this correspondence. If you have trouble sending via e-mail, my US Mail address is:

EDWARD L. GAMMILL
5337 E. EARLL DRIVE
PHOENIX, AZ 85018-8045

Subj: **Photo Nagasaki Bomb**
Date: 1/12/2010 10:40:50 AM US Mountain Standard Time
From: marflobars@aol.com
To: Edgammill@aol.com
Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Dear Ed:

In 1945 I was a radio operator on a B24- Al Feldman was bombardier Ken Brown was pilot . Refer to your newsletter of JAN 2010 PAGE THREE(3), item about a photo of atom bomb at Nagasaki. I took that photo with a box camera and I have registered it with the US Copyright Office in Wash DC in my name.

If you wish to 'PUBLISH' this photo in the newsletter please correspond with me for consent and I will be happy to cooperate. My image of the photo may be better than the one referred to in the newsletter. Sincerely Judge Mario Barsotti

Edward:

My pleasure to send you
these pictures.

If you are not satisfied
please let me know &

I will send you additional
copies perhaps of "improved"
photos or different sizes.

Mans "Hark" Barath

100 Bay Place apt 1011
Oakland ca 94610

tel (510) 708 8731

P.S. the copyright doesn't apply
to 43rd Bomb Group - glad to give
43rd whatever they want. m.

Super Strength of Body and Mind and a Strong B-24

Lt. Ervin Miskin, pilot turns a near disaster into a saving day.

He didn't get the Air Medal, not even a letter of commendation for his fight to save his B-24 and the lives of his crew.

It was January 1, 1944 when Lt. Miskin and his crew of the 403rd Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group, 5th Air Force departed on their 8th combat mission from Dobodura Air Base, New Guinea. A 10 hour reconnaissance around the Bismark Sea and Rebaul, over New Britain, Kavieng and New Ireland, primarily looking for shipping or other enemy activities. While flying in the New Britain area toward Rebaul, we sighted a Japanese "Sugar Charlie" (a small class freighter) off Cape Haskins Japanese fighter strip. We started our bombing run from 5,000 feet. From my tail turret position, I could see the flashes and tracers of very heavy accurate ack-ack. Five seconds before bombs away, we took two direct hits with one 20 mm shell in #1 engine, knocking out its hydraulic system and causing a trail of flame past the tail turret. Another hit the right horizontal stabilizer, tearing it to shreds spreading flack through the tail knocking out my gun turret hydraulic system, both direct hits and near hits spreading flack throughout the plane.

The engine was on fire for 7 minutes, we started plunging toward the sea and the order was given to prepare for a crash water landing. The bombs were salvo'd, ammo boxes, helmets and waist guns were thrown out. But the pilot finally pulled out of the dive 25 feet above the water, but so low that we siphoned up sea spray through the bomb bay doors and the belly ball turret. We skimmed along New Britain coastline not being able to gain enough altitude to fly over it. We could see the enemy scurrying from their san pans and small coastal vessels on to the beaches and into the jungle at the sound of our approaching plane.

On more than one occasion, there was talk of ditching, as the effort to maintain a course and

altitude with the wind milling prop and damaged elevator control took super human strength of body and mind by pilot and co-pilot.

About an hour into our return flight and having radioed our position, two P-40's found and escorted us until we were clear of the enemy area. After 2-1/2 hours, the pilot positioned the crew in the crash landing mode again as we were going to land on a short advanced fighter strip at Finschhafen.

With the right horizontal stabilizer damaged, the #1 engine wind milling, possible left landing gear tire flat and as it turned out, approximately 480 flack holes in the plane, he made a near perfect landing.

The B-24 was "Miss Mc Cook" #070 on what we thought would be her last flight. She was repaired and lived to fly again. We returned to our home base the following day via ATC. Moral of this story is: "Sighted enemy ship - same almost sank us"!

On 28 March 1944, 1/Lt. Ervin N. Miskin, pilot, T/Sgt. Royal N Greiner, our engineer, T/Sgt. Frank D. Brumm, our radio man, died when the B-24 they were ferrying to Garbutt Field, Australia for major repairs crashed into a mountain top during a hurricane type rain storm.

Because of Lt. Miskin's faith in God, his family, his crew, the United States of America and himself as a pilot, the following crew members are a living memorial to him, even 60 years after this violent mission: Hayden Clark, Ed Driscoll, Orley Caudill and Wade Kehr, scribe.



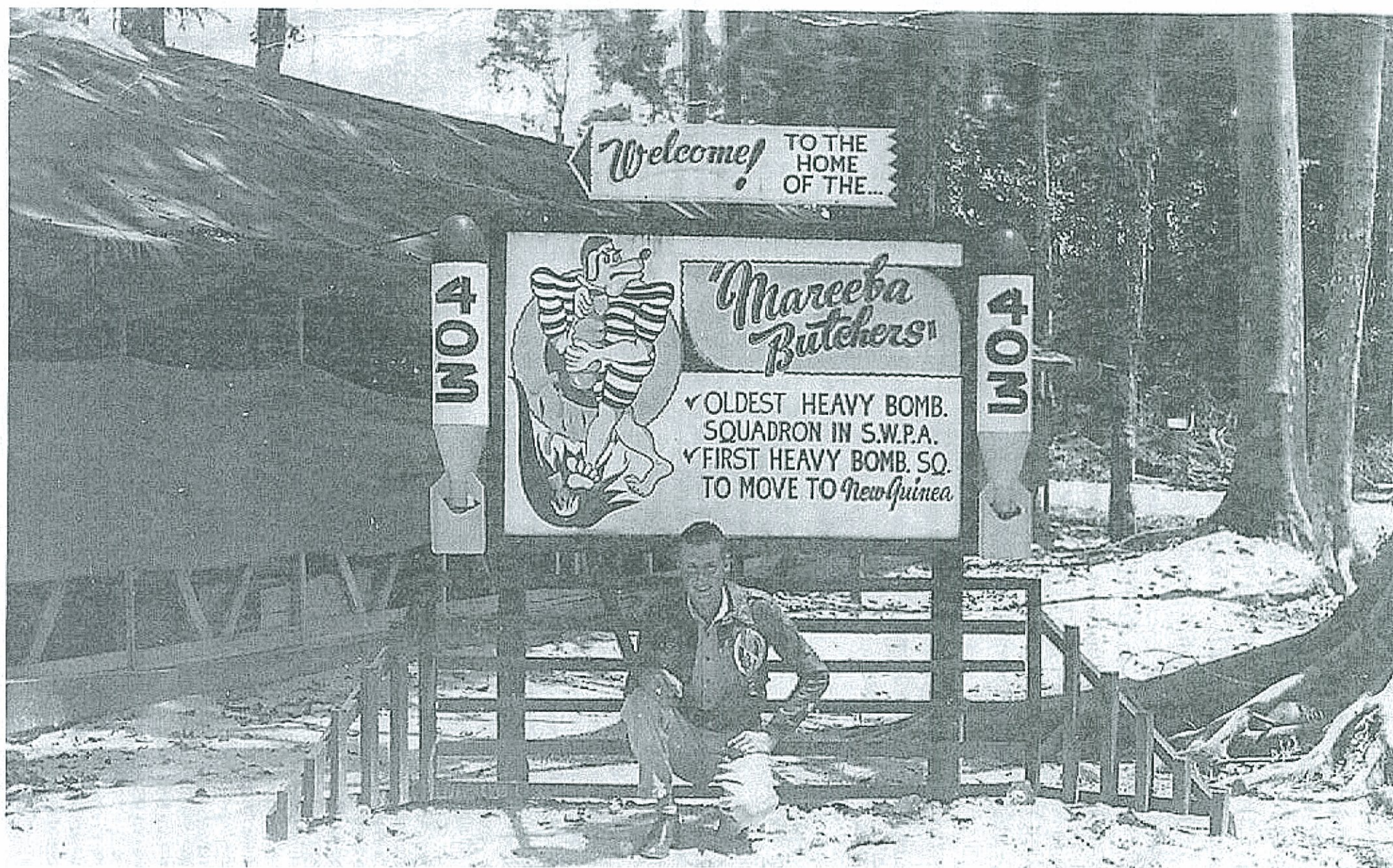
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Hello Gents

Attached is a pic of my Grandfather in front of a sign we are all familiar with. I have seen WWII pictures from our family collection of oxen and people from New Guinea taking bathes in newly formed bomb craters. I never thought I would see that! Being the oldest grandson, I was able to spend some great memories with my grandfather who was a B-24 mechanic with the 403rd; I am pretty sure he made it to Sergeant or higher rank. I did not talk much about it as you can imagine. I also heard he had spent some brief time on an island called Tinian. My grandfather claimed he had assisted in replacing an engine on the Enola Gay. Any way, I was wondering if you could determine if I could acquire info on the jacket with the same patches on it based on the attached. It would really be neat to hear any info you could provide.

Sincerely

Rolland J Less



Welcome! TO THE HOME OF THE...



Mareeba Butchers!

✓ OLDEST HEAVY BOMB SQUADRON IN S.W.P.A.
✓ FIRST HEAVY BOMB SQ. TO MOVE TO *New Guinea*

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Roland T. Fisher, born Jan 19, 1921, died February 15, 2012 of complications from a stroke. He is survived by his wife Irma Fisher. They were married for 66 years. He had two sons, Mark R. Fisher, and Thomas R. Fisher. He is survived by three grand children, James T. Fisher, Rusty R. Fisher, and Ashley M Fisher.

Roland served his country in the US Air Force during WWII. Prior to transferring to the US Air Force, Roland served in the Royal Air Force. He served two tours of duty as a B-24 bomber pilot in the South Pacific, where he earned several medals, including The Distinguished Flying Cross.

After WWII Roland worked for Montgomery Ward until 1956 when he relocated his family to Portland Oregon where he became president of Waterway Terminals until his retirement in 1984. Roland was very active in many volunteer activities. He was instrumental in organizing the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, which opened up thousands of acres of land to the public on the lower Deschutes River. Hunting, fishing, and dogs were a big part of his life.

In Lieu of flowers please send donations to Mt. Scott Learning Center, 6148 SE Holgate, Portland OR 97206. This organization serves students that for whatever reason can't be reached by the Public School system.

Mary Wilson

1920-2012

Mary Lois Springer Wilson passed away Saturday, March 24, following a brief illness. Funeral service for Mrs. Wilson, 91, was held at 2 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Adams officiating. Burial followed at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Born to a ranching family on Dec. 13, 1920 in Aspermont to Una Potter Springer and William A. Springer, Mary Lois graduated from Aspermont High School. She then entered Texas Christian University where she graduated in 1941. It was during her college years in Fort Worth that she met William H. Wilson Jr. They married on March 7, 1942 in Aspermont. The couple made their first home together in Saskatchewan where Bill was in service with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a B17 pilot. After Bill's return from service with the U.S. Army Air Corps, the couple moved to Haskell where they opened a Ford dealership in 1945.

It was during their time in Haskell that Mary Lois and Bill began their family. A daughter, Mary, was born in 1948, and a son, Bill, followed in 1952. In 1957, Mary Lois and Bill moved to Snyder to open a second Ford dealership. Mary Lois had a zest for life that exhibited itself in many ways. A love of books, art, cooking and travel were a constant. She was an avid bridge player and a lover of the natural world — most especially birds and Texas wildflowers. In later years, she and Bill spent many summers at their home in Ruidoso where they enjoyed horse racing and lively dinners with a special group of longtime friends. Mary Lois was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Cosmorama Study Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also a founding member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies service organization.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, as well as her brother, William A. Springer. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, William H. Wilson III and his wife, Nancy, of Snyder; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Wilson Strelecki and her husband, David Strelecki, of Dallas; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rachel Wilson Rember and Craig Rember and Molly Wilson McMillan and Chad McMillan, a grandson and his wife, Carl Strelecki and Alison Lerner Strelecki; and three great-grandchildren, Vivian Rose Rember, Parker Bence Strelecki and Naomi Jean McMillan. Caregivers, Evelyn Ware, Lisa Jefferys, Ola Delce and Birdie Thompson were treasured friends. Serving as pallbearers are Steve Dillaha, Bobby Thompson, Bill Lockhart, Billy Jack Carter, Bid Cooper, Elliott Cox, Chad McMillan, Craig Rember, and Carl Strelecki. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com

Robert RICHARDSON III



RICHARDSON, Robert Roadman III, 62, formerly of Richmond, Va., passed away suddenly on December 25, 2011, at his home in San Diego, Calif. He is survived by his parents, Mary Ann Mouser, of Richmond, Va., and Robert R. Richardson Jr., of Wilmington, N.C.; two sisters, Carolyn Richardson of Los Gatos, Calif. and Deborah Parker (Dennis), of Richmond, Va.; two nieces, Hunter Parker and Kathleen O'Donnell; and one nephew, Spencer Parker (Miada), and their daughter, Sofia. Also, many aunts and uncles and cousins survive him. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012, at the Chapel of The Virginia Veteran's Cemetery, 10300 Prideville Road, Amelia, Va. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

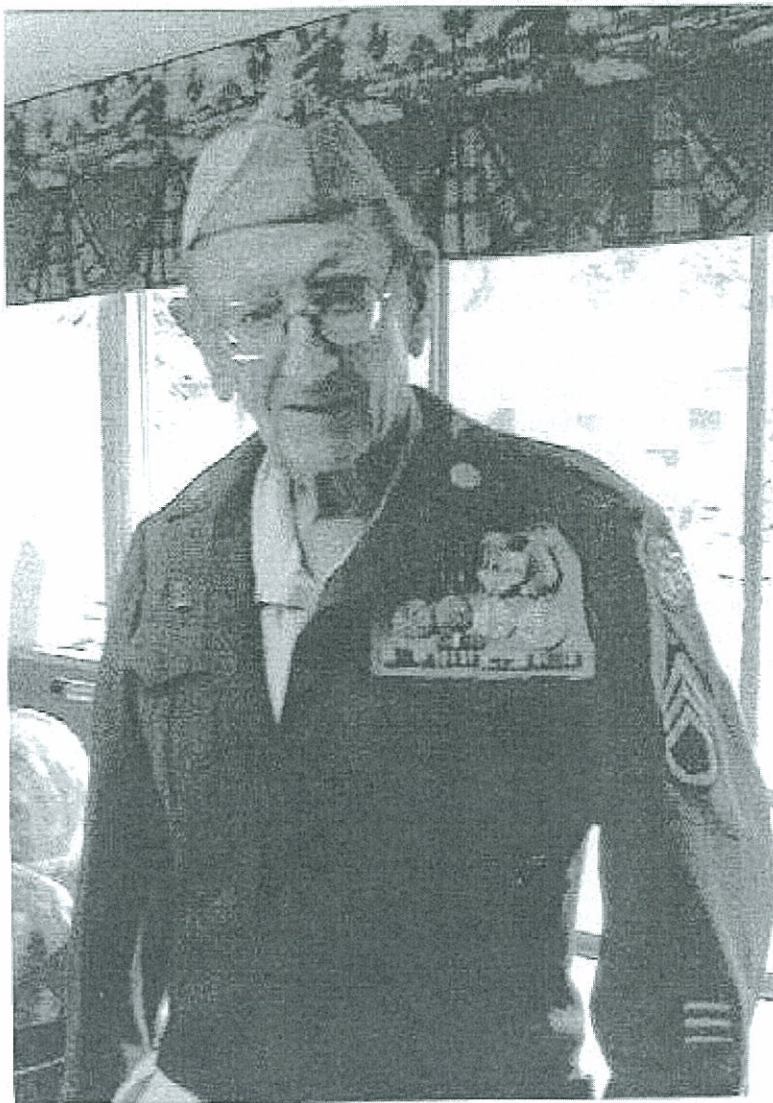
FRED M. PETERS

Fred Peters passed waay peacefully in his sleep January 25, 2012 at the age of 98.

He had attended all of the 43rd Bomb Group Association reunions and enjoyed socializing with his "bomber buddies". When it became impossible to travel, he enjoyed reading the bulletins every month. He also contributed information to the book "Snoopers".

He was a widow and the last of the older generation of his family. He is survived by three nieces and many grand and great grandnieces and one great, great grandniece and grand nephew. All of his family loved to hear of his military adventures in the South Seas.

He will missed very much.



Mr. Jack Strange, 87, of Whitney passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at a Temple hospital.

Graveside services with military honors were held 11 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2012, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Whitney with Dr. Allan Lanz officiating.

Jack was born July 21, 1924, in Bynum to Otis and Nellie Mae Branscome Strange. He graduated from Bynum High School before serving in the United States Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He flew 50 missions as a B-24 gunner with the 43rd Bomb Group in the South Pacific.

Jack married Martha Dalton December 8, 1945, in Innes, and she preceded him in death August 6, 2004.

He worked for 30 years at Bennett Printing in Dallas, retiring to Lake Whitney in 1978. He was a member of Fort Graham Baptist Church and Whitney Lodge #355 AF and AM.

Jack was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling as well as sharing good times with his family and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Winston Strange; and son-in-law, Dennis Paulson.

Survivors include: his son, Tommy Strange and wife, Donna, of DeSoto; one daughter, Jackie Paulson of Whitney; one sister, Nell Ruth Dalton of Hillsboro; three grandchildren, Tracey Strange and husband, Michel Lacour, of Vannes, France; Jenny Strange and husband, Brian Nicholson, of Dallas and Lee Strange of Red Oak; four great grandchildren, Auggie Strange Turner, Beckett Prijs, Hayden Strange and Addison Nicholson; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Bosque County Meals on Wheels, 405 South Hill, Meridian, TX 76665.

Minshall and Marshall Funeral Directors
254-693-1200

www.minshallmarshallfunerals.com



JACK STRANGE

Bruce Michael Edwards

Bruce Michael Edwards, 54, of Parkville, Mo., passed away Thursday, Jan.



26, 2012 following a courageous battle against ALS. He was born May 14, 1957 in Massillon, Ohio, to Russell

H. and Dorothy (Brenkamp) Edwards. Bruce grew up in Massillon and graduated from Washington High School in 1976. Bruce had a long career in the can packaging industry. Prior to his retirement in Dec. 2010, He worked for Silgan Container Corporation as a technical service representative. Bruce was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Leavenworth and a member of the masonic lodge in Massillon. In his youth, Bruce was active in scouting, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Bruce was an avid cycling fan, loved to travel, and spend time outdoors. Since being diagnosed with ALS, Bruce was very involved with the Keith Worthington ALS Chapter, raising money and awareness for ALS research.

He married Mary Jane "Janie" Nass of Atchison, Kan. on Oct. 15, 1988 in North Canton, Ohio. She survives of the home in Parkville. Additional survivors include two sons, Scott (Casey) of Augusta, Ga., and Alex of Parkville, Mo.; and his mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Edwards of Massillon, Ohio. His father preceded him in death, 1997.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at the Meyers Northland Chapel in Parkville. A Burial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Seventh and Seneca streets in Leavenworth, Kan., with (the Very Rev.) Michael Munro officiating. Lunch follows in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to ALS Promise Fund-Bruce's Battalion (www.alspromise.org)

43RD BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
OCTOBER 24 – 28, 2012
HOLIDAY INN DAYTON FAIRBORN – FAIRBORN, OHIO

Wednesday, October 24

10:00am - 11:45pm Early Bird Arrivals
Memorabilia Room Open
Dinner on your own
7:00pm Board Meeting (waiting for hotel to approve)

Thursday, October 25

9:00am - 11:45pm Memorabilia Room Open
9:00am General Business Meeting
3:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
4:00pm - Squadron Meetings
5:00pm Snacks & Cash Bar in Memorabilia Room
7:00pm Guest Speaker TBA

Friday, October 26

6:00am - 6:30am Hospitality Room Open
6:00am - 6:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
7:00am - 2:00pm WRIGHT-PATTERSON PRIVATE TOUR
8:00am Private Tour of B-24
10:00am Private Tour of B-17 Memphis Belle
11:00am Private Tour of Presidential Hangar
12:00pm Lunch at Officers' Club (Guest Speaker TBA)
2:30pm - 3:30pm **Reunion Registration Open**
5:00pm - 11:45pm Memorabilia Room Open with Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar
*A sign-up sheet will be available for open mic time: WWII vets,
10 minute war stories, clean jokes, etc. Comedians Welcome!*

Saturday, October 27

Hospitality Room Open
9:00am - 3:00pm NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE TOUR
5:00pm - 6:00pm Photo Opportunity in Memorabilia Room
Bring your own camera
6:00pm - 10:00pm Banquet Buffet & Cash Bar

Sunday, October 28

8:30am - 9:30am Continental Breakfast
9:30am - 10:30am Memorial Service
Farewells and Departures

***Register online and pay by credit card at
www.afr-reg.com/43bg2012***

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less AFR's non-refundable registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

HOLIDAY DAYTON INN /FAIRBORN – DAYTON, OH
937-426-7800

The Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675 Conference Center is located at 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324. The hotel is located approximately 21 miles from the Dayton International Airport. If you are driving, please call the hotel for driving directions. The hotel is set in a premier location with easy access to the interstate system, Wright State University, the Ervin J. Nutter Center, and the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The hotel is also within minutes of the National Museum of the US Air Force, IMAX theatre, and the Mall at Fairfield Commons. The Holiday Inn guest rooms offer in-room climate control, iron/ironing board, coffee maker, and hairdryer. All guests also have access to the Complimentary High Speed Wireless Internet Access, Indoor pool and on-site Executive fitness center. Parking at the hotel is complimentary for all guests. Handicapped accessible rooms are subject to availability; please make these special accommodations when making your reservation. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out time is 12:00noon. **McKenna's Grille**, featuring American cuisine, serves a breakfast and lunch buffet, and offers steaks, chops, seafood, homemade soups, and daily specials for dinner. Room service is also available from 12:00pm-10:00pm daily.

The hotel does not provide shuttle service from the Dayton International Airport. The hotel recommends Charter Vans Shuttle Service, currently their rates are \$37 for one person one way, \$17 per person one way if there are 2 people traveling together, and \$15 per person one way if there are 3 or more people traveling together. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed to baggage claim, the dispatcher is located by luggage carousel #1. For questions, reservations and to verify pricing, you can call (937) 898-4043. Across Town Shuttle also provides round trip transportation from the airport in their seven passenger van. Rates are \$45 each way, plus \$5 per person. Call 937-321-6731 or email Shel@AcrossTownShuttle.com for reservations. There is a taxi cab service available at the airport; Anton's Cab Services' current fare for one-way service is \$40. Call 937-252-4756 for information and reservations.

The hotel has limited parking space available for guests with RV's. Should you require full hook-ups, please contact John Bryan State Park at 937-767-1274. The park is located at 3790 State Route 370, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387, which is approximately 12 miles away from the hotel. Please call the park for more information, directions, and reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL

43rd BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 24-28, 2012

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (_____) _____ HOLIDAY INN PRIORITY # _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEP. DATE _____

_____ # OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____ HANDICAP ACCESS

_____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS

In the event room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$95 + tax (currently 12.5%) Single/Double occupancy. Rate will be offered 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on space availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 9/24/12. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 24 hours before arrival. Call 937-426-7800 and please record your cancellation number. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, will result in an early-departure fee.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit including tax, enclosed.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

MAIL TO: Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324 Attn: Reservations

43RD BOMB GROUP REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order, or register online at www.afr-reg.com/43bg2012 and pay by credit card. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 24, 2012. After that date, reservations accepted on a space available basis. Please make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 43rd Bomb Group

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	New <input type="checkbox"/> Revision/Addition <input type="checkbox"/>

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/24/12

	Price Per Person	# of People	Total
TOURS			
FRIDAY: WRIGHT PATTERSON PRIVATE TOUR (** see box at the bottom of the page if you are attending this tour)	\$ 50		\$
SATURDAY: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE (** see box at the bottom of the page if you are attending this tour)	\$ 43		\$
MEALS			
SATURDAY: BANQUET BUFFET	\$ 33		\$
SUNDAY: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	\$ 13		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Adult Registration Fee	\$ 10		\$
Under Age 18 (waived; please indicate number of children)		# _____	
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____

SQUADRON _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY.)

****On a separate piece of paper, please provide the following information for everyone going on the Wright-Patterson Private Tour: legal first and last name, state of government issued photo ID, ID/Drivers License Number (provide legal name only for children under age 18). Please provide the legal first and last names for everyone visiting the National Museum of the Air Force.**

Register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/43bg2012

(You will be charged a 3% processing fee online)

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

43rd BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON PRIVATE TOUR

Friday, October 26

Join your comrades for a private, behind the scenes tour of some of the sights at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Your time there will include a tour of a B-24, the B-17 Memphis Belle Flying Fortress and the Presidential Gallery where you can enter the presidential aircraft of John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower. The tour will conclude with a group lunch at the Officers' Club.

Note: A government issued photo ID is required for this trip. Children under age 18 do not have to show ID if accompanied by an adult (one adult per two children).

7:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel

\$34/Person includes bus, escort and lunch.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AIR FORCE

Saturday, October 27

The United States Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The Museum tells the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. Exhibits include over 300 aircraft and missiles, plus family oriented and historically interesting aeronautical displays. The museum also features an IMAX theater showing each hour on the hour (current cost is \$6/senior or \$6.75/adult- subject to change). Have lunch on your own in the cafeteria on the second level.

Note: A government issued photo ID is required for this trip. Children under age 18 do not have to show ID if accompanied by an adult (one adult per two children).

9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel

\$34/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch and IMAX on your own.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to scheduled time.

All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.