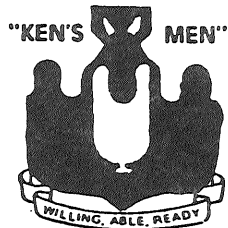


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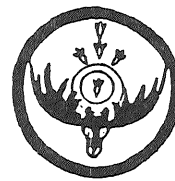
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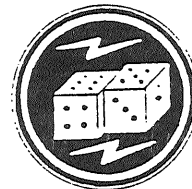
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NOTICE

This newsletter is being sent to all members on the current roster. Please check after your name on the mailing label. If it is blank, or reads PD-89, or PD-90, you are not shown as paid for 91, and if you desire to continue receiving the newsletters, and the roster for 91, which has already been mailed out, your dues must be paid for 91. Those who pay right away will receive the roster. All those who have not paid since 1989 will be dropped from the roster. If you are unable to pay dues, drop a line to Lloyd and you will continue to receive the newsletters, but not the roster. The dues are \$10.00 annually, due from January to January. If the newsletters mean anything at all to you, pay your dues now. The expense of publishing and mailing the newsletters and roster are not cheap, and we need all the help we can get. I believe FRANK SHELTON, 64th, put it in these words: "I really enjoy the newsletter. Brings back so many memories (good and bad). So many names I recognize and would like to greet in person again".

FROM BILL WILSON

Desert Storm. Pride. Proud of our troops, from bottom to top, Private to General. Also very proud of American made products and the people who made them. No Jap crap! Good show Yanks!!. It's great to be number one. Good old US of A.

Word has it that I'm getting retired (fired) this fall. So, this newsletter then 2 more for me. Funny thing, getting fired and GEORGE WHITE didn't have anything to do with it. I always thought GEORGE was my best bet to get me out.

The new roster is out, and it is very good. I took a little time off and checked our new roster. 737 paid their 1991 dues. 39 from Hdqs., 187 from the 63rd, 177 from the 64th, 170 from the 65th, and 164 from the 403rd. About an equal number from each outfit. 252 have not paid their '91 dues, 9 from Hdqs., 46 from the 63rd, 55 from the 64th, 50 from the 65th, and 60 from the 403rd, plus several from Squadron Unknown and Associate members who pay dues. From memory, someone in the 403rd used to pay the dues on the 403rd people that did not pay. When you get your new roster, if you find an old buddy that has not paid, drop him a note and tell him we sure miss him. You fellows in the 65th that haven't paid, get your money in. I'm out, and we will get some one good to write the newsletter. Oh yes, BILL EATON, 403rd, and other stat people, check my figures and let me know all my mistakes on paid and unpaid.

DR. CHESTER KENNEDY, 65th, sent me a copy of his book, THE WAY IT WAS - I THINK. CHET only had a few printed. Cost him \$35.00 each. If you would like a copy, that's the price. The book is good. It's about the early days at Mareeba and Port Moresby. His address is 96 Grandview Hts. Drive, Conway, AR 72032.

LLOYD sent me a picture of our new flag. You will be real pleased. 1st class. See it in Norfolk.

DALE BARR, 403rd, sent me a copy of a five page, typewritten, letter from ROBERT MC VEIGH, 403rd supply. The letter recalls his time in the 403rd from April 1944 on. Very well done and interesting. One of the nice things about doing the newsletter. Thanks DALE & ROBERT.

JACK FAERBER, 65th, reports he is still house hunting. Say, any place in your beautiful city of Newport, RI would be great.

EDWIN WOJDAK, 64th, reports he got all of his things back from LARRY HICKEY, and a nice letter saying thanks for his help on the book. EDWIN & MARGARET were recently in Florida and visited with MATT & NOELLE HOLOHAN, 64th, then on to see FLOYD & MARY HELEN KNAPP, 64th. EDWIN'S roster gave a New York phone number which wasn't much help, but with that old 43rd spirit, he located them. FLOYD has put in a really great wood-working shop at his house, and EDWIN is trying to get him to fix up some of my "better" used cars. All three couples are headed for Norfolk.

HARRY STALEY, 63rd, sent a bunch of clippings his mother saved out of their local papers. They show a lot of 43rd troupes. None of GEORGE WHITE ditching another B-17.

EDMOND & JOHANNA TROCCIA, 65th, says the 19th Bomb Group History book is out. ON WINGS WE CONQUER, 1941 and 1942. Several of us were in the 19th before joining the 43rd. Maybe you might like a copy. Price \$18.95. Address: G.E.M. Publishers, 1902 N. Old Orchard, Springfield, MO 65805. That Orchard St. must be a long street, it starts in front of GEORGE WHITE'S house in New Jersey. The book doesn't have much to say about us replacements. Mostly the Philippine bunch. I guess the 19th wasn't very pleased with some of us replacements.

Speaking of books, GEORGE WHITE & JIM PETTUS, along with others, have called this to my attention. We have several who have invested in paintings and other things to help our book along. GEORGE is the officer in charge of getting the book out. I talked to JIM PETTUS the other day and found out he will be in Colorado in May or June with a little time to kill, so I issued orders for him to check with LARRY and report to us just where we are. (I love to give orders to Colonels). I know LARRY & BRUCE want this to be the best book ever written, correct tail numbers, aircraft colors, targets, etc. This takes lots of time and time may be something we are all getting short on. For the most part, I think in the B-17 days, the target was over that mountain, and the tail number might not be there when we got back, especially when we got without a tail. For sure, our laundry got marked, and hopefully, that was one less we had to make. Let's try for more human interest, and a somewhat less technical report. That way some of us may be around to read it.

JOEL GRIFFIN, 403rd tail gunner, had a visit from BOB MARTINDALE. BOB was a POW at Rabaul, and in the same cell with JOSE HOLGUIN, JACK WISENER, CEPHES KELLY & JOEL. On 8th November 1943, all except JOSE were transferred to camp Omori, Tokyo, Japan. Turned out to be a big visit for JOEL & BOB.

FRANK & VIRGINIA HOHMANN, 403rd, are headed North to see his 90 year old mother (her birthday), and then a nice visit with their kids. FRANK has found several of the fellows that started out in Panama and Guatemala in the old 6th Bomb Group. ROBERT GREENFIELD, JIM DIEFENDERFER, LOUIS LE BLANC, ALTON LEAMAN, FOLMER SOGAARD, and HARRY STALEY. FRANK wants all of you from the old 6th Bomb Group to drop him a letter so he will know how many ended up in the 43rd and are still kicking. That's what he says. I think one of you still owes him \$5.00 that he is trying to collect. He has probably forgotten which one.

GEORGE & ANNE WEICHLEIN, 65th, sent in a letter they got from ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 93rd and 65th pilot. The letter was about a mission they flew, lost the windshield on their B-17. I know "FLETCH" stayed in the service, retired as a bird flapping Colonel, but to me, he will always be Capt. FLETCHER. The biggest Captain I ever saw. It will be fun to see him at Norfolk. He and JAY ZEAMER were tent mates. GEORGE & ANNE may not be able to make Norfolk, but are trying.

DAYTON & ANN BLANCHARD, 65th, report DAYT got grounded. Eye trouble, surgery, and expenses. Things are better. Not up to a check ride, but maybe pretty soon. DAYT has a job lined up for me with Reverend Edward Symes Rescue Mission. The Rectory Bishops Stortford, Hertford Shrine, England. All I have to do is sit on the stage while the preacher points out all the bad things that happen to one who drinks. The tour only includes the USA. No overseas pay. Thanks DAYT. They say I'm going to be unemployed shortly.

The 19th Bomb Group is having their reunion in San Antonio at the St. Anthony hotel the 11th thru the 15th of June. The theme of the reunion is a tribute to

General Eubanks on his 98th birthday. You fellows in San Antonio may want to stop by and say hello. I know at least two live there, BREEZY BOREN & DUTCH EHLERS, both 93rd men.

DOUG LEAMAN, 403rd, sent me a picture of the world's largest Greeting Card. A show of support for our troupes from the City of Indianapolis. Thanks DOUG.

Another late report from JACK FAERBER, 65th. He found a new pad. All moved in and wants everyone to know his new address: C/O Mrs. Regina Shers, 40 Roger Williams Court, Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871. Says something about pretty girls if you are up his way. Wish he had told us about it twenty years ago so we could have done something about it.

JIM DIEFERDERFER, 63rd, sent in a nice donation for our new flag, and also reports he will miss the last half of the Norfolk Reunion. Another 50th reunion. Says he has to make the school deal, it will be another 50 years before they get together. Good thinking Jim, it's plain you are not an optimist.

BOB MC GUIRE, Editor and Publisher of the B-24 Liberator Club wants the dates of our reunion this fall at Norfolk so he can put the notice in their publication. Also offers each a chance to join their outfit. Price is \$10.00 per year, address: Liberator Club, P. O. Box 15-2424, San Diego, CA 92195. Breezy has already sent him the information and placed him on the mailing list he sends out once a year to the various organizations and veterans magazines that list our reunions. You would be surprised how many new members we have picked up over the years from someone picking up, even an old copy of the American Legion or DAV magazine, and spotting our announcement. Lloyd has about 20 news sources he mails to, well in advance of each reunion.

FRANK & GENNY SCHIRRIPA, 64th, sent in a nice donation to the flag fund and memorial fund. FRANK has had a little health problem, but is on the mend. Maybe will make Norfolk. Drop them a note and let them know we will be looking for them.

LUCIAN KONOPA, 403rd, sent in for a 43rd bumper sticker. You folks around Buffalo Grove, ILL. watch for LUCIAN and his new bumper sticker, but don't run over the buffalos. By the way, BREEZY has plenty of bumper stickers - \$1.50 each.

DR. LEE & JOANN HOCKENSMITH, 65th, are all set for Norfolk. LEE & JOANN made a run to Walla Walla, Washington the other day. The old base is now the Municipal Airport. But for almost 50 years the Base and Town are much the same. The Mess Hall, Barracks, etc. If you are in that area, drive by. LEE says it's well worth the time.

PAT & ELIZABETH FREEMAN, 65th, adds a few notes to BOB WHITE'S story of the 449th Bomb Squadron mission on 29th Feb, 1944. Yes, and the 43rd was there on the 28th Feb 1944. Thanks PAT, see you two in Norfolk.

"CHUNKY" & CLARA MARIE WILFERT, 63rd, and GEORGE & AILEEN WHITE, 63rd, sent Easter cards and a reminder of a trip we all took to Port Moresby a few years back. Easter service in a chapel in Moresby with our wives. Had a little trouble, GEORGE was out looking for that native girl we all had a picture of. You know, the one with no top on. Well, we found GEORGE, got him to the church on time. No native girls.

CHARLES COLE, 403rd, wants to know if anyone ever got their picture that was taken at the Pilot's Lounge mini-reunion, Bangor, Maine. Not me, Let Charley know if you did. He wants the 13th fellows to make Norfolk. Mini-reunion for the 13th, by name, GREEN, EMBER, POLECHKO, WALTMAN, AVERILL, SIMPSON, and many others. CHARLEY will be calling soon. Best be present or it's KP for sure.

GEORGE WHITE, 63rd, regrets to report that his crewmate and long time friend RAY OUILLEN, 403rd, died 28th February 1991. RAY went over on the Argentina and he and GEORGE flew many missions together in the 403rd, 64th, & 63rd squadrons. They returned to the States in October 1943 on "READY BETTY", a 63rd B-17 piloted by HENRY EVENS. RAY stayed in the service with SAC, made Master Sergeant and did a tour in the Aleutians and two in Newfoundland. He ended his military career SAC Command Post at Mc Dill AFB. Services were held at Fort Huachuca, Arizona with the Color Guard from Davis Monthan AFB.

The 20th Air Force Assn. is taking donations for a Memorial Wall at the Air

Force Academy. For information, write 20th AF Assc 7811, Compass Lake Drive, San Diego, California 92119.

ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th, sent another note. He recalls two missions on 3rd March 1943, Battle of the Bismarck Sea. JAMES L. EASTER, his old co-pilot was attacked by Zeros that day and KIA. The rest of the crew were shot up. Plane in bad shape. JIM'S co-pilot landed the aircraft at Dobadura. No small feat in itself. JIM flew a bunch of missions with the 65th, and FLETCH had not seen him mentioned in any of the news letters. Then too, he would like to tip his hat to co-pilot PAT FREEMAN on the job he did. Might want to do the same to J.T. BRITTON, JAY ZEAMER'S co-pilot, and many others. Capt. FLETCHER wanted to know if I remembered him. That's about like asking an old Ford dealer if he remembers Henry Ford. Yes, with much admiration.

RALPH DE LOACH, 63rd, sent excerpts from a book called "THE PRIVATE WAR OF THE SPOTTERS". ERIC FOSTER is the Aussie spotter that got to the BLACK JACK crew. The book gives a different view of the war. Perhaps some of you would enjoy reading this book. For information write to R.M.B. 2769, Ameys Track, Foster Victoria, 3960 Australia. Thanks RALPH, sounds like good reading.

ELLIOTT DRESDEN, 64th, has lost all his records. Would love to have an 8 X 10 picture of one of our B-17s & B-24s. Anyone got an extra copy?

CLARICE ROBINSON reports the passing of her husband, CLAUDE W. ROBINSON, 65th. He died 26th February 1991 of a heart attack. We will all miss CLAUDE but hope you will carry out your plans to see us in Norfolk. We would love to have you, God Bless.

ED TROCCIA, 65th sent in more information on JIM EASTER. JIM started out as P. I. WILLIAM'S, co-pilot, Tampa, Florida, 17th May 1942. Joined the 1st Provisional Bomb Squadron, HARRY HAWTHORNE and others, finally 19th Bomb Group, then 43rd. ED was part of the honor guard for JIM'S service. ED & JOHANNA are all packed and ready for Norfolk. See you there.

BERNICE LONGMOOR, reports the passing of her husband HUGH W. LONGMOOR, pilot in the 63rd during the 50's and 60's. He died in September, 1990. God Bless.

GARNETT & PAULINE PEELING, 65th, sent in for patches and also a nice donation to the flag fund. GARNETT got in on finding WALTER LONNEY, sent him information about us. Thanks for your help and wear your new patches with pride.

MARCIA BRENNEMAN got a nice write up on her book, "WALTER, AN AIRMAN'S LIFE" by the Indiana University. You will recall her uncle, WALTER BRENNEMAN, 65th pilot, was shot down by Zeros August 1943. MARCIA still has a few books left, price \$21.95 plus \$2.50 postage. Good personal book. One we can relate to. Would make an excellent movie.

NEIL FAIRBANKS, 403rd, our rep with the 5th Air Force, reports more plans for memorials. 5 or 6 locations in the U.S. being considered along with Townsville, Australia. The big blow out at Townsville, 8th of May 1992. 50th Anniversary of the Coral Sea Battle.

ALISON & GENE "FLASH" GORDON, 403rd, are off to Australia in September. They were married in Sydney in 1944. This will be their sixth trip back. They will visit Darwin, Cairns, Innisfall and Mareeba. Mareeba for sure. The Memorial there is worth the trip. Contact the folks at the Service Club, they are great. And a cherrio chappie to you all.

ROBERT E. LEY, Vice President of the 19th Bomb Group advises that their regional reunion will be 26th thru 28th September 1991, at Hampton, Virginia. Contact JAMES A. KIRACOFE, 274 Quinn Road, West Alexandria, Ohio 45381, phone 513-839-4441, or HARRY CARLSON, 122 Dogward Dr., Newport News, VA 23606, phone 804-595-1397.

LUCIAN KONOPA, 403rd, talked to WALTER KICHURA, 403rd. WALTER'S wife FLORENCE is slowly improving. LUCIAN says they will see us in Norfolk.

BILL & LOU SPENCER, 403rd, are all set for Norfolk. In the meantime, BILL needs a little help -- he and T.T. "ED" HAAG, 403rd pilot, are all of their crew they have found. MATT HOLOHAN is trying, but no luck so far. They are looking for others that are living. RAY BROWN, gunner, did another tour in the 8th AF and was KIA. Not found are: co-pilot, DEWITT P. JOHNSTON from Memphis, Tenn., last known working for Beech Aircraft, Wichita, Kansas. Navigator, CLYDE W. VICKERY, Atlanta, Georgia, may work for Metropolitan Life, Engineer, EDGAR F. DOW, East

Lumberton, N. Carolina, Radio Operator, ROY NILLSON, 2414 Catalpo St., Chicago, Ill., Gunner, DONALD O. BELLMORE, Petersburg, Mich., Gunner, ADAM F. WEISGERBER, Rio Linda, Cal., Gunner, MICHAEL NESEVITCH, 108 Lincoln Ave., Olyphant, Penn. Let BILL know if you can help.

PHIL & WILMA HOFFECKER, 64th, still talking about the great time at St. Louis reunion. Want Norfolk to hurry and get here. Got a lot more visiting to do.

CHARLES "CHUCK" & NATALIE STEIN, 403rd, sent report on his crew and their 46 missions to LARRY HICKEY. Says being retired seems to give him more time to put things off. May make Norfolk, but for sure, the Queen Mary. Sent letter and newspaper clipping on the passing of his very good friends MAURICE WHITWORTH, 403rd. MAURICE'S wife DOROTHY wrote a nice letter to all of us expressing the joy they received renewing old and new friendships at the reunion. The feeling of caring for each other, etc... Yes, DOROTHY that's the way it is. God Bless and keep you.

LEONARD LAWSON 63rd, found one of our lost members, JOHN HOLLERAN, 64th, 33 Fern St., Rocky Hills, CT 06067. LEONARD & DOROTHY, along with GORDON & ELIZABETH BAVOR, Hdqrs., are driving to Norfolk. It will be their first reunion, but I'll bet it will not be their last. These people are all real nice Yankees, not like one they don't want to meet - GEORGE WHITE.

LEWIS & DOREEN DAWS, 65th, sent in Life Membership, and is working on a video tape to help on our book. Also has found another one of us, and hopes he will join. Good show, LEWIS.

TED & LOIS BIBY, 403rd, sent in dues and a little extra. Also a report on the passing of HAROLD J. BROWN, 403rd, in September 1989, Denver, Colorado. HAROLD & TED, along with DALE BARR and 148 others, joined the 13th Recon at Bangor. All well trained men. Long service records. ONE MONTH.

FRED & HELEN EPPLEN, 63rd, found another one. FREDERICK E. MOTT, M.D., 63rd Flight Surgeon. FRED is thinking about Norfolk. You fellows write him and I'll bet he shows up. F. E. MOTT, MD, 75 Westwood Rd., Newhaven, CT 06515. See you there Doctor. Thanks FRED.

MAXINE BRECHT, did a nice thing, sent in a gift for the flag in memory of her husband, HAL BRECHT, pilot and former C/O of the 64th, who passed away 1st August 1988. Thanks MAXINE, glad you can now read and enjoy the newsletters. God Bless.

HAROLD BARRETT, 403rd, and my neighbor, Tahoka, Texas, sent in a request from the Libertator Club to get a copy of our Newsletter. Bet we can handle that, HAROLD. May send him GEORGE WHITE'S copy.

BOB & DORIS BUTLER, 63rd, sent in a report on ED "LUCKY" STEVENS. He has had 50 years with Hewlitt Packard, the "What If" company. They gave LUCKY a trip for two any where in the world, one way! (Just kidding LUCKY). Hay, don't go to Japan. The job you did on them might backfire. BOB & DORIS also pulled a weeks duty in Boston in March, baby sitting the children of oldest son Robert and wife. Their youngest son, John, is the Coca Cola man for Virginia. The BUTLERS report DENNIS LOMBARDI, 403rd, and his sister were coming by for dinner.

A sad note from BEVERLY SUGERMAN, wife of NAT SUGERMAN, 64th. NAT passed away 23rd January 1991 in Cranston, R.I. BOB & DORIS BUTLER sent BEVERLY a note for us. I can only add. God Bless.

Air Force Magazine, January 1991. JOHN M. WOODARD, 209 Parkview, Luling, Texas 78648, wants information about Lt. JOHN M. WOODARD, 65th pilot, KIA 13th June 1943. WOODY received a direct hit by Ack-Ack over Vunakanau. Some of the other crew were PHILLIP BEK, JACK WISENNER, JULIUS HEAMERSHIAR (?), M.F. SAYER, STEWART NESBIT, BOYD PARKER, LEONARD SKAAR, OTIS COUSINO, & CO-PILOT RUSSELL BOVERICK (?). If you remember any thing about WOODY, let this fellow know. [Note from Lloyd]. Sgt. John Woodard visited the office about two months ago, and I advised him to contact JOSE HOLGUIN. On my trip to the Queen Mary, I met with JOE and he had flown a mission or so with WOODY.

TALBOT & WAUNETA GARNER, 403rd, report the passing of WARREN B. MAUPIN, 403rd on 14th February, 1991. Some of you fellows send his wife, BETTY a note expressing our regrets.

Stephen E. Pease, a civilian working for A.F. Space Command is doing a book on the Korean War. "HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE", whatever that is. If you were there and can help this fellow, his address is P.O. Box 16854, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. Phone (after 1700 hours) 719-633-3604.

A late note from BOB & DORIS BUTLER, 63rd. DORIS has put BOB back in school, creative writingk, word processing and typing. I'll bet DORIS is going to retire. Good on you girl, you sure have earned it.

JOSE & REBECCA HOLGUIN, 65th, are going to do the Queen Mary reunion in the Fall of 1992. I think they are well along on setting things up. This team, like all the other 43rd people, will do a great job. Thanks very much from all of us.

Sorry I have no report from JIM HARCROW, JAY ZEAMER, JOE NIECE, GEORGE SHAKO, CARL HUSTAD, HAL WINFREY, DUTCH EHLERS, and 400 or 500 more of you. I guess the best deal is bring your reports to Norfolk.

MARY LOIS joins me in saying God Bless. See you in Norfolk.

FROM LLOYD

First, in regards the reunion, the Chairpersons handling the reunion are PAUL "HUGH" & DOT JONES, 63rd, who live in Norfolk, and have jumped right in and arranged the rest of the reunion. We owe a vote of thanks to BOB RICHARDSON for contracting most of the early festivities, but can understand that he is still working, and lives about a hundred miles from Norfolk. This makes it difficult to take the necessary time off that the reunions demand. HUGH and DOT are both retired, and have been wonderful arranging the Langley Field functions, all the orchestra contracts, including the cocktail hour music, the Golf reservations, and Tennis reservations, and primarily, the bank account.

The reunion cost per person will be higher this time, but we have a little more for your money. The charge per person will be \$95.00, but will be a bargain for what you get. Besides all the regular items, there will be a lunch at the Officers Club at Langley, Cocktail music, and the best of all, the Saturday night 3 hr. cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk, along with a fabulous buffet, dinner show, and dancing. All this on two air-conditioned levels. A brochure is enclosed on this beautiful ship.

Dates are from Monday the 21st of October through Sunday champagne brunch the 27th. The registration will begin Monday the 21st along with the memorabilia room, but the main bulk of the arrivals will begin on Wednesday the 23rd. A brochure on optional tours is enclosed, and it is suggested that if you want a tour or two, you contract for it early, and you might like to arrive early in order to take advantage of the tours so as not to conflict with any Group activities. Your room rate (single or double), is guaranteed a day in front of the reunion and one day after. Rate is \$66.00 per room, and parking is free. Be sure to specify Forty Third Reunion if you call your reservation in. Enclosed is a reservation card for your convenience.

All registration money (\$95.00 per), should be sent to HUGH JONES, and sent as soon as possible. As we did in St. Louis, anyone sending their registration in BEFORE October 5th will get a ticket in the lottery box, and this time, the winner (Friday night), will get their room (\$66.00 a day), paid up for the entire reunion. DO NOT MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION MONEY AFTER OCTOBER 5TH. Make all checks payable to 43RD BOMB GROUP REUNION.

I have received the new GROUP flag from Dixie Flag Co., and it is beautiful. The only major change is the word GROUP substituted for WING. The entire cost for the flag, pole, streamers, etc., has been contributed, and everything paid up. Thanks again for the many who contributed. All those who contributed towards the flag have been sent a 5x7 color picture of the new flag. And both the Wing and Group flags will be on display in Norfolk. The Group flag with 12 gold streamers and 3 blue streamers. These are embroidered with the names of the 12 campaigns of the Group, and the 3 Presidential citations. A picture of the new flag is on the back of the last page. The following named members donated in addition to the ones named in the last newsletter.

JOE GREENWELL, MAXINE BRECHT, JOHN SWEENEY, TED BIBY, CARLOS KESSEL, HAROLD CROSS, J.A. HOLT, JIM DIEFENDERFER (for any wondering which spelling is correct, this is it. I apologized to Jim some time ago, but my computer program just won't take a last name that long, so I left out the [i]), WILLIAM SPENCER, PHIL

HOFFECKER, RAYMOND GATES, JOHN SWEENEY, ALTON LEAMON, PAUL PASKVAN, PETER CARDARO, EDWARD ICKOWSKI, JOSE HOLGUIN, BERNARD LYNN, GARNETT PEELING, ANTHONY PILCAVAGE, DONALD FENNER, FRANK SCHIRIPA, ED TROCCIA, and last but not least, DR. MILTON "BUD" GUSACK. Thanks to all who donated, and believe me, the trip to Norfolk will be worth it just to see these two beautiful flags. Weather permitting, both will be present at the Langley dedication.

FROM HUGH & DOT JONES
Your reunion hosts

We are real excited about the 43rd holding it's fiftieth Anniversary Reunion in Norfolk. The Omni Hotel is on the Elizabeth River - a working river. You'll see tugboats pushing barges and ships up and down - You'll look across the river to see Naval ships being repaired at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and you can ride a paddle wheel ferry boat across the river to Portsmouth - eat at the Deck, and get a marvelous view of Norfolk while you dine..

You can walk a couple of blocks and go through the Mac Arthur Memorial - be sure to see the movie first. Then go a couple of more blocks to see St. Paul's Church and the cannonball embedded in it's wall, put there by Lord Dunmore in 1776 during the siege of Norfolk. On the "Spirit of Norfolk" cruise, you'll sail over the very spot where the Monitor and the Merrimac fought during the Civil War.

And we have yet to mention Waterside right next door to the Omni. There's so much to see and do here - be sure to take home some Virginia peanuts salt water taffy and Virginia Ham!

We'll be at the hotel to answer questions and just give you a good old "Virginia hug". Y'all come, you hear?

The following is a run-down on your reunion activities. All meals, buses, music, entertainment, and the terrific Spirit of Norfolk ship ride that are mentioned below, are included in your registration fee.

MONDAY 21ST through NOON SATURDAY 26TH - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Registration, Memorabilia and Hospitality room. Coffee.

TUESDAY 22ND - Optional Jamestown/Yorktown tour. This area of Virginia is abounding in Historical Revolutionary sites and buildings. The Waterside Mall, right next door, is good for a whole day. Plenty of eating places nearby. You will be supplied with nearby restaurants in your reunion packet.

WEDNESDAY 23RD Bridge and Tennis tournaments. Optional Colonial Williamsburg tour. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost \$30.00 per person with a minimum of 30 persons. This includes transportation, admission, all day tour guide, tax and tips.

THURSDAY 24TH - 7:30 am - 9:00 am. Full breakfast
9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Optional Norfolk tour.
9:30 am - 11:00 am. Board of Directors Meeting
11:00 am - Golf Tournament. Two to a cart. \$19.32 each.
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Optional Virginia Beach tour.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Cocktail hour, music, cash bar.
8:30 pm. Women's program, entertainment, door prizes.
8:30 pm. Squadron Meetings.

FRIDAY 25TH 11:00 am. Board buses for Langley AFB.
12:00 Lunch at the Langley Officer's Club.
1:00 pm 50th Anniversary of the 43rd. Dedication of Plaque.
2:00 pm Tour of Langley.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Cocktail hour, music, cash bar.
6:00 pm. Virginia Theme Dinner, music, dancing, awards and drawing.

SATURDAY 26TH 7:30 am. Continental Breakfast.
9:30 am. Group Business meeting.
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Optional Naval Base tour.
6:30 pm. Board the Spirit of Norfolk for a 3 hour cruise with music, dancing, a terrific buffet, a Broadway Type Show, and sight seeing around the harbor and river.

SUNDAY 27TH 8:30 am - 9:30 am. Memorial Service
9:30 am - 11:30 am. Champagne Brunch

Not since Colorado Springs have we had such a beautiful spot to hold our 50th anniversary reunion. The Omni International Hotel fronts right on the Elizabeth River, with pleasure and sightseeing docks next door. Also next door, overlooking the river is the huge Waterside Mall with about everything you might want to shop for, and every type restaurant you can imagine. Even our Saturday night cruise ship, "The Spirit of Norfolk", is harbored there. Plenty of dockside walks are along the river-front. You will like this one for sure. A overhead view of the Hotel, Mall, Dock area, and Waterfront is at the end of the newsletter.

LATE NEWS FROM LLOYD

Letter from TERIO NAVA, 65th Engineer or RALPH POULSEN'S crew. TERIO was trying to get POULSEN'S address. He considers him one of the finest gentlemen he ever met in his 70 years. I sent him a roster. TERIO was recalled in 1950, and was sent to Germany as a 2nd Lt. in an anti-aircraft unit equipped with 90 MM guns. He was amazed how easy it was to knock down a target, and can't understand how we came through some of the missions back in the 40's. He says that while in Germany, he had to undergo some eye surgery, and was assigned a room in the hospital. It turns out his roommate was his Navigator from WWII, JAMES MASON, who was as surprised as he was, especially since he was now an Officer. Lt. MASON has since passed away. TERIO is in the VA Hospital in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. He is a retired Lt. Colonel with the New Mexico Air Reserve National Guard.

Received a bulky communication from FRED BLAIR, 65th, of Australia, who was trying to find "BLACK JACK" EDKINS for me. Some of you in the 65th will probably remember BLACK JACK, a tall Australian navigator who flew with us both in the 65th Squadron of the 43rd, and also in the 93rd Squadron of the 19th.

BLACK JACK (Correct name John), was navigator on the plane piloted by JIM HARCROW and GUS RAPISARDI, (I was bombardier, and accept no responsibility for what happened next). These two fine pilots forgot to turn on the pitot heat, and as luck would have it, we were around 20,000 ft. trying to climb over a storm. After the loop, we were all glad we made it home even if the plane was kinda bent out of shape. Made Robert Ripley's column. FREDDIE BLAIR talked with BLACK JACK who is now 77, and says he remembers the incident quite well, although he would prefer to forget it. A true gentleman.

BLACK JACK - Drop me a line, would enjoy hearing from you. Lloyd "Breezy" Boren.

I called "BLACK JACK" last night, and had a nice chat with him. He is well, and would like to hear from anyone that remembers him. His address is: John Lyall Edkins, 9 Palmerston Rd., North Unley, South Australia 5061. I am sending the last couple newsletters to him, and you might want to add him to your roster as 65th Squadron.

The following OPTIONAL tours are available in advance from MARJORIE PHILLIPS TOURS. (Advance mail-in form at the end of this newsletter)

(TOUR A) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 - JAMESTOWN AND YORKTOWN, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Visit Jamestown Island, original site of the first permanent English settlement in America in 1607. Exhibits include ruins of the 17th century settlement, glass house, film and Visitors Center. Then, after lunch on your own as directed by tour guide, travel to Yorktown via a the beautiful Colonial Parkway. Drive through the quaint village to the Battlefields where the British army surrendered to George Washington in 1780 to end the American Revolution. View a 15 minute film and walk among the many Revolutionary War exhibits.

\$25.00 per person, inclusive.

(TOUR B) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Visit this lovely preserved and restored capital of Colonial Virginia. Tour historic homes, public buildings, and 18th century craft shops where costumed hosts recreate the sights and sounds of America 200 years ago. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the famous colonial taverns or in Merchants Square, as directed by your tour guide. Browse through the unique specialty shops in the restored area and Merchants Square.

\$30.00 per person inclusive.

(TOUR C) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 - NORFOLK CITY TOUR, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Ride through Norfolk's beautiful historic district and restored areas. View the lovely homes along the Hague and Ghent, Moses Myers House, and many other points of interest. Visit the Chrysler Museum, hailed as one of the top 20 museums in the country, housing nearly 5000 years of great art, including one of the major glass collections in the world. Then tour St. Paul's Church., built in 1739, the lone survivor of the British bombardment of Norfolk in 1776. It still has a cannonball embedded in one church wall and Tiffany stained glass windows.

\$18.00 per person, inclusive.

(TOUR D) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR, 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Enjoy riding along the Atlantic Ocean to Virginia Beach past the First Landing Cross, where the English Colonists first touched the shores of the New World in 1607. Tour the Virginia Beach Maritime Historical Museum where galleries display artifacts relating to history of the U.S. Life-Saving/Coast Guard Service & shipwrecks off the Virginia coast. Then visit the Adam Thoroughgood House & Gardens, a 17th century parlor house, reminiscent of English medieval cottage architecture. Built in 1736 and said to be the oldest brick house in America.

\$18.00 per person, inclusive.

(TOUR E) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 - THE NAVAL BASE TOUR, 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

A special treat for all retired military is touring the Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the world. Here, you will see aircraft carriers, submarines, destroyers, and aircraft. Have lunch at the Officer's Club and then go on board an "Open House Ship" for a tour. Enroute to your hotel enjoy a narrated riding tour of old and new Norfolk.

\$25.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch included.

The above tours have been arranged by Marjorie Phillips Tours for the 43rd Bomb Group 1991 Reunion. Advance reservations should be made to ensure participation on the tour of your choice. Ticket requests will be filled in order of receipt and will be held in your name at the tour desk at registration. Tickets will be sold on site in Norfolk on a space available basis only. No refunds after October 20. Tours must have a minimum of 30 people, and are subject to cancellation if minimums are not met. Your canceled check is your receipt. Buses are 46 passenger motor coaches with well qualified tour guides and schedules that will allow ample time to take photographs and shop.

Received a letter sent to both us, and the 19th Group, from Roger R. Marks, 20 Koumala St., Mansfield, Queensland 4122, Australia. He is researching the WWII period history of ALL the airfields of Queensland, used to any extent by RAAF and/or Allied Air Forces. He intends to publish the results of his study as "Queensland Airfields WWII - 50 Years On", in May 1992 to accord with the 50th anniversary of "Coral Sea". It will be a "then & now" type book.

In particular, he needs first hand knowledge as per the following quote: " There is a particular event I'd like to be able to authoritatively document from Squadron records. Residents of Coen (13.46 degrees South; 143.07 degrees East), speak of a Flying Fortress (4 engines definitely!) landing on a grass area in the township, either because of fuel or simply being unaware that the proper airfield was some 14 miles north of the township. The date is not known beyond the fact that one of the residents concerned recalls having left Coen in August '42. Therefore, it seems the date is likely between December '41 and August '42. Allegedly, the aircraft suffered minor damage (tipping onto nose? and breaking an undercarriage wheel) which was repaired over a period of "some days". It took off after the "full length" of the grass strip was restored by the removal of the "obstacles" - viz 44 gallon drums, filled with concrete, and placed half-way along the strip."

In addition to the above, he needs recollections and photos from veterans who spent time there during '39-'45.

Since we have a lot of administration expence for these reunions, and we have to give guarantees ahead of time for all our functions, it was voted, in St. Louis, to withhold \$5.00 from refunds for those who cancel registrations after October 1st.

Get your reservations in early for a great time in Norfolk. You may win that free room.

Stay Happy & Healthy, See you in Norfolk!!

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<u>Tour C (Oct. 24) Norfolk City tour</u>	@ \$18.00 pp () \$
<u>Tour D (Oct. 24) Virginia Beach tour</u>	@ \$18.00 pp () \$
<u>Tour E (Oct. 26) Naval Base tour & lunch</u>	@ \$25.00 pp () \$
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