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“THEY DIDN’T COME HOME!”

Part One

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Front, L-R: Pilot George L. Davis, Co-Pilot Lester L. Guderian, Navigator William J McKelvey (taken off crew), Bombardier Hamlin P. Lowery; Back, L-R: Engineer/Top Turret Kermit O. Lansrud, Radio man Al Salvagna, Asst. Armorer/Tail Gunner Edward A. Muszynski, Asst. Engineer/Waist Gunner James Golden, Asst. Radio Man/Waist Gunner Nicolas M. Tolian. Ball Turret Armorer John W. Shue in the hospital when this picture taken. Navigator Julius O. Flusche assigned to the crew in England.

Back Row L/R: Lyall Taubert Radio Operator, John Young Tail Gunner, David Miller Waist Gunner, Richard Winn Engineer, Jerry Waldron Waist Gunner, "Red" Marling Ball Turret. Front L/R: John McGee Bombardier, Harold Zlotnik Co-Pilot, James McMcLean Pilot, John Gray Navigator. "Red" Marling was not on-board when the plane went down. He was injured on a previous mission and Thomas Keefe substituted for him.

At an Eighth Air Force base, “Somewhere in England,” Jim Dunlap was packed for the return home. He had managed to survive piloting a B-17 “Flying Fortress” aircraft for twenty-five missions over enemy territory. That last “sortie” was with the George Davis crew on 31 December 1943. Jim's remarkable achievement had beat the odds for in late 1943, it was accepted as a given that a B-17 crew would go down by its seventh mission, in sacrifice to one's country. This sense of fatalism dictated that the men from various crews tended to keep to themselves rather than mingling freely with other crews.

Yet, as this veteran pilot considered his personal triumph, news of the unthinkable suddenly shattered his illusion of safety. A member of the Davis crew, who had been recovering at the base hospital, hurriedly tracked him down, blurting out the words, “Did you hear? They didn't come back! They **didn't** come back!!” Each man knew the horror this portended. From early January 1944 these desperate words still haunted Mr. Dunlap, even when he recalled them for me in 2002. Could he have made the difference? Or, would he have gone down with the crew?
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President's Corner



“Hello friends! I hope you all have had a good start to 2021.

I have a few different items to touch on for this version of the newsletter.

First - if you haven't already been planning to, please consider attending the 8th Air Force Historical Society's Annual Reunion, to be held this year in Savannah, Georgia - the dates are October 27th to October 31st. These reunions are a great time (in my opinion) and this is our annual opportunity to gather together and see each other face-to-face. There is additional info regarding this reunion elsewhere in this newsletter. Additionally, you can find more info on the internet at 8thafhs.org.

Next - I hope that many of you were able to attend either of last year's 'virtual meetings'. The 8th AFHS replaced the cancelled 2020 Annual Reunion with a very nice on-line event that featured several speakers. The 96th BGA followed suit with an on-line Zoom meeting. We held this version of our annual meeting since we couldn't meet all together last year. We had good participation and covered a lot of ground.

As a part of our annual meeting, Mr. Jesse Reese was nominated to join the Board of the 96th BGA as our veteran representative. I spoke to Jesse about this last Fall, and he was very pleased to have been considered for this. We also both looked forward to seeing each other at the next Reunion. Sadly, Jesse died in January. Mr. Reese only started attending our reunions in 2018 - it was exciting for us to have another WWII veteran in our midst! If you were lucky enough to be in attendance in the 96th BGA Hospitality Suite at the 2019 Reunion, you know how spell-bound everyone was as Jesse Reese and Glenn Harrison discussed their experiences during the war. Please keep Jesse's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Now, on to some business matters:

This is a reminder that dues for the 96th Bomb Group Association are \$25 per year, and are due January 1st each year.

We are very pleased to remind all WWII veterans, or their surviving widows, that you are all considered Life Members of this organization now, and you have no annual dues requirement.

If you haven't already, would you please send a quick

e-mail message to our fantastic Treasurer, Susan Hinchman. She would like to confirm that we have the correct and current e-mail address for all of our members. Susan's e-mail address is bhiv@one.net. The 96th BGA does not sell or otherwise distribute your e-mail address.

Did you know that you can receive this outstanding newsletter electronically via e-mail? Well you can! You can e-mail Susan Hinchman with your preference for an electronic version of the newsletter. There is also a place on the membership renewal form to indicate this preference. (You can find the membership/renewal form in this newsletter, or on the organization's website: 96bg.org). We continue to provide a hard-copy version of the newsletter for all who desire or need that - the electronic version is preferred by others, and does provide the 96th BGA with a cost-savings.

The 96th Bomb Group Association has sent some donations to our related organizations in England, as follows:

Donations for Glenn Harrison's 100 th Birthday	\$965
Other donations for the museum.	<u>\$885</u>
Total Donations to the 96th BG Museum.	\$1,850
Donations for Quidenham Church.	\$250

You all have been very generous in your support over the past year - **Thank You all!**

How about a quick factoid about the 96th BG during World War II?

Total of Aircraft assigned to the 96th BG.	480
Total number of Aircraft Lost	206

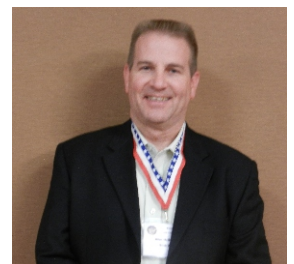
These numbers come from the book “Snetterton Falcons”. You can obtain a PDF version of this book in electronic form - there is information for ordering elsewhere in this newsletter, or on the website: 96bg.org.

As I close, I'd like to remind you all to do whatever you can to collect, record, and otherwise save any stories, memories, or memorabilia you have of your service, or of your favorite veterans service - time stands still for none of us.

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

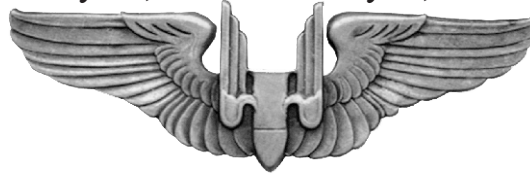
Thank You for your time!

Mike McIlraith
President – 96th BGA



Jesse A. "Jack" Reese

May 25, 1925 - January 30, 2021



Jesse Reese was a tail gunner in the 337th Squadron on a B-17 bomber nicknamed "Ole Skatlerflak" and flew 35 missions during the war.

He was a well-known Dover area World War II U.S. Army Air Corp veteran having received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic actions at a special ceremony in 2015 in the Ohio State Capitol, 70 years after his service. He also received the French Legion of Honour.

He completed high school following his service and later graduated from Mt. Union College.

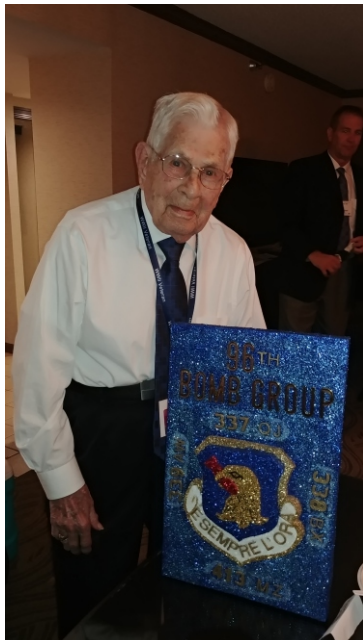
Jack was a schoolteacher, athletic trainer, and coach having retired from Dover High School.

He and his wife Connie also owned and operated the former Bassetti's Restaurant in New Philadelphia and Zifaro's Pizza in Uhrichsville.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dover, New Philadelphia VFW, Knights of Columbus, and served as Commander of the Dover American Legion.

Jesse had been a member of the 96th Bomb Group Association for many years but only attended his first reunion in 2018 after the death of his wife of 69 years. He attended the 2019 reunion in St. Louis with his son Gary and was elected to the 96th Board at our virtual meeting in 2020. He was looking forward to serving and attending the 2021 Savannah Reunion.

We will miss him and his infectious smile.



Plaque made by Jesse and presented to the 96th in Dayton at his FIRST REUNION.



Jesse contemplating his good fortune at not only having survived this last mission but all 35.

Meanwhile Back at the Old Base



Exciting news we have a new Bridge. The old bridge at Eccles that spans the Norwich to Cambridge main railway line and that had been damaged in 2017, has now been replaced and opened. The work was not due to be completed until 2023 but the local parish council, the Norfolk County council, and our local MP Liz Truss together with the rail owners Network Rail and the contractors Murphy's all worked extremely hard and completed the works in record time.



This bridge crossing was the route that most of the 96th Bomb Group service personnel used for access from the Squadrons living sites, the Headquarters and hospital, to the runways, hangers, and technical sites beyond.

Originally the bridge was always known as the Wooden bridge, as it had been in place since the 1800's when the railway line was first built and almost certainly built of wood, however the story goes that when a steam engine was crossing, a spark flew, and the bridge got burned. It was rebuilt and although it has been repaired and patched up over the years, it was in a sorry state and the feeling was, it needed a new one.

Sadly, for almost 1000 of the 96th Bomb Group, pilots and crew, the bridge was the last crossing these brave men would make.

I have enquired to Network Rail to see if it would be possible to place a small plaque in memory of these lost souls, somewhere on or nearby the new bridge. The answer from them was, yes we can if we let them know what we have in mind as regards size, if 96th committee members or readers

of this newsletters can get in contact with any ideas or suggested wording please do.

The railway line during WWII was known as the London, North East Railroad. During October 1945 on this rail track just a few yards from the bridge was where the much loved 'Queen of the Heath' Lady Moe, the famous little donkey mascot of 96th Flying Fortress group, befell her fate. She had strayed onto the line and was hit by a steam locomotive, as they were in those days.



SNETTERTON FALCONS II
IN THE NEST AND ON THE WING
Page 66 Pilot Rowland Jones 338th and Moe

Lady Moe had been flown to Snetterton as part of the crew of Lt Andrew Miracle's B17 with 'The Miracle Tribe' on what was the return leg of the historic Regensburg, North Africa shuttle from Bone North Africa, travelling in the radio room with a custom fitted oxygen mask. Quite a feat for a little donkey, Moe quickly adapted to the base life and became a much-loved favourite of the men on the base.

Updates on the Name Plaques around the Silver Dream Memorial. This has been going very well and to date there are 118, 96th Bomb Group service personnel on the named plaques. Fixed on the railings by Geoff Ward, Steven, and Lewis Wills. Rebecca is telling us that she still has some requests coming but she would like some more. If anyone is thinking of having one for their family members, to contact her. The intention is to cover all the railings around the memorial.

On a positive note, all being well, Jill and the rest of the committee are hoping that we can still have an open day at the 96th Museum later in the year. As you can remember it had to be cancelled last year. Will keep you posted on that.

Stay Safe and keep well,
God bless Jean

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Memorial Plaques for Veterans at the Silver Dream *Continues*

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

The requests for plaques are still coming in, and we have had one more request for plaques for the whole crew of one B-17. Those are mounted on the fence together in a line. We have received two plaque requests for Ground Crew, and would really like to receive more. So far, there have been 155 Silver Dream plaques purchased to be displayed along the fence line in Snetterton. There are still a few veteran members who do not yet have a plaque and I will continue to try to reach them or their relatives



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

Please complete one order form below for each plaque which will cost \$20.00 including shipping cost 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 rlutz4000@gmail.com 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

“THEY DIDN’T COME HOME!” *Continued*

Kermit Lansrud was a member of that George Davis crew, serving as its top turret gunner and engineer. The news of his “Missing in Action” reached his northeast Montana family in February 1944. One year later came word from the War Department that Kermit was “presumed dead,” from a collision of aircraft reportedly turning into the sun that occurred in January 1944 during a mission to Kiel, Germany. No further information on that aerial mishap was forthcoming.

While emigrating from Norway to America, Kermit's grandmother, Ambjør Røvang (1846-1900), and her parents had survived the maritime collision of the steamer Atlantic with the Ogdensburg on Lake Erie in 1852 as hundreds drowned. In irony, some ninety years on, the grandson she never knew perished in an aerial collision somewhere over occupied Europe. Kermit was later buried in Ardennes, Belgium. At the family's request, his body was exhumed and interred at Custer National Cemetery in Montana in 1950.

It was from a 1983 visit to the gravesite of this 96th Bomb Group flier in Crow Agency, Montana that I first began to pick up the trail of Kermit's war experiences. Eventually, it led to my learning a great deal about my uncle's service, including further particulars from eyewitnesses who offered their personal recollections of that catastrophic collision of, early 1944.

In what follows, I share crucial aspects of my personal journey in finding critical information from archival records, being alert to alternative resources for context and assembling a coherent, credible narrative. I write in hopes of inspiring present and future Associate Member family historians to similarly pick up the mantle, even generations later, and, with diligence, seek out the finer details of their relative's military service, truly honoring the contributions otherwise anonymously made in collectively securing our present freedoms.

Kermit Oliver Lansrud was born July 26, 1921 near Dagmar, Montana. His father was Wilhelm Oliver Lansrud (1886-1964) and his mother was Thora Hermanson (1899-1925). Thora died of Tuberculosis and pneumonia when Kermit was almost four years of age. Kermit and his younger sister, Viola (b 1922), were later cared for in the home by Grace Grandahl (1900-1986). She loved the children and they begged to be with her. By the end of 1927, Grace married Mr. Lansrud and became their full time stepmother.

Upon completing eighth grade at Lincoln School in Dagmar, Kermit attended Medicine Lake High School. This five foot three youth served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from July through December 1938. He returned to Lake, graduating in 1941. Kermit enlisted in the Army Air Force on October 10, 1942. While stationed at Dalhart, Texas, he married Margaret Barnes on September 27, 1943. The family last saw him during a very brief furlough in October 1943, just prior to his B-17 crew flying to England.

My search for what transpired after October 1943 led me first to Washington, DC. Armed with the name, “96th Bomb Group,” from Kermit's marker in Montana, my next foray to the Library of Congress in 1984 pursued any works published about the unit. At the time, there were apparently none filed with the Library of Congress.



A request for a copy of Kermit's military records from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis was initiated. I was eleven years too late! A fire in July 1973 had destroyed the major repository of those records for veterans who had served in the United States armed forces from WWI through Vietnam up until that date.

In the interim, I sought out books to learn about the B-17 Flying Fortress. My interest dates back to age ten when I received a 1/72 scale model by Revell of the famed “Memphis Belle” for Christmas in 1962. That aircraft was the first B-17 to have completed an twenty-five bombing missions in WWII. My model is long gone but I have retained the fragile sheet of instructions which features a one page write up about the original aircraft and its crew.

In the 1980's, the real Memphis Belle set on static display behind cyclone fencing at the Memphis airport site of a military themed restaurant named after the 91st Bomb Group to which the Memphis Belle belonged. I had glimpsed the Belle silhouetted in the darkness in February 1983. It was the first Flying Fortress I'd ever seen. Two years later, in 1985, I returned to Memphis on business and took the opportunity for a better look at the famed B-17, this time in daylight. The restaurant closed in the mid 1980's.

The Memphis Belle set alone for some years off the north end of the runway. I used to look for it as I landed or took off from the Memphis airport and when being shuttled to and from the rental car facilities. Later, this venerated B-17F aircraft was moved to an open air sheltered exhibit at Mud Island, by the Mississippi River. In 2005, it was transported to the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton, Ohio where it is currently on display after undergoing an extensive restoration.

In May 1985, I ran across my copy of a special issue of American Heritage magazine, purchased in October 1983 and selected for its WWII eyewitness account of a B-17

bombing mission over Germany. On that May evening, I flipped to the back page of this periodical and was stunned by what had eluded me for nineteen months: Under the heading, "Mission Accomplished" was a picture and short write up about a 96th Bomb Group mission (6 March 1944) when all of the crews had returned safely, reportedly an unusual occurrence. Moreover, it provided the identity of the person who had submitted that picture.

A query to Directory Assistance netted the telephone number for Mr. Fred Huston of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Within minutes, I was speaking with a living member of the 96th Bomb Group who had also flown when my Uncle Kermit was stationed in England! We began a correspondence where he would periodically type out various reminiscences of his times with the 96th. In a subsequent telephone conversation several months later, Mr. Huston mentioned that a newsletter for the 96th had recently started publication. He provided the name of its editor, C. D. Terry, of Palestine, Texas.

Upon contact, Mr. Terry was very generous with his time, answering my many questions, sending me a complimentary copy of this Newsletter--its fifth number--and providing a list of military archive sites that house records pertaining to the 96th Bomb Group. He made the extra effort to insert a short note seeking information about my uncle in the upcoming August 1985 issue 96th Bomb Group Newsletter, which was about to go to press. I still receive that semiannual newsletter. Both men are since deceased.

After reading the Newsletter, I wrote to the 96th Bomb Group's historian, Mr. Geoff Ward, in Diss, Norfolk, England. I was pleased to learn that he lives near the site of the former Snetterton Heath Airfield from where the 96th flew its missions from 1943 through 1945.

A few weeks on, a return letter from Mr. Ward brought the first breakthroughs of detail about my uncle's service with the 96th and that final mission. Working with microforms stored at his home, Geoff consulted the relevant records of the 96th Bomb Group for the period, which provided the type of crucial information I sought.

Geoff found that my uncle was part of the George Davis crew which activated for duty on November 28, 1943. Their crew number was designated "P 14." They flew from Snetterton Heath. Mr. Ward went on to list the eleven missions flown by the 96th Bomb Group from late November 1943 through January 4, 1944. He could not identify which ones my uncle may have flown on except to confirm that the last mission on the fourth of January was when the Davis crew went down. That day's destination was Munster, not Kiel.

The records of January 4, 1944 showed that the 96th supplied thirty-six aircraft to the mission. All departed Snetterton between 6:45 AM and 7:20 AM, flying in two formations. Fourteen of the planes bombed though a cloud layer judged to be 10/10—opaque. Anti-aircraft batteries fired reportedly "meager" flak at the planes as they reached Enschede, Netherlands--very near the German border.

Heading east towards the bombing run at Munster, the 96th turned into the sun. This was thought to have contributed to the collision of aircraft 42-5953, a B-17F with aircraft 42-30518, another B-17F model. Three parachutes were

observed from the latter aircraft, also known as "Short Stride." The Davis crew was in aircraft 42-5953. Reportedly, visibility was unrestricted at 24,000 ft. to 25,000 ft. Seventeen men were ultimately KIA (Killed in Action) while three airmen became prisoners of war.

Mr. Ward supplied far more information than the family had ever known about that fatal mission. The two planes were also from different squadrons within the 96th: the 338th and the 413th, respectively. He mentioned that the tail gunner from the Davis Crew, Muszynski, was apparently not on this flight. Geoff indicated that additional information might be found, particularly from the Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR's), which were at the National Archives in the Washington, DC area.

His response arrived in August, when I also flew to Florida on business. I visited my Uncle Gaylord Lansrud, in Bradenton. A half brother of Kermit and a former paratrooper at D-day, he was eager to learn of my findings on Kermit. I showed him the research, including both issues of the 96th Bomb Group Newsletter, and pointed out that he was acquainted with a former member of the 96th Bomb Group who resided in the Bradenton/Sarasota area. Gaylord was impressed, repeatedly shaking his head in wonder during my visit. It was the last time I saw him. He succumbed to a fatal automobile accident four months later. My visit had proved especially poignant.

Our second child, Julia, was born that November and I had to curtail my family history studies for a time. I did manage one final research attempt that December. Following Geoff Ward's lead, I visited the Suitland, MD annex of the National Archives to research the 96th Bomb Group records and look up the MACR's on that fatal mission of January 4, 1944.

The Suitland staff rolled out a cart holding the records I requested. It was the equivalent of at least three full file drawers of material that seemed very loosely organized. Plunging into the records and making sense of things proved daunting. I realized that in my limited time there I would be better served in narrowing my search to the one date in question. After an hour of examining this particular file I selected eight pages of supporting material to photocopy concerning that early January 1944 mission to Munster. Confirming Geoff Ward's surmising, the original tail gunner for the Davis crew was inexplicably not onboard that fatal flight.

Before I left one research room for another to review the pertinent MACR report I made the discovery that my uncle had also filed an application for a homestead in Montana. Reviewing MACR 2017 about that collision of B-17's proved difficult. The microform was in negative so the print was white on black background. Since reusing carbons for reproducing forms was the norm during wartime, the integrity of the print was uneven.

This particular MACR didn't appear to reveal any additional information from what I already had found thus far in my research. At the time, there was no facility to make a photocopy of that form, at any rate. The hour reaching 3PM, I left the facility to wade through the Washington, DC traffic for the return drive to North Carolina.

One of the more interesting findings from the documents I

copied that day at the National Archives Suitland facility was a map plotting the briefed course of that January 4 mission to attack Munster with the apparent actual track of that “sortie.” It appeared that the bombs that day were not dropped at Munster as designed but maybe ten miles north of that target. The official report of the mission filed on the same day indicated that, “From the plots made by the navigator, it is believed that Rheine is the target hit.”

The 388th Bomb Group joined the 96th on that mission to Munster. Both of these groups belonged to the 3rd Bombardment Division. The record pointed out that until the bombing run was approached, “The 96th Groups were flying abreast and on the left of the 388th.” As the run was made, the 96th dropped back while the 388th took the lead. Six of the 96th aircraft dispatched turned back early for various reasons such as the inability to find the rest of the formation. The B-17's did take off in total darkness.

Correlating the flight results for the Munster mission that day, I consulted the excellent resource, “Mighty Eighth War Diary,” (Janes: 1981) the reference work by Roger A. Freeman, which provides the following results from page 162:

During that Munster sortie, 1069 tonnage of bombs were dropped by the 96th & 388th Bomb Groups combined. Of the B-17 craft dispatched that day between the two groups, 68 were said to be “effective,” meaning “bombed the target.” Apart from the loss of two 96th aircraft in the collision, a B-17 from the 388th crash landed upon return, with a total loss of the airplane. However, that crew safely returned. While “meager” flak was reported, the numbers of aircraft returning damaged paint a different picture: Thirty-five of the B-17's, or about half of that day's “effective” fleet, were found to have sustained combat damage upon return and needed repair prior to becoming flight worthy again.

By pooling together the MACR's and inputting just the major details captured within these records into a database it is possible to obtain a reliable snapshot of the numbers of downed aircraft and crews that fell over the occupied territories. The results can be sobering. Such a quick study was printed out in table format on page 23 in the August 1985 issue of the *96th Bomb Group Newsletter*.

During that month of January 1944, the 96th lost fifteen aircraft, the same amount as in October 1943. The numbers were even more staggering that spring. In April and May of 1944, the 96th lost twenty-one and thirty B-17's along with their crews, respectively. The typical B-17 crew averaged ten men per aircraft. Multiplying these figures of downed aircraft by ten reveals how many fliers were either MIA (Missing in Action) or KIA (Killed in Action).

My research on the subject ground to a halt for awhile. In 1990, it began to regain momentum. In March, while in Seattle on business, I toured “The Museum of Flight” at Boeing Field late one afternoon. In their gift shop was an excellent retrospective on the B-17 called, “50th Anniversary Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress 1935-1985,” published by the museum in March, 1985. It provides an outstanding history and overview on the development of that airplane.

Of particular note to family historians are the sections in this work which depict B-17 aircraft markings from all units of the 8th Air Force (pages 67-75) and a listing of aircraft types

within serial number ranges (Appendix III). These are important criteria when researching a photograph of a given B-17 and attempting identification by Bomb Group or Squadron unit. For instance, aircraft 42-5953 had a tail marking featuring a black square superimposed with a white “C,” emblem of the 96th Bomb Group. The letters “BX” painted on the side of the fuselage by the waist gunner window identified it as belonging to the 338th Squadron.

On May 24 came the break for which I had waited five years! The 1990 edition of the 96th Bomb Group Association “Membership Roster” arrived. It was updated and reprinted in full every five years. When I turned to the section for the 338th Squadron, I found the listing for Mr. Ed Muszynski—the original tail gunner for the Davis crew! With trepidation and excitement, I wrote a tactful letter to him, explaining my relationship to Kermit. I enclosed prints of a color copy enlargement from the only known picture the family had of the crew posed beside a B-17. Would he identify the various members of his crew?

Two months later came the reply. Ed Muszynski responded with a packet of information. Apart from his three page letter of explanation and introduction was an identification of the crew in the image I had sent him. Ed indicated it was taken in Peyote, Texas and did not include the complete crew. Additionally, Mr. Muszynski sent a reprinted glossy photograph of the Davis crew that no one in our family had ever seen! It was taken at Grand Island, Nebraska just prior to their embarking for England. He also listed the missions the Davis crew flew.

Ed remembered Kermit as, “Our Crew Chief and (who) had our respect. We all blended well and were a great team. He was quiet, firm, and energetic. He set a good example for the crew.” He then went on to recount the crew's itinerary. The crew began forming in Peyote, Texas in July 1943. From there, they did further training in Dalhart, Texas in August then on to Salt Lake for two weeks. After that, was staging in Grand Island, Nebraska until October 1943, where the crew was finalized.

“We flew out of Grand Island to Detroit, Michigan to Presque Island, Maine to Gander Bay, Newfoundland and on to England...sometime in October 1943. We were stationed at a Replacement Depot (Stove, England) for about two weeks and finally assigned to the 96th Bomb Group, 338th Squadron in Nov. 1943.”

“It was the sixth mission that Kermit's crew went down. I did not fly that mission because I was grounded with frostbite of my hands and feet which occurred on Dec. 22nd. I flew the first three missions with his crew.”

We have now confirmed the identity of the mystery member of the Davis crew who had been recovering in the base hospital and looked up Pilot Jim Dunlap in desperation on that fateful day of January 4, 1944—Ed Muszynski!

In our concluding installment, we'll revisit Suitland (note: records have since been relocated to the main facility of the National Archives), run through the missions, meet Ed Muszynski and Geoff Ward, take a tour of the site of the former Snetterton base and uncover surprising details from firsthand accounts of that tragic early January 1944 collision of B-17's over occupied Europe.

Rum Boogie Crew

Sgt. George P. Wyherek

Assistant Engineer & Ball Turret Gunner

By Vicki Ekmark



George Wyherek was born on June 5, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, where he lived his entire life.

He was the oldest and had two brothers, William and John Jr.

George enlisted in the Army Air Corps at barely 18 years of age and right after graduating from high school.



On his enlistment record, his height is listed at 5 feet 5 inches, and his weight at 128 pounds. Most likely his size is what landed him the job as the Ball Turret Gunner. But if his frame was small, his personality was not.

On his army enlistment form, his civil occupation is shown as "actors and actresses," and everyone who ever met him knew he was a very funny guy. My sister thought he looked like a young Jack Lemmon, a comedic actor around the same age as George. A lot of other people, including his son, George Jr., thought the same thing.



Jack Lemmon

George flew 25 missions with the Rum Boogie Crew. After that tour, he signed up for a second tour of duty, this time with the 461st Bomb Group, the 764th Bomb Squadron.

During the second tour, he was awarded the Purple Heart when he was hit by flak over Rennes, France, after his plane, attacked by 100 enemy fighters, lost an engine, its hydraulic system, and one wing was cut in half (the photo to the right is the Purple Heart being awarded).



After the war, on May 7, 1957, George married Betty Mraz. They had four children: Carol, Betty Lou, Sue, and George Jr.. I met George Sr. and his family when they visited Idaho in 1969. We all called him "Bunny." I remember him being hysterically funny.



• Al Neff, and George Wyherek
• First Tour of Duty

George Sr. and I got along so well that everyone in my family started calling me George, a nickname that has stuck with me most of my life.

George Jr. accompanied his family on this trip - he was only 4 or 5 years old at the time - but he and I for sure met back then. At the start of this website, he was the first living relative I was able to find. I connected with him on LinkedIn on March 26, 2013. It's funny because I'm sure I didn't even know what LinkedIn was at that point. But when it came to searching for living relatives, I would try anything. And who knows, maybe his dad's good karma had something to do with it. How cosmic is that!

George Wyherek died at the age of 64 on March 29, 1988, in Chicago. His ability to make us laugh will continue to be missed.



Rear L/R Sgt. George T. Gant, Gunner, Sgt. Richard J. Postier, Radio Operator and Waist, Sgt. Charles F. Goyette, Assistant Radio Operator and Gunner, Sgt. Ellis P. Savoie, Engineer and Gunner, Sgt. George P. Wyherek, Ball Turret Gunner. Front L/R Lieutenant Lloyd J. Fickler, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Harry J. Miller, Navigator, 1st Lt. James H. Sanders, Pilot, Sgt. Alvin Neff, Tail Gunner, Not pictured the photographer 2nd Lt. William H. Spencer, Bombardier Snetterton Heath England 1943

You can follow Rum Boogie Crew on the sites below:

Web Page <https://www.rumboogicrew.com>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rumboogicrew>
Twitter <https://twitter.com/rumboogicrew>



Savannah...filled with beauty,mystery, and history. She has it all. So much in fact, we've scheduled three (3) tours to help you see and experience as much as possible in the Hostess City!

Our first tour on **Thursday morning, October 28th**, will explore some of the more 'unfamiliar places' you may not have seen before during a past visit. We'll take a look outside the Historic District and visit lesser known but beautiful neighborhoods such as Ardsley Park and Victory Drive. Also visit the tranquil area of Isle of Hope to see beautiful Antebellum Homes situated along the beautiful yet quaint, Bluff Drive. This area is where they filmed "Glory"

On **Friday, October 29th**, we will be guests of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. It is one of the finest museums in the US the only one dedicated to the 8th Air Force! For many of you, this will be a "coming home." A time of reflection and remembrance.



Often referred to as "soul stirring", the "Mighty Eighth" is an incredibly emotional experience throughout every inch of the more than 90,000 sq ft under roof. Stroll through the contemplative Memorial Gardens and wind your way into the Chapel of the Fallen Eagles. Modeled after a Gothic English village chapel, be sure to enjoy the exquisitely hand-crafted stained-glass windows and the beauty of the antique furnishings. Imagine young airmen attending Sunday services on occasion, and the comfort they experienced.

The Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research

Center is dedicated to promoting research on Eighth Air Force history and to expanding its priceless collection of over nine thousand books significant to the history of the Eighth Air Force as well as original manuscripts, photographs, artifacts, works of art, oral history interviews and personal accounts.

The John H. Woolnough Library serves as the research center's reading room. Of special interest is the research center's collection of Eighth Air Force volumes, including all the published group histories. Most of these books are shelved in the John H. Woolnough Library. Manuscript highlights include original diaries and letters as well as over 62,000 previously unpublished photographs. Of course, the centerpiece exhibit of the Museum would have to be the B17-G, named appropriately, "*City of Savannah*", and currently undergoing extensive restoration by an incredibly talented team of volunteers in the Combat Gallery. Be sure and order a delicious box lunch from Miss Sophie's (check your registration form). You'll be able to enjoy it in the Museum's beautiful Colonial Group, Inc., Art Gallery. The Art Gallery displays paintings from the world's leading aviation artists. Currently, the "Permanent Collection Exhibit" selected by guest curator, Keith Ferris, features 64 paintings by artists from around the world who specialize in aviation subjects.



Founded in 1733, Savannah is one of America's finest preserved cities and considered a jewel of the south. During our final tour on **Saturday, October 30th**, you will enjoy a comprehensive, completely narrated guided tour of one of the largest National Urban Historic Landmarked Districts in the United States. You will be transported through more than 287 years of American history. Ride along cobblestone paved streets beneath moss-draped oaks and experience the "Old South" with her stately mansions, beautiful squares, romantic riverfront and abundance of true southern charm. Your driver will then take you to City Market—a wonderful pedestrian area downtown filled with quaint shops and eateries—for a leisurely lunch on your own. Your driver will then pick you up and return you to the hotel by 3:00pm.



47th ANNUAL 8th AFHS REUNION

Marriott Savannah Riverfront, Savannah, GA
October 27-31, 2021

Wednesday, October 27

- 1:00pm — 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 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 28

- 7:30am — 8:30am American Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00am — 12:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 9:30am — 12:00pm *"The Other Savannah"**
- 1:00pm — 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 2:00pm — 3:30pm *"Learn from the Past...Journey to the Future"*— UK Speakers: Emily Charles, Hattie Hearn, Suzie Harrison, Jeff Hawley, & Paul Bellamy—with Q & A
- 3:45pm — 5:00pm *"Honoring Their Service"* Gary Webb—Webb Military Museum
- 6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
- 7:00pm — 9:00pm Buffet dinner and program: *"The 8th—Beyond the Legacy"* LTC Steve Bolton, Garrison Commander, Hunter Army Air Field (*subject to the needs of the US military*)

Friday, October 29

- 7:30am — 8:30am American Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00am — 12:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 8:00am — 9:15am Group Meetings
- 9:30am — 2:30pm *National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force**
- 1:00pm — 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 3:15pm — 4:30pm *WWII Vets with Q & A*
- 6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
- 7:00pm — 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

Saturday, October 30

- 7:30am — 8:30am American Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00am — 12:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 8:45am — 10:15am General Membership Meeting
- 11:00am — 2:30pm *"Historic Savannah" (City Tour ~ lunch on your own)**
- 12:00pm — 4:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
- 1:00pm — 6:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
- 6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
- 7:00pm — 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program

Sunday, October 31

- 7:30am — 8:30am American Breakfast Buffet

***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 35 participants, unless otherwise stated. Driver and Staff gratuities ARE NOT included in the tour prices.**



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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS
STOP!

p 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.

p 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 meals are priced separately**—Breakfast buffet begins Thursday, Oct 28th —Sunday, Oct 31st. 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.

p 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

ALL registration forms **MUST** be received by **October 10, 2021** in order to guarantee your place. If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

Debra Kujawa
Managing Director
8th AFHS
912-748-8884
ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org

www.8thafhs.org



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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS October 10, 2021	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
The principal attendee MUST 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	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE—ALL attendees MUST pay registration fee.	\$45	#	\$
Registration fee for children ages 8-16 attending more than 1 function & staying at hotel:	\$30	#	\$
Buffet Breakfast @ \$33 per day: Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____	\$33	#	\$
BOX LUNCHES @ \$10 per lunch FRIDAY, Oct. 29th, ONLY!!!! Box lunches will be available from the Mighty 8th Museum ONLY: You MUST PREORDER THEM HERE!	Price is per lunch per person: \$10	#	\$
Please select: Ham # _____ or Turkey # _____ Vegetarian Wrap # _____			
DINNERS			
Thursday, Oct 28 — EVENING DINNER BUFFET Savannah Style favorites	\$55	#	\$
Friday, Oct 29—RENDEZVOUS DINNER Roasted Breast of Chicken and seasonal sides	\$45	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 30—GALA BANQUET (Please select ONE entrée):			
Filet Cut Sirloin	\$55	#	\$
Pecan Grouper (<i>a Savannah favorite</i>)	\$55	#	\$
Vegetarian plate(s) Please indicate [number]: Thurs # ____ Fri # ____ Sat # ____	\$45	#	\$
TOUR OPTIONS:			
Thursday, Oct 28: The Other Savannah Tour—Lunch on your own \$ 25 # \$	\$25	#	\$
Friday, Oct 29: Tour of National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force —round trip \$ 15 # \$	\$15	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 30: Historic Savannah City Tour—Lunch on your own \$ 25 # \$	\$25	#	\$
Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS			\$

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



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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

(800) 285-0398

or **ONLINE** registration on our website: **8thafhs.org**

(Reference **'8th Air Force Historical Society'** for group rate)

Hotel has a 48 hour cancellation policy

Location: 100 General McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, GA

Stay in the heart of historic Savannah, Georgia, at Marriott Savannah Riverfront. Explore the warmth and beauty of Georgia's oldest city from our riverfront location, with many top attractions, shops and restaurants just a short stroll away. Treat yourself to a massage at our premier day spa, work out in the 24-hour fitness center or go for a swim in our seasonal outdoor pool. Enjoy traditional Southern breakfast options at Blue, our delightful restaurant overlooking the riverfront, or enjoy cocktails and a light meal in the Atrium Bar. If a meeting, conference or social event brings you to our hotel, our contemporary indoor and outdoor venues, custom catering and outstanding service are available to help create an impressive gathering. At the end of the day, retreat to your room or suite and enjoy plush bedding, room service and Wi-Fi access while you take in views of the Savannah River or downtown. No matter what brings you here, we look forward to making your visit to Savannah remarkable.

Parking

Self-parking has been discounted to \$25 per day per vehicle. There are two [2] electric charging stations available.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Group Name: *8th Air Force Historical Society*

Reunion Dates: October 27-31, 2021

Rate: \$180+13% (tax) +\$6.00 (City & State occupancy fees) Total per night: \$209.40

Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

Cut off Date: 9/27/2021

Cancellation Policy: All reservations have a 48 hour cancellation policy, or attendee will be charged one night room rate plus tax.

WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

ScoutAround: (888) 441-7575 or ScoutAround.com

****HOSPITALITY SUITES****

The 8th AFHS is pleased to announce that we are again offering **HOSPITALITY SUITES** to groups. However, due to restrictions on alcohol in the hotel, **SUITES** will be **"JUNIOR" SUITES**—sleeping rooms @ **\$230++ per night**. The number of suites is limited, so we ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible. **This is also a sleeping room, so just an additional \$50 above the group rate.** Suites are located on various floors throughout the hotel. *Two bedroom suites are also available for larger groups to share space.*

In order to **RESERVE** your suite,

please call **Jamie Walker** ASAP for details:

(912) 373-2036

A Chat From Your Chaplain

"Never lose hope, when the Sun goes down, the stars come out"...

Think Spot by Derrick Johnson.

Derrick is a friend of mine who lives in Winter Garden Fl. He is an ordained minister and teacher. He has served as a Creative Consultant for Walt Disney World where he arranged and produced Epcot Center's Voices of Liberty and the Christmas Candlelight Processional. He is recognized nationally as a musician, author, educator, speaker and consultant.

We have all experienced NAUSEA as when a commercial airliner I was traveling on hit turbulence. I was headed to the restroom when suddenly the aircraft hit an air pocket and LITERALLY WAS FALLING OUT OF THE SKY. With fear and trembling I lost nausea and headed back to my seat, awaiting destruction of the worst kind.

Another fear of mine is that I will do or say something stupid or contentious that will cause people to dislike or judge me. I worry about stuff that never happens. I love being in that rocking chair moving without going anywhere.

"God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls, coal into diamonds".

Another Think Spot by Derrick

The Bible tells us "that worrying about what we shall eat, or drink, or wear is like being in that rocker. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself."

"Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34

"Thank you God for protecting me from what I thought I wanted and blessing me with what I didn't know I needed."

Another Think Spot by Derrick

The Bible says

"those who hope in the Lord will soar like Eagles, run and not grow weary, and walk and not be faint"...Isaiah 40:31.

"So do not fear for I Am with you, do not be dismayed for I Am your God." "I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". Isaiah 41:10

"Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that you may say to those with fearful hearts, Be Strong do not fear, your God will come...to save you", Isaiah 35:3

"Trying to live without God is like trying to dribble a football."

Another Think Spot by Derrick

Stan Hand, Jr, M. D.

*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.*

Poet's Corner

AIR BASE ENGLAND (Seneterton Heath)

*The winter wind whips down the aisles
Of squadron huts aligned in files
And stuffs the smoke of Cardiff coke
Into our lungs until we choke.*

*When Norwich kliegs criss-cross the sky
To finger thrumming Death on high
Our world below, engulfed in black,
Reverberates to British flak.*

*Our hulking planes down on the line
Seem unimpressed - another sign
Within this U.S. bomb-group cell
To tell of attics hiding hell.*

Poem from "When Grandpa Flew In World War Two"
by Robert E. Doherty



WRITTEN ON SLIDE CASING

'Winter 1944, Home in England, 338th Sqdn area in 96th Bomb Group.'

Image via Eugene H. Blue, Navigator 96th Bomb Group.
In photo collection of Randy de Mars



Address your correspondence for our Chaplain to:

Dr. Stanley Hand
1016 Ridgecrest Road
Orlando, FL 32806

Mobile: (321)-662-3305

E-mail: stanhand306@gmail.com

96th Bomb Group Association
General Meeting Notes
7th November 2020



Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the cancellation of the 8th Air force Historical Society Reunion in Memphis, Tennessee the Annual Meeting was held via Zoom.

President Mike McIlraith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. EST

Board Members Present: Mike McIlraith, Lydia Anderson, Rebecca Lutz, Dale Budde, Susan Hinchman, and Dr. Stan Hand. Absent: Richard Hill.

Mike asked everyone to identify themselves, and the attendees were Geoff and Margaret Ward, Lowell Sterler, Randy de Mars, Anita Sybesma, Chris Doherty, Bruce Weise, Ben Hinchman, Beau Doherty, Dr. Doherty, Faith Doherty, Rachael Doherty, Bev Miller, Jerry lutz, Ann Gerber, and Kathleen Dombrink.

Dr. Stan Hand led the group in prayer.

Old Business: None

New Business: Randy de Mars made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 18, 2019 meeting in St. Louis, as printed in the March 2020 Newsletter, seconded by Dr. Stan Hand. Bruce Weise abstained; motion passed.

Lydia Anderson stated that we now no longer have any WWII Veterans on the Board, and she would like to nominate Jesse Reese to fill a Board position. This was seconded by Rebecca Lutz and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Hinchman presented the Treasurers Report and mentioned the revenue streams, which are the digitized Snetterton Falcon, the Silver Dream plaques and the note cards featuring the Silver Dream. We have sold 51 CD's or Flash Drives and gained 23 new members, we have received requests for 120 plaques and to date have sold 32 packets of the Silver Dream notecards.

We have received \$1,700 in donations to the Museum at Snetterton, including \$965.00 in honor of Glenn Harrison's 100th Birthday and \$735.00 in donations from members. There is an Open Day scheduled at the Museum in August 2021, so the funds will help pay for those expenses. There is an additional \$200 in donations to the St. Andrews Church at Quidenham, which can be used for maintenance of the church and our window.

Our \$10,000 CD earned \$100 and that has been redeposited into the checking account.

Susan also requested current email address for all members, but these email addresses will not be shared.

There has been some discussion of a member Directory but there have been some privacy issues mentioned, so each member will be contacted and asked if they would like to be included in the directory. They will only be included if that is what they authorize.

Dale Budde reported that there had been serious Post Office delays with the Newsletter this time and he is going to talk to the Post Office officials to see if there is anything that can be done.

The Doherty boys have many poems that their Dad, Bob Doherty wrote, and Dale will start including them in the Newsletter. Chris Doherty said he would be happy to provide more information about his Dad, such as the history of when he worked with Geoff Ward on the Snetterton Falcons. Geoff Ward said he would also be happy to provide information.

Rebecca Lutz reported that we have received orders for 120 plaques, including a couple of "introductory" plaques which have been installed at the beginning of the plaques for the entire crew of specific B-17s. The requests for plaques continue to come in.

Ben Hinchman has been working with Sue Moyer at Penn State University to access their archives, and he, Bill Ford and Dale Budde have been looking at options to develop our own archives, or to use Penn State or the Air Force Academy.

Ben reported that the 8th Air Force Memorial Museum Foundation, the educational arm of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, with which Penn State has a relationship, and its members have been donating photos, documents and 670 items to Penn State. In order to preserve and maintain the collection, an appointment must be made to view the material in person. There is no on-line viewing available.

Bill Ford has also been trying to contact the Air Force Academy, but he has not been able to reach anyone, due to Covid-19.

Geoff Ward stated that he has 5 reels of Microfilm that could be used to develop the archive.

Mike stated that Dale is gathering crew photos and would like anyone with crew photos to send them to Dale in PDF format. He is trying to compile as many as possible, with the crew members identified.

Dale stated that he wants to scan Roger McGlynn's notebook, which is very comprehensive. He and Mike apparently have the only copies and he wants to put it on the website.

Mike also suggested that the American Museum at Duxford has a very good website, and you can add information about those who served, you just need to fill out a form and give your relationship to the Vet.

There has also been discussion about having a video made of the Museum, to put on-line and Geoff will talk to Bruce Martin, who has filmed other videos in the past for us, to see if he can do that.

Mike reminded everyone of the 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion in Savannah October 27-31, 2021.

Susan Hinchman will provide the Board with a list of Vets, so we can send them Veteran's Day Cards.

All business concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Lutz, Recording Secretary

**96th Bomb Group Association
Treasurer's Report
1.1.2020 - 12.31.2020**



**US BANK NON-PROFIT INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT
FUNDS IN US BANK CD ACCOUNT -- 1.75% APY -- MAT. 9.13.2020 (INT. PAYABLE @ MATURITY)
TOTAL BEGINNING ASSETS ON ACCOUNT AT US BANK AS OF 1.1.20**

\$ 7,289.39 *
10,000.00 *
\$ 17,289.39

INCOME THRU 12.31.2020:

Membership Dues/Donations Received 1.1.2020 - 12.31.2020	\$ 1,305.00
Receipts from Sale of Digitized Snetterton 2-Book Coll'n, incl. \$175 in Dues/Donations	725.00
Receipts from Sale of Silver Dream Plaques, including \$120 donation for add'l. plaques	1,000.00
Receipts from Sale of Silver Dream Note Cards, including \$525 in Dues/Donations	1,065.00
Donations Rec'd. for 96th BG Museum, Snetterton, on behalf of G. Harrison's 100th B'day.	965.00
Donations Received for 96th BG Museum, Snetterton, from Friends/Membership	735.00
Donations Received/Earmarked for St. Andrews Quidenham Church	250.00
Interest Earned on 9-month CD Matured 9.13.2020, 1.75% APY	130.85
Interest earned in Checking Account 1.1.2020 - 12.31.2020	<u>2.41</u>
Total Income	\$ 6,178.26

EXPENSES/OUTLAYS THRU 12.31.2020:

State of Illinois NFP Filing (ck #1024) -- 1.11.2020	\$ 10.00
Note Card Printing Charges--Minuteman Press via 96th BGA chkg. acct. debit cd.	488.23
March 2020 Newsletter #74--Budde's Print Shop (ck #1025) -- 4.3.2020	1,103.42
Reimburse purchases/pstg. -- J. Strizic (cks #1026 & 1030) -- 5.20.2020 & 12.31.2020	67.00
Reimburse pstg./misc. note card expenses -- S. Hinchman (ck #1027) -- 8.3.2020	91.72
Reimburse plaque/postage charges -- R. Lutz (ck #1028) -- 10.6.2020	598.94
October 2020 Newsletter #75--Budde's Print Shop (ck #1029) -- 10.19.2020	968.40
Donation to 96th BG Museum in Eccles School, Snetterton Heath -- 12.18.2020	1,850.00
Donation to St. Andrews Church "PCC of Quidenham" -- 12.18.2020 >	<u>250.00</u> >
Total Expenses/Outlays	\$ 5427.71

NET INCOME (LOSS) THRU 12.31.2020 (Income less Expenses)

\$ 750.55

NET ASSETS IN US BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT 12.31.2020:

\$ 18,039.94 ^

NET FUNDS ON DEPOSIT - AXA BANK BELGIUM AS OF 12.31.2020 (ACCOUNT USED FOR EUROPEAN SALE/EXPENSES OF DIGITIZED SNETTERTON 2-BOOK COLLECTION)

€ 244.03 <

CURRENT 96TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION DOMESTIC MEMBERSHIP:

2020 DOMESTIC LIFE MEMBERS (Paid Initial Dues @ Joining)	80
2020 DOMESTIC ANNUAL MEMBERS (Pay Dues Annually)	<u>169</u>
TOTAL CURRENT DOMESTIC MEMBERSHIP	249
INTERNATIONAL/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	<u>21</u>
TOTAL CURRENT 96TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	270

CURRENT WWII VETERAN/WIDOW MEMBERSHIP:

WWII VETERANS	17
WIDOWS OF WWII VETERANS	<u>38</u>
TOTAL WWII VETERAN/WIDOW MEMBERSHIP	55

* -- Agrees with US Bank 12.31.19 Account Balances

> -- PCC (Parochial Church Council) of Quidenham is a group dedicated 'to keep the local church open and make sure everything is done in accordance with the law within the church' -- Donation will help maintain memorial chapel where the commemorative window is on display

^ -- Agrees with US Bank 12.31.2020 Checking Account Statement Balance (less \$19.65 outstanding check #1030)

< -- Agrees with Axa Bank Belgium Account Statement Balance

Notes:

State of Illinois Not-For-Profit status is "Active"

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

IRS Filing Submitted January 10, 2021 Form 990-N to maintain Tax Exempt Status with Federal Government

Prepared by Susan Hinchman 1.14.2021

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/>)

2021 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 2021 members
- \$25.00 Flash Drive for current paid 2021 members
- \$50.00 2021 Membership Renewal & CD *
- \$50.00 2021 Membership Renewal & Flash Drive *
- \$50.00 CD (non-member)
- \$50.00 Flash Drive (non-member)
- \$25.00 (2021 dues)

Total: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

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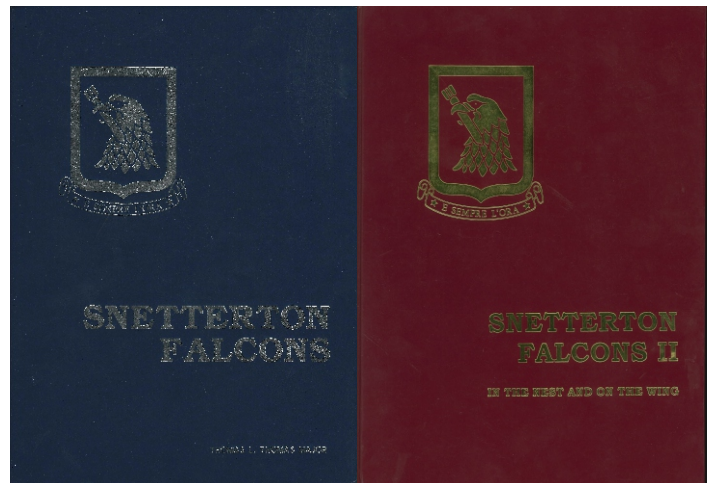
City: _____

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Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

*We realize there are those who would like to make a copy for a family member; however, we would ask that you be respectful of the 96th Bomb Group, and other purchasers, by only making one additional copy from each purchase. If you wish to make more than one additional copy, please purchase an additional CD or flash drive for each additional copy.



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: _____

* For new members, first year's dues are included in the price of the CD or Flash Drive.



96th Bomb Group Recipients French Legion of Honor

Marbury L.Councell Jr.	337th	Stanley A. Peterson	338th
Salvatore "Sal" Cracolici	338th	Jesse A. Reese	337th
John V. Croul	338th	James A. Rich Jr.	338th
Paul R. Frank	338th	Henry "Ed" Tessien	413th
Joseph Garber	338th	William M. "Bill" Thorns	338th
George A. Gorman	339th	Rudolph Villalobos	413th
Glenn A. Harrison	339th	John R. Wearing, Jr.	338th
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 will be able to download the actual application forms from this link and begin gathering the information you will need to apply.

<http://ffnv.org/docs/French+Medal+Application.pdf>

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
3 1, 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

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3700
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Consulat Général de France
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Calexico resident Rudolph Villalobos recognized as 2020 Veteran of the Year
 Feb 17, 2021



IMPERIAL VALLEY — Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego) announced that he has selected Calexico resident Rudolph “Rudy” Villalobos as 2020 Veteran of the Year for the 40th Senate District.

“Rudy is not only a highly-decorated Veteran,” said Hueso, “he is a role model for all who meet him, and has contributed immensely to the prosperity of our nation through both his military and civilian service.

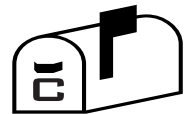
Villalobos served in the US Air Force during World War II and was well-decorated for his service, earning the Victory Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (4 battle stars), Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Presidential Citation (Distinguished Unit Badge with one Oak leaf cluster), Chinese War Memorial Badge and Ribbon, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and the Good Conduct Medal. He enlisted on December 9, 1942, serving in the 8th Air Force, 96th Bomb Group, as a radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Villalobos flew 32 missions during his career — 17 over France, 14 over Germany, and one over the Czech Republic. He was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945.

After the war, Villalobos worked for the US Department of Labor in Mexico, and then the US Justice Department as an Immigration supervisor. He retired after 34 years in government service. In 2015, the Consul General of France presented Villalobos with the National Order of The Legion of Honor in the rank of Chevalier for his participation in the liberation of France during World War II. He was also recognized as a Veteran serving as the Grand Marshall in the 5th Annual Imperial County Veterans Day Parade in 2018.

Villalobos is 97 years old and lives in Calexico with his wife of 69 years, Maria Teresa Villalobos. Together they have nine children, 29 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.



96th Bomb Group Association 2021 Membership Directory



The 96th Bomb Group Association is pleased to announce that a 2021 Membership Directory will be created to facilitate learning more about a loved one's service time and with whom they served. It will also help members in communicating with each other.

We are asking those who would like to be included in the directory to please complete the Information Data form on page 21 and return it to Susan Hinchman at bhiv@one.net or at her mailing address provider on the last page of the Newsletter.

It may take several months to receive all the feedback from our membership. Therefore, please return your data form at your earliest convenience.

We understand that some folks have concerns regarding privacy of information and wish not to be included in the 2021 Membership Directory. If so, please note your preference in the block at the bottom of the form and return it to bhiv@one.net or via **USPS**.

96th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION INFORMATION DATA
FOR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Your Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt./Suite _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ +4 _____

Country/Postal code (If outside the US) _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Your relationship to the 96thBGA/96th Dervics Member _____

Service Member's Name _____

Squadron _____ Number of Missions _____ Position _____ Rank _____

Ground Crew _____

Approximate Dates of Service at Snetterton _____

Information you believe might be useful to other members (please note if service member was shoot down, KIA. Killed in mid-air collision, POW, escaped evasion; also name(s) of other crew members/ aircraft flown, if known):

PLEASE FEEL FREE to attach additional sheets if you need more space for writing.

NOTE; Supplying the above information denotes your approval to have your data included in the 96th BGA 2021 Membership Directory. If you don't wish to be included, please check this **box L** and print your name: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

SUSAN HINCHMAN, 706 MIAMI VIEW COURT, LOVELAND, OH 45140 OR EMAIL: bhiv@one.net

96th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

SILVER DREAM NOTE CARDS

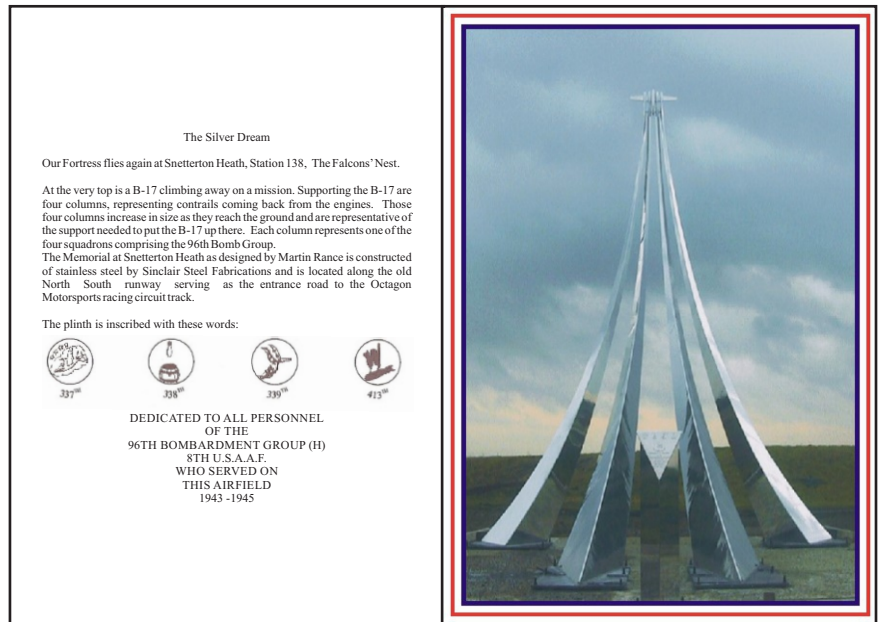
ORDER FORM AND 2020 DUES PAYMENT

The 96th Bomb Group Association is excited to announce the opportunity to purchase Note Cards displaying an image of the Silver Dream, the iconic memorial erected at Snetterton Heath to honor those who served so courageously with the 96th during WWII. These Note Cards are 5"x7" in size and will be sold in packs of 10 cards and 10 envelopes at a price of \$15, postage included. Net proceeds (after printing and postage charges) will be used to support the Snetterton Heath 96th Bomb Group Museum at New Eccles Hall School and the St. Andrews Church, in Quidenham, England, where the Memorial Window is located.

To order these Note Cards, please complete the form below and mail with your check or money order 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



(OUTSIDE BACK AND FRONT OF CARD)

	Quantity	Per unit cost	Total
Indicate number of packs of Note Cards requested to purchase (\$15/pack).		\$15.00	
For annual members, indicate whether you would like to pay your 2020 96 th BGA dues at this time (\$25/yr.) <i>(Note: Dues may also be paid in advance for future years.)</i>		\$25.00	
Grand Total			

Please print clearly and legibly

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE: Please be sure to include your email address since this is the most effective way to reach you if there is a question on your order. The 96th BGA does not sell or share email addresses beyond our membership.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since March, 2020



Jerry D. Bee	1107 Kensington Rd.	McLean, VA 22101
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Leah Shaffer	201 Diebler Lane,	Middleburg, PA 17842
Wayne A. Turner, Jr.	319 Queens Cove Rd.	Mooreville, NC 28117
Rufus A. Ward, Jr.	302 College St.	Columbus, MS 39701
Charles D. Wilcox	425 Highpoint Circle South	Bourbonnais, IL 60914-9129
Michele Callahan Wolfson	PO Box 536	S. Wellfleet, MA 02663

All of our members are encouraged to invite their family members, relatives and friends to join us. They will receive two issues of our Newsletter each year. We hope they will find them informative as well as give them an understanding of what the 96th Bomb Group and its members contributed to World War II.

96th Bomb Group Association Membership Application / Dues Remittance

Dues are \$25.00 per year payable to: 96th Bomb Group Association, 706 Miami View Court, Loveland, Ohio 45140

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

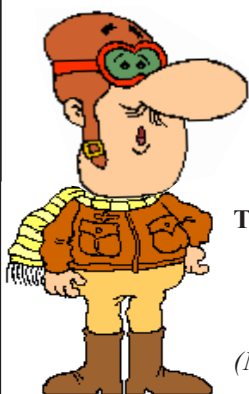
Phone # A/C _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address*: _____

Squadron _____ Number of Missions _____ Position _____ Ground Crew _____

Other crew members or information that you feel might be useful to the 96th: _____

Check here if you would like to receive the 96th BGA Newsletter via email rather than hard copy via US Postal Service.

*- Please provide your email address so that you can receive important updates about the 96th BG Association during the year. Email addresses are private information and the 96th BGA does not share them with any non-members.



YOUR 2021 DUES SHOULD BE PAID NOW

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

To: **Susan Hinchman**

96th Bomb Group Association
706 Miami View Court
Loveland, Ohio 45140

(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 2021
with the
8th Air Force Historical Society

47th Annual Reunion
Savannah, Georgia - October 27-31, 2021
Riverfront Marriot

48th Annual Reunion
Memphis, Tennessee - October 19-23, 2022
Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, Memphis, TN

Complete program and reunion information will be available on line at: www.8thafhs.org
and in future issues of
8TH AF NEWS & 96TH Bomb Group Newsletter

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Werner, Alfred F., Jr.	339th	ENG

We will print the names of all deceased 96th airmen sent to us whether or not they are current members of the 96th BGA.

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.

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