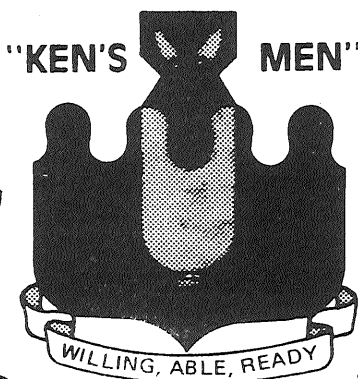


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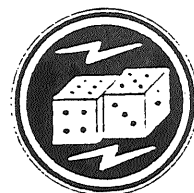
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### DUES NOTICE

An envelope is included in this newsletter for your dues. They are still \$10.00 per year although we will never turn down a little more. Check after your name on this newsletter, and it will show your dues status. The dues are for 1994. The next newsletter comes out in February, and you must be paid up to receive it.

### FROM DALE BARR PRESIDENTS "SWAN SONG"

Yep! This is my last newsletter to the Group. I don't know whether to be sad or be happy, but I do know, I am relieved.

My tenure, as President of your great organization, was and will always be the highlight of my life (war excluded). I owe so much to so many, I won't be able to thank them all individually, so I'll take this method to offer my "Thanks" to everyone who helped me during my term. You know who you are and I am so grateful to all of you.

Now, down to business:

My first letter is from the United States Air Force Museum asking for a representative from the 43rd to be there, if possible, Nov. 11, 1993 in honor of the 75th anniversary of Veteran's Day. The letter arrived late, and with all the excitement of our reunion, I goofed and phased it off! Sorry, but when I contacted the museum to offer my apologies, they notified me that the main announcement at the services was the instituting of a new "Veteran's Registry". With more than a million visitors every year, you'll now be able to locate friends and comrades that you have lost touch with. You may register by mail or by visiting the Museum.....Everyone in the group should register. I think this will help us track down many 43rd war members who still don't know about our great organization.

The next letter is from a member we all owe so much to, HARRY DALZIEL, 63rd. HARRY is the one who has been responsible for our wonderful banners, and we all want him to know how much we have appreciated his time and talents. HARRY, we had the basic banner up in the lobby of the hotel for background of our video shots. Get well and we will see you in San Antonio.

LLOYD received a letter from CLINTON M. LOCKAMY, 64th, and a check for his 1994 dues plus an order for some 43rd Bomb Group bumper stickers. He was unable to attend the Omaha reunion, but is planning on the San Antonio one. All I can say is, CLINTON, you missed a great one here in Omaha.

Received an inquiry from M.B. "Monty" Groves, writer for "Rare Birds". Seems he's another one of these writers who just have to have the plane number. Was it 41-24552 or 42-24552. My own opinion is, who cares....Finish the book and get on with it! The author's wife's brother was in the 43rd for a short time. He was

assigned to the 65th Squadron....2nd Lt. EDGAR L. TOWNSEND, 0-799101....If any of our members recall this officer in the 65th, please let me know and I will forward the information to Mr. Groves. I hope he don't take as long to write his book as Our's is.

Received a nice letter from CHUCK DOWNER, 403rd. Seems while he was enjoying the reunion in Omaha, he paid for a couple of years membership dues in advance, then when he got home, MIDGE reminded him, he was a life member...Thanks CHUCK for donating the dues to the Group.

BILL EATON, 403rd, writes of his visit with JOEL GRIFFIN, 19th-403rd, in the Vencor Hospital-Ft. Worth, Mansfield, TX. JOEL is very sick and his wife would like some of his buddies to visit or write to him and give him a lift....JOEL was on MC EACHRAN'S crew that went down June of 1943. He bailed out and spent the rest of his war years in prison at Rabaul & Japan. BILL, I know that we have a lot of veterans from the 403rd living in Texas.....I'm sure they will come forward and help this POW in his time of need....What about it you 403rd "Mareeba Butchers"?

Hey, all you golfers, especially you golfers from the winter side of the USA....I found the ideal place for you this winter to play golf. DAYTON BLANCHARD, 65th, has just moved to Utopia, ha ha...He and ANN have bought a townhouse on the Lodge Golf Course. Six tennis courts with streams and lakes nearby and a beautiful view of the mountains. This laid back Alpine village of 500, is 17 miles north of Holloman AFB. DAYTON'S new address is, 8 Eagle Pass, Cloudcroft, NM 88317-1241....I know all his friends wish him and ANN all the best.

"JAPANESE OCCUPY MAREEBA".....

Received a nice letter from CHARLES STENGLEIN, 65th, explaining why he and PATRICIA didn't make the reunion in Omaha....The whole month of August, they were in Australia....Seems the Mareeba area is one of the areas that the Jap tourists have taken over....He reports his hotel was 95% Japanese. Then when they returned to the States, their children had planned a 50th Wedding Anniversary for them...So, no Omaha. CHUCK, you missed a wonderful reunion, if I say so myself. Come visit GEN & I anytime, and we'll take you to see our famous Rain Forest. Ask anyone who was at the reunion. Note...At least he checked in why he didn't come....But what about my squadron who let me down?

ANYBODY HAVING "ATABRINE" related problems?

ROBERT "TOD" MILLER, Hdqrs., would like to know if any of the 43rd has had or is having problems that could be associated with this drug. If any member of the Group has any thoughts along this line, write to "TOD" and share your experiences with him. In case you guys have forgotten, Atabrine is the little yellow pill we enjoyed so much. The one we thought suppressed our sexual desires....ha ha..Sexual desires! What's that???....ha ha

The following list was given to the group by the Government Publications "Outlook", put out by the Government Printing Office in Washington, DC...These publications are available upon your request:

The US Army Air Force in WWII - The High Road to Tokyo Bay....\$2.00  
Logistics in WWII.....\$14.00  
New Guinea.....paper..\$1.50  
Northern Solomons....paper...\$1.50  
Overview of Entitlement Programs....\$43.00

I now come to that part of my job which I will be so happy to pass on to our New President, MAX OSBORN, 65th. I know he will detest it as much as I have.

FINAL "TAPS" SOUNDED for:

ROBERT B. ANDERSON, 65TH  
ROY S. ROWLETT, 64TH  
ALBERT FAIR, 65TH  
JOSEPH SOSNOWSKI, 63RD  
STEVEN WOZNIAK, HDORS.  
JOHN HASSINGER, 63RD  
RUSSELL SEDERBERG, HDORS.  
FREDERICK O'NEILL, HDORS.  
GEORGE WEICHLEIN, 65TH

"MAY GOD SHOW HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICE THESE MEN PERFORMED FOR THE LOVE

OF THEIR COUNTRY BY TAKING THEM TO HEAVEN WITH HIM"

As President, may I extend to the widows and families of our departed comrades, a sincere invitation to continue on as a member of the 43rd Bomb Group Assn., Inc. as a living tribute to their loved ones who are no longer with us.

APOLOGIZES.....

I'm sorry, but with "Murphy's Law" hitting me and the next year's reunion site discussion getting out of hand, I forgot a number of things I wanted to say and do at the Saturday Night Banquet....I wanted all the widows that attended the dinner, to stand up and be recognized. HELEN, widow of WILLIAM BAUDER, came and brought 5 more members of her family with her. A special recognition should have been given HELEN GREEN, widow of FRANKLIN GREEN, 63rd. Though FRANKLIN was a member of the Group, they had not attended any of our previous reunions. After FRANKLIN died, HELEN said "I'm going to go to the Omaha reunion to meet and see some of FRANKLIN'S buddies. And she did and I think she has a whole new perspective on comradeship she didn't have before....I hope to see her at many more reunions along with all the widows of our warriors.

I wanted to have members who had come to their first reunion to stand and be acknowledged...But I forgot. I'm sorry.

I wanted to acknowledge the person who came the longest distance to get to Omaha....ANN LEE WARNER, Double Bay, NSW, Australia.....I wanted to meet her personally, as GEN & I are planning to return to Australia for a 2nd vacation trip.....But, it didn't happen and I'm sorry.

Incidentally, I went to the 22nd Bomb Group's reunion here in Omaha the week after ours was done. They were doing something I think we ought to discuss....having "Widow Tables" set aside just for the widows of the group. Something for us to think about, let us know your thoughts.

To those members who got curt answers to their oft repeated questions, and to the ones I couldn't answer, which made them upset....I humbly apologize....If I seemed curt, I didn't mean it. It was the "Heat of the Battle"....For example, I was asked the same question from the same lady seven times and my answer was the same each time she asked. I did get a little exasperated as I had many other chores to perform...anyway, I hope she forgives me. Having a great reunion made up for everything, don't you think?

Our former C/O, JIM PETTUS, dropped me a thank you note regarding the reunion and mentioned that he still has some of the prints left. This is a painting showing a B-24 from each Squadron in formation over Ie Shima. JIM autographed mine for me, and after, I had it framed. It was beautiful....That's the secret, JIM, have them framed. Incidentally, I'll be sending what pictures that were left over at the reunion to you as soon as I get them packed....As of this date, he hadn't heard anything from BRUCE HOY. Thanks JIM, for your kind remarks, but it was a "labor of love".

As far as the final accounting is to be done, I have one check coming in from the 22nd Bomb Group for patches I sold them and I have a few small checks to write to persons who volunteered to work at the reunion...Because of their hard work, the reunion was a great success, and we came out in the "Black". I feel they deserve more than just a "Thank You"....So when that's completed then I'll be closing out the reunion account at the local bank and transferring all net monies to LLOYD along with the final "Income and Expense" balance sheet.

Thank You, JIM WARREN, 65th for sending the SAC Museum a copy of your book, "HIGHLIGHTS OF AERIAL COMBAT EXPERIENCES". It will always be treasured and will be available to the thousands of visitors the museum has each year...In time, I hope the 43rd's history will be the big attraction of the Museum.

During the hustle and bustle of the reunion, I scribbled down the names of two new members of the 43rd Bomb Group.....Yeh! You know what I'm going to say, don't you....ha ha....Dale can't read his own writing! So will STANLEY LEBAR, 403rd, and HERBERT M. BILLINGTON, 65th, PLEASE send your resume or whatever, to LLOYD BOREN, 65th, our Secty/Treasurer so he can collect your dues, ahem....and get you on the mailing list, etc. All I can make out is the following:

Stanley Lebar  
407 Severnside Dr.  
Severna Park, MD 21146

Herbert M. Billington  
116 Juliana Blvd.  
Aubinvindale, FL 33835

If anyone knows these guys, get in touch with LLOYD so he can contact them officially. The way we are losing members, we need all the new members we can find. NOTE from Lloyd: The men are already on the roster, and I believe that HERBERT BILLINGTON was the scrounger who built that beautiful enlisted men's club in the 65th.

#### PRESIDENT'S FINAL SUMMARY

As out-going President, I want to give to the members, my thoughts on what issues the Group should act upon in the coming years....First:

Getting the history book done at whatever costs it takes to get it done. My thoughts are: What good is our \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00 sitting in the bank, if we all die before the book. And the money goes to who?????

Another thing, I think the group should mandate to whom our money goes when the last man and his bottle of Champagne is gone!

Spend more money trying to locate former members of our group. Make an aggressive campaign thru advertising and locator services to get more members. We know they are out there, but we haven't had a concentrated effort along these lines to find them. Pay for it, if we have to. I know we need some cash on hand for emergencies (I can't think of any, unless it be a plaque to be made)....but to keep building up our reserves each year does not make sense to me, especially when men can't come to our reunions because the cost is too much. We should find a way to help these men, all the men, those who can't come and those who make the reunions year in and year out....They could use a little help also. If you agree with me on any of these points, write your squadron representative that is on the board of directors and let him know of your wishes....Please.

We must make a concentrated effort on rotating our reunion cities....We have hundreds of members in Florida and surrounding areas, but no reunion there yet. We haven't hit the Northwest area....we haven't hit the Northeast..New England area...Minnesota, Michigan, are good areas.....Having had two reunions under my belt, I realize all the problems that confront selecting a reunion site....But, with a reunion guide book to help a member put together a reunion, step by step, I think we could have more members volunteering to host a reunion. If they know that they have the expertise experience of Lloyd and myself, I'm sure we could put on a good reunion anywhere in the United States....Say, how about a charter flight to Australia some year for a reunion?? Boy, wouldn't that be something!

I would like to see flowers, maybe some kind of a plaque, engraved color card of sympathy...something coming from the group to be sent to every family of a deceased member of our organization....Automatically, after we have learned of a members death.

Wow~%\$&.....Boy, I better get down off my soap box....at least it's off my mind now and MAX can carry on the fight in the coming years. Men, this is your association, make known to your squadron representative your wants and desires and he will put them forth at the board of directors meeting.....It's as simple as that.

#### REUNION MEMORIES

Listed below by Squadron are the members who attended the Omaha reunion:

##### HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

GORDON BAVOR, GEORGE CARTER, ROBERT CUTLER, JOE & ARLENE GREENWELL, TONY IAPIETRO, LARRY HICKEY, BILL & SHERRILL KING, FRED & MAUREEN MC ALISTER, JIM & BETTY PETTUS, RUSS & TWIN BROTHER SEDERBERG, ROBERT L. SHEPPARD, AND PHIL WELCH.

##### 403RD SQUADRON

PERCY & WAUNITA ALEXANDER, MAX & MARGARET AXELSEN, DALE & GEN BARRE, RICHARD & FLORENCE BELL, ROBERT & MARY BYRNE, PAUL & JACKIE BAUER, PAUL & CAROLYN & MARY SUSAN COBER, CHUCK & MIDGE DOWNER, ART & VIRGINIA DURBECK, NEIL & MARLYS FAIRBANKS, JOE & CLARA GOSSEAU, ED HAAG, RICHARD E. HARLUN, JEAN & BETTY BELL JACK, HAROLD & PHYLLIS JOHNSON, WADE T. KEHR, EVERETT & DOROTHY LIND, FRED & JANET LLOYD, LESTER MOORE, GREGORY & VERA ROSS, GERALD & VELL SNYDER, BILL SPENCER, JOHN TALLITSCH, HOWARD & JANE WAUGH, JIM WHITEHEAD, RICHARD WILLIAMS & FRIEND,

#### 63RD SQUADRON

LLOYD ANDERSON, MIKE BACHI & FRIEND, ROBERT W. BACON, KEN & DOROTHY BECKSTROM, NUNCIO & HENRIETTA BONINO, BOB & DORIS BUTLER, RAY & DOROTHY CRAWFORD, JIM & AUDREY DIEFFENDERFER, GERALD EGGER, RUSS & DOT EDWARDS, FRED & HELEN EPPLEN, ROLAND FISHER, S.L. & THELMA FLINNER, F. NEAL & RUDI FUGATE, RAYMOND & BETTY GATES, HELEN LUCILLE GREEN, JAMES & EULA FAYE HAMPSHIRE, ROBERT HILL, WM. "RADAR" HOOVER, RICH & MILDRED HOWARD, CARL HUSTAD, HENRY E. JAMES, ART & GEN JOHNSON, FRANCIS W. LANGLAND, LEN & DOT LAWSON, PAUL & MARY LEDGER, RODGER & NORMA LITTLE, WM. E. MC KINNEY, LOUIS & HELEN MIKLOS, TIGER & MARIA MILLER, JIM & MICKI MURPHY, BILL & HELEN O'BRIEN, CHARLES & BEULAH PARKER, STEVE & MADELINE PERRONE, FRED PETERS, HERBERT PFLUEGER, BOB & FLO PLOWMAN, FOLMER & FLORENCE SOGAARD, RODGER & OLGA VARGAS, JAMES WATTS, GEORGE & EILEEN WHITE, CHUNKY & CLARA MARIE WILFERT, RICHARD & CLEO WOOD, CHARLES & LIZ WOODS, CLAIR L. & JULIA WRIGHTS, KENT & MARTY ZIMMERMAN.

#### 64TH SQUADRON

CLETUS ANGERMIER, NICK ARABINKO, ROBERT & NAOMI AUGUSTINE, ROY & LOUISE BAILEY, PAUL BARBUS, HELEN BAUDER, KEN & ROSEMARY BROWN, RUSS & JANE BURNETT, JOSEPH "SHEP" CHEPULIS, LES & HELEN COFFMAN, ROBERT COOPER & NADENE FULCOMER, ART CURREN, S.R. "GUS" DRUMM, JESSE FULTON, FALCNOR & GOLDIE GIFFORD, BOB GOODWIN, RALPH & MOZELLE GRUBB, ALVIN HAAS, LYLE & BETTY HEINEKE, JOHN & DOLLY HOLLERAN, DR. ARVID & CLARE HOUGLUM, DALE & ANN HUEY, WENDELL & PEGGY JONES, ROGER & AUDREY KETTLESON, CLEMENT & ELVA KINKAID, ANN AILEEN LA MORGE, GEORGE & MARJORIE LYNCH, BYRLE & DOLLY MILLER, GARRETT MINNICK, HARVEY & CLARA MOODY, ART MULLIGAN, MARSHALL & BILLY C. NELSON, JOHN H. PFEIFFER, GLEN REAM, JOHN & GENEVIEVE ROCHE, WALDO & MARY K. SCHAUWEKER, ROBERT L. SCHULTZ, SHAD & NAOMI SHADDOX, WILLIAM & JEANNE SMITH, EDWIN & MARGARET WOJDAK.

#### 65TH SQUADRON

B. GRAY ALLISON, DON BAKER, J.D. BEHRNS, J. T. BRITTON, JIM & ANITA CHERKAUER, SAM COMMONS, BEN & JANE DAMRON, LEWIS H. DAWS, TED DEFEDERICIS, JAMES W. EIDE, CLEVE & SHIRLEY ENO, OWEN ERNSTHAUSEN, ED & PATRICIA FEILLE, WILLIAM R. GAFFNEY, JACK GOOSHERST, JIM & BERT HARCROW, FRANK & VIRGINIA HOHMANN, ELDON & BETTY LAWSON, JAMES "MAC" MC CLURE, LARRY & LOIS LMAIN, DON & SHIRLEY MARSAGLIA, JANET OLSON, MAX & FRAN OSBORN, JULES POWELL, MELVIN SCHROEDER, RUSS SEDERBURG & BROTHER, EDWIN STUELAND, CLETUS SWEIGARD, WILTON & CATHERINE THOMAS, BOB VALLANCE, ANN LEE WARNER, DON WATKINS, BOB & IRENE WATSON, JOHN & JANET WHIPPLE, L.C. "CHALKY" & ROSEMARY WHITE, HAL WINFREY, BILL & MARY LOIS WILSON.

Again....GEN & I want to thank you all for your help, understanding and your prayers.....Every Saturday morning at 11:00 am, GEN & I will be lighting a candle in memory of our prayers for the members of the 43rd Bomb Group Assn., Inc.

GIVE HER A BLOODY GO, MATE

With love, GEN & DALE BARR

PS: I didn't get a chance to take many pictures during the reunion, so if anyone has any extra pictures, please send them to me so I can have a complete pictorial of the reunion in my photo albums.....Again, Thanks.

FROM LLOYD

JANICE OLSON, Associate Member, or more appropriately, 65th, sends in copy from the Townsville Bulletin in Australia. They are planning a gigantic World War II Peace Party to be held in Townsville in 1995.

Former Queenslander of the Year, Graham Jenkinson ,who will head the plannin committee, said the 1995 Peace Festival would make the Coral Sea 1992 commemoration look like a Sunday school picnic. "It will be one big party", said Mr. Jenkinson.

JANICE, also sent in an "OPEN LETTER TO THE 43RD GROUP", as follows: "To each an every member of the 43rd Bomb Group Association, I extend my thanks and appreciation for all your help over the past few months. An especial thanks for your warm welcome at the reunion in Omaha and your gift of the "B-24s over Ie Shima" print. The print has been carefully framed and has a place of honor in my home. Your constant support and continual show of friendship are hallmarks of



the 43rd's organization. I look forward to more great reunions and more opportunities to assist in shedding light on the 43rd's history. Again, many thanks and best wishes to all of you." Sincerely, JANICE OLSON.

Speaking of JANICE, she has really plugged the 43rd on TV (Good Morning America), and in practically every major newspaper in the Country, making headlines and front pages with the story of her getting the bracelet that was found on the remains of the 65th pilot EBERLY, and her trip to the plane which had crashed into the Owen Stanley's 50 years ago.

The State of Oregon sponsored the presentation of the bracelet to the widow, and all the major networks were present. The presentation was made at the Air National Guard Headquarters in Salem, Oregon, and the Guard did a beautiful job on the Ceremony. JANICE, of course, presented the bracelet to the widow, BOB BUTLER, 63rd, read part of the history of the 43rd, and also present were: BILL WILSON, 65th, ROGER KETTLESON, 64th, "CHALKY" & ROSEMARY WHITE and myself. Also present was GEORGE WYATT, the former Marine Sgt. who accompanied JANICE on that risky expedition.

In all her interviews for TV and news media, JANICE managed to get the name 43rd Bomb Group Association, San Antonio, TX in the conversation. It has already brought in nine new members to date. Thanks JANICE!!

I almost forgot to pass along the news that JANICE finally got the Government in action, they have a 16 man recovery team in New Guinea now, thanks to her.

Received a real nice letter from NICK ARABINKO, 64th. It's always nice to hear from NICK, he always includes several quotations from his desk calendar, and the one I like is Imhoff's Law "The Organization of any bureaucracy is very much like a septic tank --- the really big chunks always rise to the top"

NICK was kind enough to send me a rundown on the reunion in Omaha. He had a good time, and really enjoyed the Rain Forest and Wild Life Exhibit. He and ART MULLIGAN, 64th, also enjoyed a strawberry ice cream soda at the restored Union Pacific Railway Station. NICK left early Sunday morning having caught the flu.

NICK dropped a line to JIM DALY, 64th, and received a call back the other day. DALY had health problems and hasn't been able to make the last couple reunions, but is going to try to make San Antonio in 1994. It would be a good idea if we all thought of someone we could call and try to get them to turn out for San Antonio as that is going to be one whale of a reunion. More later on that.

I believe now would be a good time to explain how we are getting new members, I'm sure most of you have noticed that we continually have more new members than have passed away. This is what I have been doing for the last 13 years. I mail reunion notices to 18 publications that publish reunion notices, all are service connected, ie: American Legion, Air Force Times, etc. In addition to this, anyone calling the American Legion hot line to inquire about a 43rd Association, will be given my name, address and phone number. This is the same with the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. I get quite a few referrals from them. In addition, about 2 years ago, I subscribed to a service, close by, which sends our reunion notices to over 2000 newspapers over the country. This costs \$65.00 a year, and has been well worth it to date. One big help would be for our members to place a notice in their local paper.

As for money, the Memorial fund has been ok'd for reimbursing Bruce Hoy for completion of the book, plus a donation of \$1000.00 toward the 5th Air Force Wall at the Academy. This money is not used for any day to day expenses, and neither is the Life Membership fund which is kept in a CD. The day to day expenses come out of the General Fund which is made up of dues, donations, and sales of merchandise interest and any income from the reunions. The General Fund, about this time of the year is about \$1500 - \$2000, and thats without taking the cost of the last newsletter out. The newsletters cost about \$900.00 with printing, handling and postage. Our CD at USAA for the Life Fund is for \$12800.00. If you will read the above closely, you will see why we need money. Remember, we get out 4 newsletters yearly, and the reason we do not get out a roster every year is because it costs around \$2000.00. If everyone paid dues, we wouldn't have to worry about money, but over 350 do not pay. We have been fortunate in the past, and have received over \$4000.00 from sales and the reunions. There are only two times we have fallen below that figure.

As you can see from the above, the General Fund cannot afford to send the

newsletter to those who do not pay dues, and we definitely can't afford to send the roster to those who do not pay dues. Nuff said.

As for the reunions, the Board received a heavy bombardment from Florida, and JIM DIEFENDERFER, 63rd, has been asked to check it out and get together with LLOYD on a site for 1996.

A clipping from the Star/Opinion in Casper, Wyoming reads: "NO TAILHOOK": Cheyenne attorney MAX OSBORN convinced his old bomber outfit from World War II to hold its 1995 convention in Cheyenne.

OSBORN, who was elected president of the 43rd Bomb Group Association at its recent meeting in Omaha, said Cheyenne beat out Houston, Montgomery, Ala. and a city in Florida as the reunion site two years hence.

The group flew B-17's and then switched to B-24 bombers during World War II.

OSBORN said the organization has about 1200 members, but only about 250 turn out for the reunions. He served in the old Army Air Corps in 1943-44 and was stationed in the South Pacific. He finished 300 hours of bombing missions in New Guinea.

The reunion will be no Tailhook debauch. Osborn said the members bring their wives.

Received a long letter from our Associate member in Australia, P. J. "Pete" ROBERTS giving his new address as 80 Lagoon Drive, Yanchep 6035, Western Australia. His letter contains some answers to questions we had asked about in former newsletters. He is an avid researcher and is very knowledgeable when it comes to WWII aircraft and sites. I am forwarding his letter and other material he sent to LARRY HICKEY. Thanks, PETE.

NINTY FOUR REUNION: San Antonio, Texas, Sea World, Fiesta Texas, the River Walk, the Best Hotel in San Antonio located right in the best spot on the river (the river even runs into the hotel), you can throw a rock and hit the Alamo, and how about a Night in Old San Antonio at La Villita (a quick walk from the hotel, along the river). You want a real Fiesta? How about covered tables at La Villita, Mariachi's, Margarita Stations, Fajita (beef & chicken) Stations, Tamale and Enchilada Stations, Guacamole-Bean-Jalapana-Pica de Gallo Stations, Dessert Stations (how about Margarita cheese cake) plus many more desserts. You got it!!!

The Hotel - The new HYATT REGENCY on the river walk: The Dates: From Monday the 29th of August thru brunch Sunday the 4th of September. The price is higher for this particular spot, \$85.00, but we are non-taxable in Texas, and that will save you a bunch on your hotel. However, you are going to want to come in early on this reunion so you can pack as much sightseeing in as possible. There is so much to see and do in San Antonio, you can't possibly take it all in.

The river walk is jam packed with every kind of restaurant you can think of, and all of it right outside your door. Try Dirty Nellie's where you throw your peanut shells on the floor while you listen to a singing piano player, or spend a couple hours at the Landing listening to the Happy Jazz Band, some of the best Dixieland music you have ever heard. Try the sidewalk cafes, too numerous to mention. All this along the river walk where it's 10 degrees cooler than at lobby level. For those of you who are unable to climb stairs, the Hyatt Regency has the only elevator that can take you up or down to the river from street level. If you don't have fun at this one, it's your own fault. Special rates will be available for Sea World and Fiesta Texas (owned and operated by Nashville's Opryland and USAA).

We still have the cheap little trolley cars that run right in front of the Hotel that can take you to the Market Plaza (EL Mercado), the fabulous old homes in the King William district, and other places of interest in downtown San Antonio. San Antonio is one of the five most interesting cities in the USA. It is the ninth largest, yet still retains it's old world charm. The City boasts five Missions including the Alamo, and there is San Fernando Cathedral where the remains of the Alamo defenders rest (walking distance).

Received a letter from SAM COMMONS, 65th. SAM received a letter from his pilot in the 65th, VINCENT "JOE" DE CESARE, 65th. "JOE" is fighting a rough battle with cancer, and can use your prayers. Those of you who know JOE may want to

drop him a line, his address is: 19 Bayside Terrace, Riverside, CA 06878. SAM will be in San Antonio for the 94 reunion. This will be the 14th reunion, and will mark 14 years since this organization was formed about one block from the Hyatt Regency on the riverwalk, and we should have the largest turnout ever.

SAM goes on to say that, in regards our history book, our personal thoughts and feelings are much more meaningful than plane numbers and names. He just finished the book "Gen. Kenney Reports", and he doesn't even mention the 65th, we didn't exist. He says on the Sept. 1, 1944 raid on the Phillipines, we didn't have any fighter interception. SAM says his log reads "about 45 Zeros attacked us as we approached the coast. Three came head on at us, being the lead plane, etc, etc. So much for real line reporting.

SAM reports that he received a letter and questionnaire from ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th, that I am going to include in this newsletter. If everyone will take some time to look the questionnaire over and fill it out as well as they can, and forward this to LARRY HICKEY, It could help enormously towards the completion of our History. The particular area we are in dire need of information on, and your personal recollections, is the B-17 era. JIM PETTUS, Hdqrs. C/O, has worked for the last several years on the B-24 era, and it is in good shape, but we desperately need your personal recollections about missions, camp life, buddies, mess halls, and yes, even the latrines. If even 1/3 of our members would take the time to fill out any portion of the questionnaire, we could have our history next year. If you don't know the name or serial number of a plane, forget it, just tell us what you know, and remember, it doesn't have to be about combat, but what you remember about what you did and saw at the time. Those of you who kept dairies. get them out and refresh your memory. Do you remember one thing in particular, let us know. Please, we need your input NOW.

I received a long letter from STEVE PERRONE, 63rd, concerning the publication of the History. He, along with most of us, is very concerned with the delay. You can turn this delay around by either filling out the questionnaire to the best of your ability, or simply giving us a brief history of your tour of duty in the 43rd, along with any particular incidents that you remember. BILL WILSON & I have done the latter in an attempt to speed up the B-17 part. Remember, we need, especially, the B-17 remembrances. We want the book out as soon as possible, and you can help.

NEIL FAIRBANKS writes to tell us of the Dedication of two plaques in Townsville Australia, May 8th, 1994. One is dedicated to the American, Australian, British and Dutch Air Force Units who, early in WWII engaged the enemy in the Phillipine Islands, Celebes, Borneo, Java and Australia. The other is dedicated to the American and Australian Women who served in or with the Fifth Air Force and the RAAF.

We were previously notified by NEIL that the 43rd Plaque had been removed from its previous spot and placed on the new 5th Air Force Wall. While a majority of the Officers and Board were in favor of leaving the Plaque where it was, I don't believe there is much doubt but that we received a most favorable spot on the wall (second from the center Fifth Air Force Plaque itself, and at the top. Of course, there really wasn't a lot we could do about it since the 43rd Plaque had been donated and accepted by the Air Force Academy, and they have the final say as to it's placement. I believe that anyone who sees the Plaque will agree that we have a much more favorable spot than we had previously. NEIL has done a good job as our representative to the 5th Air Force Memorial Foundation.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON FROM

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REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE NOW FOR 1994, USE THE ENVELOPE ENCLOSED AND: REMEMBER THE ALAMO, AND HOW ABOUT THE ANDREWS SISTERS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT (BETTER KNOWN AS THE FAMOUS CONE SISTERS)?

The NEW HYATT REGENCY RIVERWALK, the best, and best located, hotel on the riverwalk. Their phone number 1-210-222-1234. Tell them you are with the 43rd Bomb Group. THE DATES - MONDAY AUG.29, 1994 THRU SUNDAY BRUNCH SEPT. 4, 1994. ROOMS \$85.00 NO TAX, SINGLE, DOUBLE, TRIPLE OR QUADRUPLE. MORE IN FEBRUARY.



P.S. Forgot the following: BOB ROCKER, Historian for the Cactus Art Project (questionnaire in the front of this newsletter), called the other night and has the following questions which some of you should be able to answer.

He has an oblique photo taken in November of 1942 of 7 mile strip in Moresby showing B-17s parked in revetments. He wants to know which 43rd Squadron or Squadrons were already transferred up there at that time. I was in the 65th Squadron, and spent Christmas at Mareeba, so I am almost positive that the 65th was still in Mareeba. I could be wrong, because I did not fly up to Moresby, but went up by Liberty ship (I was PX officer, and besides, I was trying to steal a car and take it up to Moresby with me.

BOB also flew (out of Clark Field), a black B-24M Snooper of the 63rd Squadron named "OUT OF THE NIGHT II". Plane # 441808. Also, any photo of same, and are any who flew this plane still living.

We have in the PX: Caps (Omaha, Norfolk and Queen Mary) @ \$5.00 (All prices include postage), 5th AF-Forty third Prop lapel pins @ \$6.00, Golf & sweat shirts @ \$19.00 each (S,M,L,XL), Bumper stickers @ \$1.50, President Bush's letter to the Group at Langley 50th @ \$1.00, Blazer Gold bullion crests @ \$35.00.

JIM PETTUS has framing size limited edition prints available of his painting, of four B-24s over Ie Shima (one from each Squadron) @ \$20.00.

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