



# N 96TH BOMB GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## Happy 100th Glenn Harrison

Glenn Harrison will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on March 11th, 2020. His daughter Alison and family inform us that a number of friends would like to know what to get him for a present. They are asking that friends make a contribution to the 96th Bomb Group Association in support of the 96th Bomb Group Museum in England.

What a distinct honor to be able to celebrate your Dad's 100th birthday! And the 96th Bomb Group Association very much appreciates Glenn's and the entire Harrison family's consideration, for donations to the 96th BG Museum in Snetterton, England. We know the staff of the 96th Bomb Group Museum will be thankful for these generous gifts that will surely help sustain their facility and reinforce their ability to share the message of the courage of the 96th Bomb Group during World War II.

Glenn, on behalf of the 96th Bomb Group Association Board and our membership, the very best wishes for a wonderful celebration of this huge milestone and enjoy this special day!

Donations can be mailed to:

Susan Hinchman  
96th BG Association  
706 Miami View Court  
Loveland, OH 45140



To help ensure that donations are earmarked for the Snetterton Museum, please note on the **memo line** of your checks "96th BG Museum" or "Snetterton Museum." Checks can be made payable to the **"96th Bomb Group Association."**

A complete listing of all contributors will be sent to the Harrison family in recognition of all contributions received.

*If anyone is interested in receiving a tax receipt for their donation, please include your email address to receive an acknowledgment.*

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# President's Corner



Greetings to everyone reading this!

I am writing this the day after the conclusion of the 2019 8th AFHS reunion in St Louis. I had a great time, and I hope the other attendees did as well. As usual, the 96th BGA was well represented - we had 25 registered attendees.

We again had two WWII veterans in attendance - Mr Jesse Reese attended his second reunion in a row, and he has vowed to continue attending! Mr. Glenn Harrison, a long-time 96th BGA member, was able to attend the Friday and Saturday events as this reunion was near his home in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Saturday night, after the Gala Banquet, we were all entranced as the two veterans compared notes on their experiences and shared a few "war stories". That is the quietest the 96th BGA hospitality suite was all weekend.

The 2020 reunion of the 8th AFHS will occur October 21st through the 25th in Memphis, Tennessee. I hope you will consider attending - each reunion I have attended has been fun and educational, and they always seem to end too soon. Keep an eye on the 8th AFHS website for more details and registration information.

If you have never attended a reunion before, please consider doing so. It is a great way to meet people who have similar interests and family histories. You never know what you might learn at a reunion. If memory serves, we had six first-time attendees at this reunion - that is great, and I hope we see them all at future reunions. If you have attended a reunion before, please consider inviting a family member or friend. I am sure they would have a great time and would learn much.

As I have mentioned before, the purpose of the 96th Bomb Group Association is to preserve the memory of the men of the 96th BG and their efforts from January 1942 to the end of 1945. While in St Louis, I was reminded of this, and was also given an idea for a part of our purpose and focus going forward (Thank You Bill!).

When this group was founded, the main purpose was for the WWII veterans to get together and 'reunite' - hence it was a reunion! It is now a sad fact that there are very few surviving veterans - it is the second and third generations and other interested folks who are now reuniting each year. One thing that was discussed and agreed on during this reunion was that we should all be working to preserve and share the memories and information that each of us may have from 'our' veteran. It was suggested that we begin work to create a repository of the history of the members of the 96th BG. Some folks have a treasure

trove of info and photos that their family member saved from the war years. Others may only have an item or two, or maybe even only some oral history - every bit of this is important and should be preserved so that others might see it in the future. I have been reminded several times that what might be a minor detail in one man's journal might be the key to another family's research - you never know what will open a door to someone's story.

As a beginning of this repository effort, three fine gentlemen have agreed to begin researching the hows, wheres and whats of this - Bill Ford, Ben Hinchman, and Dale Budde will be working to determine formatting, storage, and other basics that might make our efforts more uniform and useable. If you have ideas or knowledge in this area, please do not hesitate to offer your help - it will be greatly appreciated!

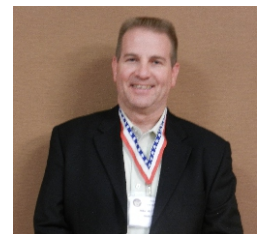
You may know that Terri and I now live in our RV full-time. One of the RV groups we belong to has a sub-group of baby-boomers. When these folks gather, they call it a 'boomer rang'. When a couple of the boomers get together in a less organized fashion, it is known as a 'mini-rang'. It occurred to me that the 96th BGA should encourage 'mini-reunions' or casual get-togethers of our members all year long. There doesn't seem to be a good reason why we should all wait to see each other only one time each year. Interestingly enough, just after I made some notes about this, I heard rumors that a mini-reunion may be in the planning stages for Austin, TX. I am hopeful more of our members can contact each other if they live close by for casual get-togethers. If you know you will be traveling to an area where other 96th BGA members live, please consider getting in touch with them for a meet-up. This could be as simple as meeting for a cup of coffee or a meal, or it could be more extended if you so desire. I think these sorts of things could be posted to the 96th BGA FaceBook page.

Please let me or any of the other Board members know if you have any ideas about continuing and improving the 96th Bomb Group Association's mission and message.

As I mention each time if you'd really like to connect, visit or call a veteran.

Thank You for your time!

Mike McIlraith  
President - 96th BGA



P.S. Are you a paid member of the 96th BGA? And are you a paid member of the 8th AFHS? If you are, please make sure you are current on your dues with each organization. And if you aren't, please consider joining both groups - I am sure you'll be glad you did.

# A Chat From Your Chaplain

I will start using my depression as a reminder to stay close to God.

When I think I can't go on, instead of getting discouraged, I will turn to God, who will give me the strength to take one more step.

## Crack-Pot

Once upon a time in a land far away, the Master of the house had to draw water from a nearby stream. He used two large clay pots and carried them on his shoulders with a strong bar between.

One of the pots was always sad during the return trip because he had several fissures inside his pot which leaked. By the time the Father had returned home much of the water had leaked from his pot. He felt guilty and depressed for being such a poor container.



One day he finally got up enough courage to tell his Master how sorry he was to cause his Master so much trouble.

"What are you talking about" asked the Father?

The pot confessed "I waste so much of the water because I am such a poor container. The cracks in my pot make me unworthy to help you anymore and I wish to be thrown away."

"Nonsense, there are plenty of other pots I could be using. I use you because you can do something for me that none of the others can do."

"I am the Master and I will show you how uniquely valuable you are to me." Picking up the cracked pot He began walking toward the stream. "Do you see how beautiful the flowers are along this road?"

*Stan as our Chaplain will try to write a personal letter on behalf of the 96th Bomb Group to the family of all our members who have flown their **Final Mission**. You can help him and the 96th Bomb Group by letting him know in a timely manner of a member's passing and the address to which he might send the letter.*

The pot nodded in wonder for he had never noticed the beauty along the path before. Instead he had always been thinking about his weakness and leaking.

"After filling you each day I place you on the shoulder nearest the path. This allows the water to filter thru your cracks and nourish the soil as we go. As a result this part of the journey home is more lush and beautiful than any other."

The pot was stunned. "Do you mean to say I have had a part in bringing about such Joy and Beauty?"

The Father nodded. "It is only because of your cracks and fissures that these flowers have been able to bloom. Your weakness has become a strength. Thru them We have created together such wondrous beauty."



We are all cracked clay pots. But, the Lord in Heaven because of His great Love for us still uses Us.

Stop focusing upon your weaknesses, use what you have, enjoy the wonder and beauty in your Journey.

The best is yet to come

## Scripture To Strengthen Me

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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# Meanwhile Back at the Old Base



Hello Everyone...

Thank goodness it's Spring. It's been quite a while since I have contacted you. We have had a very long, wet and cold winter over here at the Snetterton base, no snow to speak of, unlike some parts of the country but just relentless cold, wet and grey skies to contend with. Hopefully all of that is behind us.

Since my last report we have had some visitors from America, including Kathleen Dombrook below, who visited last September. Kathleen is a friend of Glenn Harrison. Glenn was a Co Pilot from the 339th Squadron, shot down and taken prisoner on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Glenn is still going strong at 100 and lives in O'Fallon, MO near St. Louis.



Also, last September. Rebecca and Jerry Lutz spent some time here with us. They were able to celebrate Jerry's birthday with a family lunch at a local Hotel. The Lutz's also visited with Jill Tebble, her mum Sombra and with a dinner with Geoff and Margaret Ward, myself, husband Ernie and our son Steven.

Ann Gerber, who is the daughter of Norman Struchen, a member of Ed Onisko's crew from the 413<sup>th</sup> Squadron, was visiting with her relations in November and provided us with some wonderful gifts from her home state of Iowa.



You will be pleased to know that the 96<sup>th</sup> little mascot Snoopy has returned safely after an epic trip to the USA with the Air Force. He flew in a C130 with Lt. Col. Randell Hood who was on a visit to the US base at Mildenhall.

Randell and his crew visited the Museum while they were here. Randell's relative, S/Sgt Joseph Hood, was with Ralph Woodward's crew from the 338<sup>th</sup> Squadron shot down over Paris in October 1943. All the crew were unfortunately killed in action.

Snoopy, while with Randall's crew took part in the D- Day celebrations at Normandy, flying with the crew in the C130 that was dropping Paratroopers over onto the beaches. Our little 96<sup>th</sup> Mascot, Snoopy is becoming quite a 'Star' with the USAF as this was his third trip to USA with them.

The parishioners of Quidenham village are planning for the WWII 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A special celebration to be held on the village green on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and have asked if the 96<sup>th</sup> Museum could be open for visitors on this day. The Aurora school will be closed as this will be a Bank Holiday. Geoff said that he can arrange this.

I have been busy working on another project helping to put together a little booklet with an American connection. It is 400 years this year since the famous ship, the Mayflower left England with the purpose to sail to the 'New World' with some intrepid pilgrim souls on board. They very nearly didn't make it as they were blown off course and landed in a different place to the one they had planned, however the rest of the story is history, as they did make it and the reason I mention this is because that a family from a nearby town called Harleston, which is not too far from where the 96<sup>th</sup> Base is situated, were on board.

These passengers and others put together what was called the Mayflower Compact, this was later to be used as the foundation of the American Constitution as all Americans know it today. There is a wonderful programme of Mayflower events throughout the year including: guided walks, lectures, musical performances, a specially written play, children's poetry and much more. Have a look at the programme and maybe readers of the 96<sup>th</sup> may like to have a private guided walk of our local town of the Pilgrims contact details are on their website:

<https://www.visitharleston.org.uk/mayflower-400>

There are many sights to see in the area of Snetterton Heath and we are always pleased to welcome visitors. Although the 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Museum is not open to the public all of the time, access can be arranged for visitors. The magnificent Silver Dream memorial at Snetterton is situated on what was the actual runway and the Memorial Chapel at Saint Andrews Church in Quidenham with the beautiful stained-glass window dedicated to the 96<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group. Is a must to see if anyone is planning a visit.

Please do get in touch if any readers have any questions or are interested in knowing any facts or history of the area.

From all of us over here, stay healthy and hope to see some of you soon.

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*Please note: All events planned are correct at the time of going to press but are subject to change.*

# Memorial Plaques for Veterans at the Silver Dream

Because “*The Silver Dream*” is such a beautiful icon dedicated to the men who served at Snetterton during World War II, a project has been started to place commemorative plaques along the fence which now surrounds the Memorial.

Arrangements have been made with a sign company in Texas to make these plaques, which will be 4x6 inches and engraved with name, position, squadron, and if the Veteran was a Prisoner of War or Killed in Action. The plaques will be anodized aluminum with the background in black with white engraving and will be weatherproof since they will obviously be outside. Below are three samples of how plaques will be laid out.

Please complete one order form for each plaque, which will cost \$20.00 including the shipping cost. The forms and payment should be sent to Rebecca Lutz, who is working with the sign company to produce these plaques.

The first batch of 53 plaques have been sent to Snetterton, where Geoff Ward, Stephen Wills and Jamie Hopper have installed them along the fence.



“The Silver Dream”, with a section of the fence and completed plaques in place.

Please complete the order form below and include your personal information so you may be contacted with any questions about your order.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Lutz at [twolutz@att.net](mailto:twolutz@att.net) or call 512-238-8581.

**CPT. THOMAS H. BARTON**  
**PILOT**  
**339TH SQUADRON**

**2ND LT. GLENN A HARRISON**  
**CO-PILOT**  
**339TH SQUADRON**  
**POW - JUNE 20, 1944**

**S/SGT. CHARLES P. WILDER**  
**WAIST GUNNER**  
**337TH SQUADRON**  
**KIA - DECEMBER 16, 1943**

## Veteran’s Information for the Silver Dream Plaques

Please print clearly and legibly

**Rank and Name of Veteran:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Rank while at Snetterton)*

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POW----Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

**KIA ----Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Veteran:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with a check for \$20.00 payable to the **96th Bomb Group Association** at the address below:  
 Rebecca Lutz, 2104 Saint Andrews Drive, Round Rock, Texas 78664

# Rum Boogie Crew

## Sgt. Ellis P. Savoie Jr, Engineer and Gunner

By Vicki Ekmark

Ellis Paul Savoie Jr. was born in Louisa, Louisiana, near Cypermore Point, on February 19, 1920. The 1930 Federal Census lists the father, Ellis Sr., the mother, Louise, and the three sons, Horace, the oldest, Ellis Jr., and Ernest, the youngest at that time.

The father, Ellis Sr. was the Chief Engineer at a sugar factory. He studied through the mail and earned degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering as this was the only practical way to get a degree in the 1920's in a small country town in Louisiana. Ellis Sr. was very smart, and that got passed on to Ellis Jr.

On November 17, 1941, Ellis Jr. enlisted for World War II at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was single, 21 years old, had graduated from high school, and was working as a machinist, like his father.

One can get a real sense of Ellis Savoie's personality when examining his reaction to the bombing of Regensburg on August 17, 1943. This mission was also known as the North African Shuttle, in which the Rum Boogie was one of only 146 planes to make that run. There were a lot of problems for many of the B-17's on that mission including bad weather for take-off, a shortage of fuel, and a lack of fighter escort. But when they reached the aircraft plant target, you can hear the wonder then excitement at what he saw:



Ellis P. Savoie



*Pilot Jim Sanders' engineer aboard Rum Boogie, T/S Ellis Savoie, takes up the tale. "Finally at 12:10 we sight the target. That's funny; very little flak. Maybe they don't expect us this far in. Bomb-bay doors coming open. There they go! -- Oh, baby, we parted their hair that time! There she goes, the whole damn works! A beautiful hit. A smackeroo! . . . On our way out now. At the Alps we make a 360 so the back formations can catch up . . ." (quote courtesy of Snetterton's Falcons).*

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	SERVICE No.	NATIONALITY	AGE
DAVE	UZUNCI	Pfc	35510047	US	22
DARALY	JAMES	Cpl	31165564	US	34
CLARK	CLARENCE	S/Sgt	35191500	US	21
TRIDRAULS	JOHN	T/Sgt	11052116	"	31
DUMBS	VICTOR	T/Sgt	17045381	"	33
SAVOIE	ELLIS	"	34553738	"	23

Ellis' flight home from Scotland to New York in September of 1943.

After the war, Ellis returned to New Orleans and lived there all of his life. He married Mary Cacioppo and adopted her son Tommy. Ellis became a machinist, like his father, and worked for Continental Can Company, which made bottle caps for soft drinks. As a tool and die maker, he was awarded \$6,500 for a suggestion he made which resulted in improved quality and increased manufacturing efficiency in the production of bottle caps. Later, he received a second award for \$10,000. Ellis was very inventive. Carolyn C. describes her Godfather as an extremely smart man who was also happy go lucky and would help anyone in trouble.



*Left to Right:* Ellis Jr., his youngest brother Walter, his dad Ellis Sr., his sister Melba, the youngest, his middle brother Ernest, and his other brother Horace.

Ellis' wife Mary died on October 7, 1992. She was buried in Pompeii Cemetary in Tickfaw Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Ellis died eight years later on January 19, 2000, from smoking, which he had started doing during the war. He was cremated, and his ashes were spread on Mary's grave.

He is survived by his nieces Carolyn and Patty.

You can follow Rum Boogie Crew on the sites below:

Web Page <https://www.rumboogieweb.com>  
 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rumboogieweb>  
 Twitter <https://twitter.com/rumboogieweb>  
 Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/rumboogieweb>



# 46th ANNUAL 8th AFHS REUNION

Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, Memphis, TN  
October 21-25, 2020

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

**STOP!**

**⌋ RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM *FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 48 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel. Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that our vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less a \$5 processing fee.

*Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.*

**⌋ COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⌋ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for any others registering with you. The principle attendee **MUST** be a current member of the Society to register for the reunion. You may **JOIN** and/or **RENEW** directly on the registration form. If you are a WWII veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⌋ ALL lunches and dinner meals are priced separately—Breakfast buffet is complimentary beginning Thursday, Oct 21st—Sunday, Oct 25th. Be sure and select your entrée if you plan on attending the Saturday evening gala.
- ⌋ There are three [3] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information [here in this issue] on each tour and then make your selection on the form.

**⌋ MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM**

Once you have completed your registration form, please total up the amount owed and include a check, money order, or complete the credit card information on the form, payable to the **8th AFHS** and mail to:

**8th AFHS  
68 Kimberlys Way  
Jasper, GA 30143-4769**

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form [*if paying by credit card*] and **EMAIL** to:  
[ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org](mailto:ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org)

**ALL** registration forms **MUST** be received by **September 25, 2020** in order to guarantee your place. If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

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Managing Director  
8th AFHS  
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[ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org](mailto:ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org)**



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### Holiday Inn Memphis Airport & Conference Center

October 21-25, 2020

**HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**  
**(800) 465-4329 or (901) 332-1130 Front Desk**  
**or ONLINE registration on our website: [8thafhs.org](http://8thafhs.org)**  
**(Reference 'AFH' for group rate)**

### Location

The Holiday Inn Memphis Airport & Conference Center is located at 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38132. It features the 'Corridor Restaurant', a full service bar, and a sundry shop for snacks and necessities. We are located just two [2] miles from Elvis Presley's iconic Graceland, seven [7] miles from the North Mississippi Shopping District, 6.5 miles to Downtown Memphis famous Beale St., and twelve [12] miles from West Memphis Arkansas's Southland Gaming and Dog Racing. We are a short drive from the Cooper Young and Overton Square nightlife district and fine restaurants. The Staxx Museum, National Civil Rights Museum, Orpheum Theatre, and Bass Pro's Pyramid, are all within an 8 mile drive. The Memphis Zoo is just 10 minutes away, the Brooks Art Museum and Botanical Gardens are all a 'must see' during your visit to Memphis!

### Shuttle Service

For those of you flying into Memphis, there is complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport to the hotel. After you collect your bags, go to **Pole 16** just outside—the shuttle runs every half hour. You are welcome to call the hotel directly regarding the shuttle: (901) 332-1130.

### Upscale Amenities

Enjoy complimentary wireless High Speed Internet in all public areas, plus signature amenities you'll only find at Holiday Inn. Wake up energized after a restful night's sleep in any of our recently refurbished rooms. Stay connected in our lobby's business center. Stay fit with a visit to our well-equipped fitness center. **Parking is always complimentary.**

### RESERVATION INFORMATION

**Group Name:** AFH 8th Air Force Historical Society  
**Reunion Dates:** October 21-25, 2020  
**Rate:** \$110+8.5% +\$2.00 Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.  
**Cut off Date:** 9/15/2020  
**Cancellation Policy:** All reservations have a 48 hour cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

### WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

**ScotAround:** (888) 441-7575 or [ScotAround.com](http://ScotAround.com)

### HOSPITALITY SUITES

Once again this year, the 8th AFHS is pleased to announce that we are again offering **HOSPITALITY SUITES** to groups at **NO CHARGE**. The number of suites is limited, so we ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible. Suites are located in close proximity to one another and most are large enough for two or more groups to share space.

In order to guarantee your suite,  
please call or email ASAP:

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**46th Annual 8th AFHS REUNION**  
 Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, Memphis, TN  
 October 21-25, 2020

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS September 30, 2020	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
<b><u>DUES</u></b>			
The principal attendee <b>MUST</b> be a member of the 8th AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are NOT a CURRENT member, please pay your yearly dues here:	\$ 40	#	\$
<b><u>REGISTRATION FEE</u></b>	\$ 45	#	\$
Registration fee for children ages 8-16 attending more than 1 function & staying at hotel:	\$ 30	#	\$
<b><u>BOX LUNCHES</u></b>			
Box lunches will be available from the hotel to attendees on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You <b>MUST PREORDER THEM HERE!</b> Please indicate # of each kind of sandwich per day: HAM or TURKEY Thurs: Ham ___ or Turkey ___ Fri: Ham ___ or Turkey ___ Sat: Ham ___ or Turkey ___	\$ 18	#	\$
<b><u>DINNERS</u></b>			
Thursday, Oct 22 — EVENING DINNER BUFFET Memphis Style favorites	\$ 27	#	\$
Friday, Oct 23—RENDEZVOUS DINNER Chicken Marsala	\$ 29	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 24—GALA BANQUET (Please select ONE entrée)			
Sliced London Broil with Bordelaise Sauce	\$ 34	#	\$
Pan Seared Salmon with White Wine Beurre Blanc	\$ 34	#	\$
Vegetarian plate(s) Please indicate [X]: Thurs ___ # ___ Fri ___ # ___ Sat ___ # ___	\$ 29	#	\$
<b><u>TOUR OPTIONS:</u></b>			
Thursday, Oct 22: Historic Memphis Tour—Lunch on your own	\$ 46	#	\$
Friday, Oct 23: Tour of "Ye Olde Pub" B17—Lunch on your own	\$ 26	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 24: Graceland Tour—Lunch on your own	\$ 98	#	\$
<b>Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS</b>			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a WWII veteran here, please list their name first.

MEMBER NAME (for name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

WWII Veteran \_\_\_ BG/FG Affiliation (for Rendezvous Dinner seating): \_\_\_\_\_ POW: \_\_\_ (Korea, Vietnam, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE or PERSON attending: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PH #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PH #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE ANY PHYSICAL OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD —M/C; VISA; or AmEx (a 3% convenience fee will be added):

CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ *Your contact information will only be shared with attendees.*

MAIL completed form with check or credit card info to: 8th AFHS ~ 68 Kimberlys Way ~ Jasper, GA 30143-4769

IF paying by credit card, you may SCAN and email form to: ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org



# 46th ANNUAL 8th AFHS REUNION

## Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, Memphis, TN

### October 21-25, 2020

#### Wednesday, October 21

1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
6:00pm — 7:00pm	Complimentary Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own
7:00pm — 9:00pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
7:00pm — until	Hospitality Suites remain open throughout reunion

#### Thursday, October 22

7:30am — 8:30am	Complimentary Breakfast
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
9:15am — 1:30pm	<b><i>Historic Memphis (City Tour)*</i></b>
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
2:00pm — 3:00pm	Curator's Corner
3:15pm — 5:00pm	<b><i>"Honoring the Memories"</i></b> — Speaker pending
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm	Buffet dinner and program: <b><i>"Legacy of the 8th"</i></b> — 8th AF Commanding General

#### Friday, October 23

7:30am — 8:30am	Complimentary Breakfast
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
8:00am — 9:15am	Group Meetings
9:30am — 12:30pm	<b><i>"Ye Olde Pub—B17"</i></b> (Olive Branch Airport)*
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
1:45pm — 3:00pm	<b><i>"Downed Behind Enemy Lines—Escape &amp; Evasion"</i></b> — Lynn David
3:15pm — 4:30pm	<b>Q &amp; A WWII Vets</b>
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm	Rendezvous Dinners

#### Saturday, October 24

7:30am — 8:30am	Complimentary Breakfast
8:00am — 12:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
8:45am — 10:15am	General Membership Meeting
12:00pm — 4:00pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
12:00pm — 4:00pm	<b><i>"Graceland Tour"</i></b> *
1:00pm — 6:00pm	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
6:00pm — 9:00pm	Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 10:00pm	Gala Dinner and Program

#### Sunday, October 25

7:30am — 8:30am	Complimentary Breakfast
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**\*It is important that you be in the bus boarding area at least ten [10] minutes prior to the scheduled departure times. All tours require a minimum of 45 participants, unless otherwise stated.**

# Welcome to Memphis, TN!

## 46th Annual 8th AFHS Reunion



### Historical Memphis (City Tour) Thursday, October 21, 2020

The tour of historical Memphis begins with a driving tour on an enlightening, eye-opening journey. We will explore the city of Memphis and will see many of the following sites:

- The Lorraine Motel
- The Peabody Hotel
- Victorian Village
- Orpheum Theater
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Redbird Stadium
- Historic Cotton Row
- Sun Studios
- Court Square, the heart of 19th Century Memphis
- Hotel Chisca, where DJ Dewey Phillips played Elvis for the first time



Enjoy time to explore the pedestrian areas of downtown Memphis with its quaint shops and restaurants, including the Historic South Main Arts District or Beale Street at your leisure. Enjoy lunch on your own!

**9:15am board bus, 1:30pm back at hotel**  
**\$46/Person includes bus, guide, and gratuities**  
**Lunch on your own**

### B17 "Ye Olde Pub" at Olive Branch Airport Friday, October 22, 2020

We are excited to welcome "Ye Olde Pub" back to Olive Branch Airport, and to our 2020 reunion in Memphis! This B17 has been painted in the colors and markings of the 379th Bomb Group, home to the original "Pub".



"A Higher Call", by Adam Makos and Larry Alexander, tells the story of American pilot Charles "Charlie" Brown, and battle-hardened German pilot Franz Stigler, who had flown over 480 missions. On Dec. 20, 1943, after a bombing run on Bremen, Germany, Brown's B-17 "Ye Olde Pub" was severely damaged by ground fire, and Stigler was dispatched to shoot it down, but risked his own life by making a different decision. If you are unfamiliar with the details, this experience will fill in all the blanks of this incredible true story.

**9:30am board bus, 12:30pm back at hotel**  
**\$26/Person includes bus, guide, and gratuities**  
**Lunch on your own**

### Graceland Saturday, October 24, 2020

Welcome to Memphis! Today, we will experience Elvis! Graceland is now one of the first historic homes in the U.S. to offer an interactive iPad tour that provides a fully immersive experience to guests. As your guests pull into Graceland, they will each be handed a pair of gold Elvis style sunglasses to keep as souvenirs. Today's iPad tour is narrated by celebrated actor and Elvis fan, John Stamos. Visitors will take a multimedia tour of the iconic music landmark while exploring content and hot spots which, when activated, allow users to dive deeper into the story of Elvis's life through unique archival audio, video & photo elements.



The journey through the mansion includes the decorated funky styles of the Jungle Room, racquetball court and Meditation Garden - where Elvis rests. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the mansion upon arrival.

After the mansion tour, guests will visit the newly completed entertainment plaza, "Elvis Presley's Memphis".

This \$45 million dollar addition enables music fans, pop culture enthusiasts and Memphis visitors to follow the path that Elvis took, surrounding themselves with the things that he loved, and experience the sights and sounds of the city that inspired him. We will become fully immersed in Elvis' life and career like never before.

We will walk among some of Elvis' favorite automobiles, including his iconic Pink Cadillac, Stutz Blackhawk, 1956 Cadillac Eldorado, Dino Ferrari, Mercedes Benz limousine, Rolls Royce sedans and more.



Elvis' time in the US Army is well chronicled and the journey is a fascinating one!

There are several food choices in the entertainment plaza.

**12:00pm board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel**  
**\$98/person includes bus, guide, and gratuities**  
**Lunch/snacks on your own**



# 45th Annual 8th AFHS Reunion October 16 -20, 2019 Saint Louis, Missouri



## First Timers and our Veterans



The Arch and Skyline  
Saint Louis, Mo



Left to Right Gary Reese, Piet Sybesma, Anita Crist Sybesma, Jesse Reese, Glenn Harrison, Kathleen Dombrink, Lowell Sterler, Bill Ford, Dawn Ford



Lewis and Clark Statue  
Saint Charles, MO

## The Whole Crew



(Rear) MikeMcIlraith, Alison Harrison, Piet Sybesma, Kathleen Dombrink, Lowell Sterler, Bill Ford, Glenn Harrison, Jr. (Center) Gary Reese, Walter Peter, Lydia Hartman Anderson, Anita Crist Sybesma, Jesse Reese, Glenn Harrison, Rebecca Lutz, Dawn Ford, Kathy Budde, Nancy Harrison (Front) Melissa McIlraith, Terri McIlraith, Dale Budde, Jerry Lutz, Susan and Ben Hinchman



Also registered but unable to attend at the last moment were Richard and Willowdean Hill, Merton Thurston and Francis Palsma. Those in attendance were glad to hear that they were all well. We hope to see them and many more at the reunion this October 21-25 in Memphis, Tennessee.



From Ellsworth AFB South Dakota to Miles City, Montana

# Your aviation history lesson for the day .....



During the dead of winter, March 21st 1944; Miles City, Montana; local residents woke to their quaint little town being overrun and submerged by the rising frozen waters of the Yellowstone river. Ice jams were building quickly, raising the subzero river water levels over 16 feet. As the blocks of ice, slush and freezing waters flooded into the city, residents were forced to flee their homes for safer grounds.



Miles City Mayor L.S. Keye knew immediate action must be taken, and brought in explosive experts from a nearby town. Two local pilots took a small aircraft over the river and attempted to drop and detonate 50 pound homemade bombs on the Yellowstone ice jam, but unfortunately it had little effect.

Mayor L.S. Keye then decided to do the unthinkable, and placed an urgent request to the Governor's office. His request was short, and to the point "Send in the Bombers!"



At a USAAF base in Rapid City S.D., the crew of an Army Air Force B-17 were quick to accept the unusual mission, and preparations to bomb an American city were fast underway. The crew hastily began fusing and loading 250-pound bombs into the bomb bay of their USAAF Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. Shortly thereafter, the loaded bomber with her crew of eight, took to the skies in a harsh blizzard and low ceilings.

The plan was to deliver the bombs to Miles City where the load would be transferred to a waiting Dive-Bomber to execute the bomb delivery. As the lone B-17 was nearing Miles City, low clouds forced the plans to be changed. Under a blanket of 1000 foot overcast skies, the B-17 was then ordered to handle the bombing run themselves.

Originally planned to release the load at 10,000 feet, the low overcast forced the bomber crew to take their ship lower. At 19:30 hours, in heavy snow, winds and cold, the bomber appeared over the river and executed two dummy bombing runs as crowds of locals watched in amazement. On the third pass, the B-17 released a test bomb that exploded precisely on target. Unsure of the effect, the crew brought their bomber around again.



Making two more passes, releasing all six of the 250 lb. bombs. Hundreds of residents watched motionless, and none speaking a word. The entire town, their homes and their familie's future hung in the balance as they watched the bombs fall. Seconds later a huge plume of ice, mud and water exploded skyward from the frozen Yellowstone River.

The ice jam quickly broke apart, and the frozen waters slowly receded, saving the small town. The next morning, local residents were thrilled to watch as the water levels had dropped a full 10 feet from the day before.

That night the crew of the B-17 were welcomed by the thankful and relieved residents of Miles City Montana. The entire crew were put up at the local hotel, and each received a well-deserved steak dinner.



The next morning, the crew departed, and the B-17 made a final victory pass low over the town at 50 feet over the rooftops, rocking their wings as they flew back home to Rapid City SD and so the story goes of the only time the continental United States was bombed.



# 96th Bomb Group Recipients French Legion of Honor

Marbury L. Councill Jr.	337th	Stanley A. Peterson	338th
Salvatore "Sal" Cracolici	338th	Jesse A. Reese	337th
Paul R. Frank	338th	James A. Rich Jr.	338th
Joseph Garber	338th	Henry "Ed" Tessien	413th
George A. Gorman	339th	William M. "Bill" Thorns	338th
Glenn A. Harrison	339th	Rudolph Villalobos	413th
Joseph O. Ingram Jr.	337th	Frank A. Wiswall	413th
Richard M. Jerger	413th	Richard P. Woodson III	337th
Lloyd Mitchell	413th		

Listed above are those members of the 96th Bomb Group known to have received the French Legion of Honor. If you have received this award and are not listed, please let the Newsletter Editor know so you may be included in the future.

If you believe you may be eligible for this award you can find more complete information on the 8th Air Force Historical Society web page link at [www.8thafhs.org/reunion/french.htm](http://www.8thafhs.org/reunion/french.htm). You will be able to download the actual application forms from this link and begin gathering the information you will need to apply. Should you need help with where to find the information that you will need, Bill Thorns, an award recipient, would be glad to assist. His contact information can be found on the last page in "Where to Call or Write."

## How to request being awarded the French Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor is France's most distinguished decoration and it can be bestowed to recognize the special contribution and act of bravery while fighting for the liberation of our country during WWII. The decision to honor World War II combatants applies only to living veterans who served on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace from 1944-1945.

The medal will not be awarded posthumously.

In order to study your request you must provide the following documents:

1. Proposal Memory Form - Attach the form completed in block letters and print legibly (with a detailed personal narrative related to your campaigns in France in which you participated, indicating the dates and locations where you fought, the divisions or units you belonged to and your functions).

2. Honorable Discharge Papers — Attach a copy (do not send originals) of both sides of yours showing proof of service in France between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945.

3. A copy of any of the following decorations you or your unit may have been awarded is also required: Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Congressional medal, French Croix de Guerre/French Fourragere.

4. All information (newspaper articles, books, etc. describing your actions in France during WWII.

5. Mail to one of the French Consulates on the list below. Please note that upon receipt of these documents your file will be submitted to our Embassy in Washington DC. and then to the Grand Chancellery of the Legion of Honor in Paris, France, for a final decision after a close study of the veteran's record by a committee. The review of application for the Legion of Honor may take over a year. Please don't call: applicants will be contacted directly if any questions or problems arise.

If your request is accepted, you will have to go to one of the French Consulates to receive the medal.

### FRENCH CONSULATES IN THE U.S.

Consulat Général de France  
4101 Reservoir Road  
Washington DC 20007

Consulat Général de France  
934 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Consulat Général de France  
Park Square Building, Suite 750  
31, Saint James Avenue  
Boston MA 02116

Consulat Général de France  
The Lenox Building  
3399 Peachtree Rd NE, Ste 500  
Atlanta, GA 30326

Consulat Général de France  
Espirito Santo Plaza, Suite 1050,  
1395 Brickell Avenue  
Miami FL 33131

Consulat Général de France  
205 North Michigan Avenue, Suite  
3700  
Chicago, IL, 60601

Consulat Général de France  
777 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600  
Houston, TX 77056

Consulat Général de France  
1340 Poydras Street- Suite 1710  
New Orleans LA 70112

Consulat Général de France  
10390 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 410  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Consulat Général de France  
88 Keamy St. Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA 94108

## Poet's Corner Returns

A recent email from Chris Doherty, the son of Robert F. Doherty, long-time Historian of the 96th Bomb Group and co-author of Snetterton Falcons and Snetterton Falcons II with Geoff Ward, included the poem on this page. It is one of many poems from *When Grandpa Flew In World War II* by Robert F. Doherty and illustrated by Carolyn Councill.

It seemed only fitting that it be printed in tribute to all the fine work Bob did in preserving the history of the 96th Bomb Group. Bob and Geoff not only researched and wrote these two fine histories of the 96th but saw that their work and more was preserved for posterity. Bob spent many hours describing and numbering the precious photos and first hand accounts sent to them in the course of their work along with the many documents that they collected. These then were sent to Penn State's Joe Paterno Library. Our archives are in the WWII section there.

A committee was formed at the reunion in Saint Louis of Ben Hinchman, Bill Ford and Dale Budde to look into the accessibility of these records and how to add material to them. A number of our membership have asked just what to do with diaries and logs that were kept during the war by our veterans and if they would be of interest. It would be a shame to lose some of these insightful first-hand accounts.

This committee hopes to determine the content of the archives and provide a listing of what is there and what kinds of materials would be acceptable and desirable for addition to the collection. Watch for more information in future issues of the Newsletter.

If you think you may have materials that would be of interest, before you just dispose of them please contact Bill Ford at [billdawnford@verizon.net](mailto:billdawnford@verizon.net), Ben Hinchman at [bhiv2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bhiv2004@yahoo.com), or Dale Budde at [dlbudde@aol.com](mailto:dlbudde@aol.com).

Thank you Chris for reminding us of your father's poems and sharing them with us.

### Coming Soon!

5"x7" Note Cards depicting the beautiful Silver Dream Memorial at Snetterton Heath will soon be available for purchase. To be sold in sets of 10, these lovely cards will make a perfect gift for friends and loved ones. Please email Susan Hinchman at: [bhiv@one.net](mailto:bhiv@one.net) if you are interested in purchasing a set and she will contact you when they are available.



## Poet's Corner



### FLY-BOYS OF THE 8TH

They've leatherbound sheepskin  
On electrical clothes  
While tethered to Life  
By an oxygen hose  
As cords that are countless  
Guide heat through their suits  
To gloves plugged in sockets  
And prongs plugged to boots.

More cords for their gun switch.  
For flak they've steel vests.  
And, God granting time,  
There'll be chutes for their chests.  
Just mask for their faces;  
Cold phones for their ears;  
But both God and Country  
For their hopes and their fears.

Robert E. Doherty JAN '44





96th Bomb Group Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet, Saint Louis

President Mike McLraith called the meeting to order at 08:13 a.m. on October 18, 2019. He introduced the Board members and thanked everyone for coming this morning.

Board Members Present: Mike McLraith, Lydia Anderson, Rebecca Lutz, Dale Budde, Susan Hinchman. Absent: Bill Thorns, Dr. Stan Hand, Merton Thurston and Richard Hill.

Mike McLraith also asked everyone to introduce themselves and give a little history of why they joined the 96<sup>th</sup> BG. Of those in attendance this morning, this is the first reunion for Bill Ford, Lowell Sterler, Anita Sybesma and Gary Reese, and we are glad they could attend.

Old Business: None

New Business; Jerry Lutz made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting in Dayton, as printed in the May 2019 Newsletter, seconded by Melissa McLraith, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Hinchman presented the Treasurer's Report and we have two revenue-producing projects going: one is the digitized version of the Snetterton Falcon in CD and Flash Drive format, since it is no longer in print. She thanked Janet Strizic and Dale Budde for doing the work required for this project. The second project is the plaques for the Silver Dream that Rebecca has been responsible for. By her count, 78 plaques have been made so far. She also reported that the dues are down 10 from last year. She sent out Dues reminder letters because sending emails was not very productive as many of the e-mail addresses we have are out of date. Letters were not sent to the 39 Veterans or the Widows of the Veterans. She would like to make these individuals Lifetime Members if possible. Anita Sybesma made a motion to make these 78 members Life Members. Seconded by Bill Ford. Motion passed unanimously. We will place a notice in the Newsletter and place a notation on the membership forms. We have a total of 286 members, including International members.

Susan reported that Dale has made a concerted effort to reduce printing and publishing expenses for the newsletter, resulting in a more than 12% reduction in that cost. Many bad addresses have been removed, so we are not printing and mailing as many Newsletters, as in the past.

Our Membership has increased from 253 last year to 266, which does not include the 20 international members, which has grown from 15 last year. Several of the new members joined as a result of the Snetterton Falcon sale efforts by Dale and Janet.

Dale stated that regarding new members, outreach is a problem, regarding how people find out about the Bomb Group. Lydia suggested that a 339<sup>th</sup> BG Facebook page is helpful, but the author is not a member of the 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. Lydia has been in contact with many people Internationally who have found us on Facebook.

Susan reported that we have received over \$1,100 from the sale of the Plaques that Rebecca is responsible for and asked what we should do with the extra funds received from that project. She mentioned that last year there was discussion about donating the money to the Eccles Hall School as well as to the 96<sup>th</sup> BG Museum at Snetterton. We have also received notification that the Insurance premium for the Museum has been paid out of the funds held in the UK, but that will be an issue next year. We need to determine how to best transfer money to the UK to pay for this premium. Rebecca stated that we had received an e-mail from Jill Tebble which indicated that there is only an \$8 fee for a check. Melissa also said she has an American and European bank account and could easily transfer money if that would help. Rebecca suggested that because this has been such an issue, that we should pay the premium for two years, since we know that payment will be due.

Mike stated that there are tentative plans for the Museum to have an Open Day next summer and they will need funds for that, as well. He suggested that the topic be tabled until the meeting is reconvened at dinner tonight. In the meantime, we can investigate options for the 500 GBP insurance premium and the 500 GBP that are projected to be needed for the Open Day.

Anita stated that she had been to the Air Force Academy on Colorado this summer doing research and they do not have a copy of Snetterton Falcons or any information on the 96<sup>th</sup> BG. Dale said we could send them a copy of the digital version of the Snetterton Falcons.

Bill stated that another WWII organization he is a member of allow members to anonymously pay the dues for someone else who cannot afford to pay their own dues. The recipients are not identified, but their Newsletter identifies those contributors to thank them for their support. Susan said there are some 96<sup>th</sup> members who currently do this as well, but we could also put it in the Newsletter to let others know that this could be done. In addition, we could save some money if the Newsletter was only sent digitally instead of a hard copy. Dale said that some people get both, but he can put something in the Newsletter so that people could opt out of receiving the hard copy. Susan asked that everyone be sure she has current physical and email addresses.

Mike reported that Belgium has ceased the "Adopt a Grave" project and now they have the Sentinel of Memory which is now on-line. The program was detailed in the last May 2019 Newsletter. He has signed up for all the Texans on the list of the 96<sup>th</sup> who are buried in Belgium. He has submitted the information to register the 96<sup>th</sup> BG so we can adopt all the 96<sup>th</sup> Members buried in Belgium, which is his goal. Wim Jacobs has designed a Certificate and Mike made a motion, seconded by Lydia, that Wim and Nadine be authorized to send Certificates to those participating. He said the 96<sup>th</sup> BG really appreciates his efforts, and this is a way to recognize and honor the 96<sup>th</sup> Members who are buried in Belgium. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was suspended at 9:13 a.m., to reconvene after dinner.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Dale mentioned a previous discussion about raising the annual dues from \$20 to \$25 a year. Melissa made a motion that we raise the dues from \$20 to \$25, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously.

Mike reported that Dale has requested help with more articles for the Newsletter. This request could be added to the Facebook page.

Mike reported that Rebecca and Jerry are continuing their work to produce plaques to be installed on the fence surrounding the Silver Dream. We also have the Museum and the Church at Quidenham with the beautiful window dedicated to the 96<sup>th</sup> BG, all of which need our support. They were not able to have an Open Day this year, but there are plans to try to have one in 2020 and there will be additional 500 GBP expense associated with this. Because the Museum is on the grounds of a private school Open Days are more restricted than in the past. Dale stated that the best way for people to know the Museum is there and what it stands for is to be able to have Open Days which the public can attend. Mike suggested we fund an Open Day for 2020 and see how it goes and then look at more Open Days in the future.

Mike said that the 96<sup>th</sup> BG was initially formed as a way for the Veterans to re-unite. But now we need to share the information we have so it can be preserved, and we can share with others who may not have access to this information. Perhaps we can scan photos or journals that we have from our Veterans so others can see this information. Bill has volunteered to investigate how to do this. Dale suggested that someone get in touch with Penn State because the information that Bob Doherty and Geoff Ward used when they wrote the Snetterton Falcons was shared with Penn State, but probably nothing has been added since. The Air Force Academy in Colorado would also be a good place to for us to share Snetterton Falcons with because of the connections the 96<sup>th</sup> BG has with the Academy. Ben Hinchman said he would be happy to work on this too.

All business concluded; Mike closed the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lutz, Recording Secretary

# 96th Bomb Group Association Treasurer's Report 2019

1.1.19 - 12.31.19



**BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 1.1.19 -- US Bank Non-Profit Checking Account**

**\$19,614.06 \***

**INCOME THRU 12.31.19:**

Membership Dues/Donations Received 1.1.19 - 12.31.19	\$2,310.00
Receipts from Sale of Digitized Snetterton 2-Book Collection, including \$420 in Dues	\$970.00
Receipts from Sale of Silver Dream Plaques	\$1,060.00
2019 Reunion Hospitality Tip Receipts	\$86.00
Miscellaneous Donations Received at 2019 Reunion	\$60.00
Interest earned 1.1.19 - 12.31.19	<u>\$9.21</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,495.21</b>

**EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS THRU 12.31.19:**

State of Illinois NFP Filing (ck. #1012) -- 1.17.19	\$10.00
Reimburse Flash Drive purchase/postage -- J. Strizic (cks. #1013, 1015, 1023)	\$160.40
May 2019 Newsletter #72--Budde's Print Shop (ck. #1014) -- 5.14.19	\$1,486.65
Reimburse Silver Dream Plaque purchases -- R. Lutz (cks. #1016, 1019)	\$1,129.43
Check #1017 Voided	\$0.00
August 2019 Newsletter #73 -- Budde's Print Shop (ck. #1018) -- 8.23.19	\$1,352.96
Reimburse Copy/Postage Charges -- S. Hinchman (ck. #1020)	\$161.47
Reimburse Website Expenses -- M. McIlraith (ck. #1021)	\$391.28
Reimburse 2019 Reunion Hospitality Purchases -- R. Lutz (ck. #1022)	\$369.69
Donation to 96th Bomb Group Museum in Eccles School, Snetterton Heath -- 11.5.	\$1,750.00
19US Bank Cashier's Check Service Fee re Donation to 96th BG Museum -- 11.5.19	\$8.00
Transfer Out to Open 9-mo. US Bank CD -- 12.13.19	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses and Transfers</b>	<b>\$16,819.88</b>

**NET INCOME (LOSS) THRU 12.31.19 (Income less Expenses and Transfers)**

**\$(12,324.67)**

**NET ASSETS 12.31.19 IN US BANK INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

**\$7,289.39 ^**

**FUNDS IN US BANK CD ACCOUNT -- 1.75% APY -- MAT. 9.13.2020 (INT. PAYABLE @ MATURITY)**

**\$10,000.00**

**TOTAL ASSETS ON ACCOUNT AT US BANK AS OF 12.31.19**

**\$17,289.39**

**NET FUNDS ON DEPOSIT -- AXA BANK BELGIUM AS OF 12.31.19 (ACCOUNT USED FOR EUROPEAN SALES/EXPENSES OF DIGITIZED SNETTERTON 2-BOOK COLLECTION)**

**€ 149.98**

**CURRENT 96TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION DOMESTIC MEMBERSHIP:**

2019 DOMESTIC LIFE MEMBERS (WWII Vets/Widows & Members Who Paid LM Dues @ Joining)	104
2019 DOMESTIC ANNUAL MEMBERS (Pay Dues Annually)	<u>166</u>
TOTAL CURRENT DOMESTIC MEMBERSHIP	270
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS	<u>21</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT 96TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b><u>291</u></b>

**CURRENT WWII VETERAN/WIDOW MEMBERSHIP:**

WWII VETERANS	39
WIDOWS OF WWII VETERANS	<u>39</u>
<b>TOTAL WWII VETERAN/WIDOW MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b><u>78</u></b>

\*-- Agrees with US Bank 12.31.18 Checking Account Statement Balance

^ -- Agrees with US Bank 12.31.19 Checking Account Statement Balance (less \$22.02 outstanding ck. #1023)

**Notes:** State of Illinois Not-For-Profit status is "Active"

Agent Name: Dale Budde (agent needs to reside in Illinois)

IRS Filing Submitted January 8, 2020 -- Form 990-N to maintain Tax Exempt Status with Federal Government

Prepared by Susan Hinchman 2/1/2020

# BULLETIN BOARD



## *Snetterton Falcons* and *Snetterton Falcons II – In the Nest And On The Wing*

It gives us great pleasure to make both of these out of print books available to our members, family and friends who are interested in the lives of our veterans and the history of the 96th Bomb Group at a reasonable price. This was not done to be a fund raiser but to make the books that many wanted available to all without hardship.

(This order form and the one for European orders as well is available for download on our web site at: <https://www.96bg.org/>)

## 2020 ORDER FORM SNETTERTON FALCONS CD/FLASH DRIVE

The 96th Bomb Group is very excited to announce the "long-awaited" digital version of the Snetterton Falcons book, as well as Snetterton Falcons II – In the Nest And On The Wing, in either CD or flash drive format. Upon receipt of this form and payment, we will send your choice of either the CD or flash drive. Reproduction of this prized book collection has been with the permissions of the authors and the publisher. Net proceeds (after reproduction and postage costs) will be used to support the Snetterton Heath 96th Bomb Group Museum at New Eccles Hall School and the St. Andrews Church, located in Quidenham, England, where the Memorial Window is located.

To order this two-book digitized collection, please complete the form below and mail with your check payment.

**Please make checks payable to 96th Bomb Group Association.**

**Please mail form and payment to:**

Susan Hinchman, Sec'y/Treas.

96th Bomb Group Association

706 Miami View Court

Loveland, OH 45140

**Snetterton Falcons – Digital\***

**Please print clearly and legibly**

- \$25.00 CD for current paid 2020 members
- \$25.00 Flash Drive for current paid 2020 members
- \$50.00 2020 Membership Renewal & CD
- \$50.00 2020 Membership Renewal & Flash Drive
- \$50.00 CD (non-member)
- \$50.00 Flash Drive (non-member)
- \$25.00 (2020 dues)

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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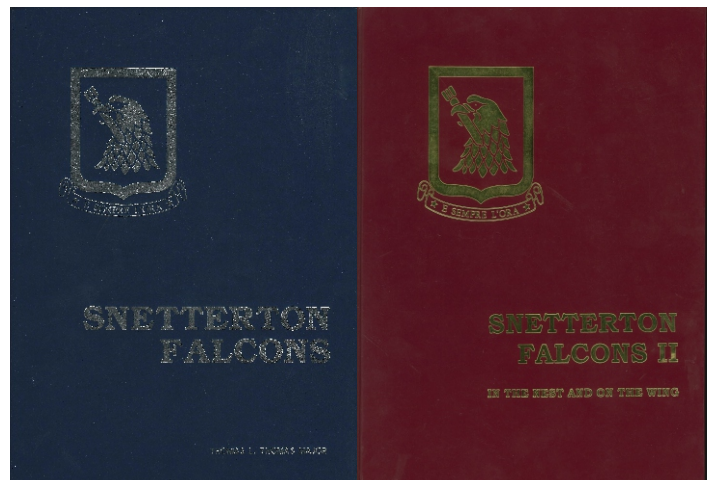
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I would like to become a member of the 96th Bomb Group Association (dues are \$25 per year). I have included below information regarding my connection to the 96th Bomb Group:

**Service Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Squadron** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Missions** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ground Crew** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other crew members or information you feel might be useful to the 96th:** \_\_\_\_\_

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This may be your last *Newsletter!* unless you are a Life Member  
Send your **\$25 annual dues**

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(Make checks payable to 96th BGA)

(Annual Dues were raised to \$25 at General Meeting October 18, 2019)  
Due January 1st each year.

**SNOWBIRDS, VACATIONERS BEWARE**  
**BE SURE TO LET Susan Hinchman KNOW**  
**YOUR WHEREABOUTS**  
**To Insure YOU RECEIVE YOUR**  
**NEWSLETTER.**



## UPCOMING MEETINGS



**96th Bomb Group Reunion 2020**  
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October 21 - 25, 2020

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Complete program and reunion information  
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We will also print the names of members of other Bomb Groups if they are current members of the 96th BGA. Written notification is required. Send to: Susan Hinchman Secretary/Treasurer, address on this page.

Texts and/or photos are sincerely solicited. If requested, photos will be returned. The Editor reserves the right to edit text. July 30, 2020 is the deadline for the August 2020 issue.

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