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### From the President's Desk

This Presidents desk article comes to you having been purposely written on Memorial Day. Of course today we all realize it is a time and date set aside for us to remember those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country and the very freedoms on which it was founded. Trace the history and you will find that on May 5, 1868 General John Logan officially proclaimed what is now known as Memorial Day. In the early days Memorial Day was referred to as Decoration Day and began as a celebration commemorating the end of the Civil War, but most importantly, those who fought in it but never returned home.

Irrespective of one's personal views, common ground among all those who gathered to celebrate Decoration Day, everyone knew then, as they do today, that the most important thing to remember and celebrate was their fallen comrades. Moina Michael may have said it best when she wrote:

#### We cherish too, the Poppy red That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies That blood of heroes never dies.

In the Early 1900¢ Decoration Day began being referred to by some as Memorial Day. But it wasn¢t until the end of W.W. II that it became the commonly used name for the holiday. In 1967 the United States congress passed legislation that declared the legal name to Memorial Da. In 1968, the date was moved to the last Monday in May and the new law took effect in 1971. Today, all over America, celebrations are held, parades march down main streets, and cemeteries are decorated, all date to celebrate our fallen service men and women.

As we see the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion of 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association fast approaching, it is once again a time to celebrate both are living heroes and those who never returned from the opportunity to serve their country. They did so willingly, without reservation, and would do it all over again if called upon.

There is direct correlation between the history of Memorial Day and the 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association. Both have a legacy which is being preserved by tradition, a strong desire by grateful Americans not to let the fallen be forgotten, and a continued recognition that history is the greatest teacher of all. Our Association is working hard to preserve the legacy of all who served in the 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at Knettishall. Physical evidence of that preservation can be seen at the memorial in England and now in the restoration of the õCity of Savannahö, which Ralph Kittle and his crew flew while based in Knettishall, and is now on display in the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> AF Museum.

There are yet many other ways not so obvious that our members work to preserve the legacy of the 388<sup>th</sup>. It is through the countless hours of voluntary work so many generously give to keep the Association going. The desire of all who serve on the Board, past, present, and future, is to facilitate the business part of the organization so we can continue to **Honor, Respect, & Remember** those who fought to give us the freedom to do so.

On the surface it may seem like a monumental task to do what the Assoc. does to preserve the 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group¢ Legacy. But with well over a 1,000 members, such a wide variety and diverse set of skill and talents, it is no wonder the Assoc. has achieved such a level of success. For anyone who has ever thought or wondered what they can do to help, a simple non comitial enquiry will expose you to some of the most rewarding opportunities you could ever imagine. A chance to be a part of preserving the legacy of the 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group will become one of your greatest memories.

Something as simple as writing an article for the newsletter, possibly something for The Lighter Side or relating a story that shares the memories your father, grandfather, or close friend related to you about their service during the war. Several years ago Dick Henggeler, the Association Historian, undertook a personal endeavor to document every sortie, crew, aircraft, and more, by developing a database. Something as simple as researching one crew member or plane, makes a monumental contribution to the overall project. Dottie Blasdell had promised her husband before he passed away, that she would continue to attend the Bomb Group reunions for as long as possible. She has been that beautiful smiling face serving your drink in the Hospitality Room every year. These are but a few examples of the ways members can contribute just a little to be a part of preserving such a large part of history. That a HUGE return on a small investment.

On this Memorial Day, as we reflect on the service men and women who have fought so unselfishly to give us the freedom we enjoy each day, please consider how you might give a little back to help preserve their legacy. It& fun and rewarding to say the least. When sharing or speaking to anyone on behalf of the Association, you will be overcome with a since of pride, honor, and appreciation, not only for our 'Original members of the 388th', but for all veterans past and present. It is more than a worthy cause, it& an honor, a small token of our appreciation for the sacrifices they made for us, the United States! Please join iní . you will never find a more worthy cause.



New Members:

Michelle Maietta-Petter daughter of

Michael Maietta 563rd

Cathy Rosenbaum daughter of

Joseph Rosenbaum 561st Anthony J Smith son of Frank J Smith 561st Donna R Smith Daughter-in-law Frank J Smith Ron J Wood grandson-in-law of Frank J Smith Ryanne Wood granddaughter of Frank J Smith Brendan Hammel great-grandson Frank J Smith Carol Kenney niece of Charles A Meyer 561st

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**Correction** from Spring 2012 Donation Should have read:

Mary Jane Myers IMO Levi "Jack" Myers

### One More Chance for the 388th At War!



There are fewer than 40 copies left of Ed Huntzingerøs chronicle of the 388thøs, 314 missions, from Amsterdam in July 1943 to the last revival flight in May 1945. This softbound 8.5 x 11, 272-page book is packed with photos and graphics.

Every penny of the \$45 cost (which includes s/h) goes directly to our Associationøs treasury.

To order your copy, make your \$45 check payable to: The 388th Bomb Group Association and send it to our treasurer Tom Dennis Jr. at 5753G Santa Ana Cyn Rd #438, Anaheim CA 92807. Allow 4 weeks for delivery.

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# Mail Call



### Email to Newsletter Editor, received Thursday March 29, 2012

### Mr. Dennis,

Just wanted to share a million to one chance that happened to me last Saturday afternoon. I do volunteer work at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and last Saturday afternoon as I was getting ready to leave a gentleman and lady came in. The other volunteer noted he had a baseball cap on with Vietnam and other logos on it. They started talking and he suggested that he come over to the info desk as there was a WW 2 veteran there.

They came over & we started talking. After a bit I started to wonder and asked him if his mother's name was Monta. He about fell over and so did his wife. He asked me if I was "Woody" and would you believe he was the son of the left waist gunner on our crew; *Poland's crew*.



Charles Woodford and Anthony Smith

His father, S/Sgt Frank J. Smith was the waist gunner and when I lost oxygen in the tail and passed out he crawled back to get me out. He ran out of oxygen from his bailout bottle and he also passed out, so S/Sgt Al Reed, right waist gunner, had to pull Smitty out, revive him, and then they got me out.

All this happened on the 26 November mission to Bremen and we were on the bomb run when it all broke loose. But who would have imagined, after 69 years at that point of time that we would come across each other. If he hadn't been wearing a veterans cap, or if I had left on time, we would have never met.

They live across the river from Keokuk Iowa and decided to drive down to the 'Mounds' on that particular day. Unbelievable! His name and address is: *Anthony J. Smith*,

### 755 E Co Rd 350, Sutter ,IL 62373.

I'm sending him about 30years of newsletters + the blue yearbooks for him to look at.

I think he would like to become a member. His mother, Monta, is still alive but Smitty(Frank) passed away in 2005. Thought this might be of interest to you. The superintendent took some pictures of us and would send one if you wish to see it. (*We got the picture-thanks*) I was the tail gunner on Poland's crew up to and including that day.

#### Charles A. Woodford

Since we received this letter from Charles, we did indeed get a call from Anthony's wife, Donna. This chance meeting did in fact end up with not only Anthony and his wife Donna becoming lifetime members of the Association, but also Frank Smith's grandson, granddaughter and great grandson! What a great memorial to Frank!

We were also informed that we will have the pleasure of Anthony and Donna joining us at the reunion in Savannah. This will be the first for them so be sure to go up to them and give them a big 388th welcome!

### Correction of Spring 2011 Newsletter Mail Call



It was brought to our attention that Bombardier, **Sam Budish** (fourth from left in bottom row) was mistakenly identified as Sam Grady. We sincerely apologize for our error.

# Help Keep the Story Alive

By Dick Henggeler, Historian



Over the years, we have been able to collect a lot of data about the 388th. Much of it has come from our members. I am asking all of our readers, to help us

collect even more of the story of the 388th.

**Photos** – If you have any photos from the 388th days, we would love to get a copy. Please email me a scanned copy in jpg format with 150 dpi resolution. All photos are welcome. If you can identify anyone in group photos that we show on the website, please let us know.

**Data** – We collect certain information for each person (e.g. place and date of birth). If we do not have any of the personal data that we display for each individual please let us know. In many cases we have a middle initial but no middle name.

**Memoirs/Logs** – We also collect memoirs or logs written by the men. Please send us an electronic copy of any that you may have. Or if you have a magazine article or such, please send us a copy. Also let us know the title and author of any book that references the 388th or its men.

**Stories** – If you recollect stories told to you by any veteran, please take the time to write it down and pass it on down to us. You will be happy to have recorded this for your family.

### Christy Wammack PX Facilitator

I have found a new source for 388th merchandise for the PX and all items are American made. So far at the PX we have hats, Jim Morrows book, Return Engagement & Challenge Coins and the Koozies. I'm going to have information at the reunion as to more merchandise and order options.

I have been looking into some new items also. Mouse pads, tote bags, 16 oz. travel mugs, bumper stickers, magnetic awareness ribbons and calendar magnets. All items will have the "Flying Fortress" and 388th on them. At our reunion in Savannah I will have 12 oz. can koozies, hats and Jim's book at the PX table for sale. I am also trying to get samples of other merchandise to see what you would like in the PX.

See you in Savannah!!!



### OUR VERY OWN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE COIN

A new order for an additional 300 of our beautiful Challenge Coins has been placed. If you missed out on getting some of these beautiful coins to give to your family and friends the first go round, you can put in your order for some now.

What a wonderful gift for your children, friends and grandchildren!

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# in The City of Savannah









### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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**Cut-off date for reservations:** August 14, 2012. Hotel will continue to accept reservations from Groupøs attendees after that date at the prevailing room rate, subject to availability.

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**Reunion Rates** 3 days pre and post reunion dates.



### Registration Form 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion

### Savannah, Georgia

August 29 – September 1, 2012

### **<u>CUT-OFF DATE</u>** FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

To cancel and receive a <u>full refund</u>, cancellation must be received <u>before</u> the cut-off date of **August 14<sup>th</sup>** contact: Jennifer Wammack (928-210-1392, <u>jlwammack@hotmail.com</u>) Cancellation received after **August 14<sup>th</sup>** will forfeit all payments.

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(For more than fou	r attendees, write name(s) and membership status on separate	piece of paper)

The Registration Fee includes **FREE** Motor Coach Shuttle service from the Hotel to the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> AF Museum, and Downtown Historic District on Friday and Saturday prior to scheduled activities and events.

A detailed itinerary and the shuttle schedule will be available at registration, and published in the program.

<b>Registration Fee</b>	Required for all attendees			X	=
<b>Thursday (30 August)</b> 9:00am ó 3:30pm	Mighty 8 <sup>th</sup> AF Museum Tour and I (Includes Return Admission Pass to visit th	\$35.00	X	=	
<b>Friday (31 August)</b> 5:00pm 6 Immediately Following	Savannah Queen River Boat Dinne (Experience refreshing river breezes, de flavors, cultural entertainment, dar	\$65.00	X	=	
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## **388th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION**

### Questionnaire for Future Reunions

Your opinions are important to us. It helps us plan the most **exciting** and **entertaining** annual reunions possible. Please help us by answering the following questions.

### What time frame would you like reunions to be planned?

	Anytime Between August & October
	Early to Mid August Early to Mid September Early to Mid October
	Mid to Late August Mid to Late September Mid to Late October
	Continue Near Labor Day Weekend
Do yo	a have suggested locations for a reunion?
	Western United States (2014):
	Eastern United States (2015):
	Central United States (2016):
Do yo	a have suggestions or comments for future reunions?
Are yo reunio	ou or a member of your family interested in helping with the 388th Bomb Group Association's ns?
	Name:
	Phone: ( ) E-Mail Address:

# 2012 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Reunion

I wanted to tease you a little bit with some of what the reunion is going to give you this year. But I\u00e9m not going to give it all away. You need get your reservations in and be sure to not to miss out on any of the fun.

On Wednesday everyone will be arriving just as every yearí But itøs not just another year! Itøs SAVANNAH! Wow what a town! One of the oldest cities in the country, right on the river, horse and buggy rides, well you get the picture.

Thursday is going to be a special day indeed. Miss Sophie's is going to cater a wonderful buffet lunch in the Art Gallery of the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Museum. Paula Deen move over! Iøve eaten at Miss Sophieøs and its soooo gooood! The art gallery itself is filled with lots of beautiful paintings that will bring back lots of memories and make the rest of us wonder what it was like. And donøt forget the B-17, *City of Savannah*!!!???

Friday you can enjoy the day traveling on the free shuttle to the museum & downtown historic District from the hotel. Just be ready when the evening comes. We@re going down to the riverfront, there is a beautiful W.W. II Memorial which has been added since the Association was there in 2003. At 6:00 p.m., we can begin to board the Savannah Queen and enjoy a drink at the bar before dinner while taking in the view from the river. At 7:00 we will set sail. We@re going to be right alongside those huge ships as they come in and out of the port. You@re so close it feels like you can reach out and touch them.

There will be live entertainment on deck and when you go out on the deck to get some air after cutting a rug with that special lady of yours, you will probably see some Dolphins swimming in front of the boat as we go up and down the river. How cool is that!

Saturday is going to be a very special day. Play hard at the museum and historical downtown again but be sure and get back to rest up for the banquet. I am sure some of you remember holding the banquet in the Museum rotunda one other year. As we have been making plans I can feel the excitement in the room. Idl bet there are a few surprises in store for everyone. I cand wait!

Every year, after one of these Reunions, I dongt think it can get any better. But I really think this is going to be the best year yet!. Come and join in. Fill out the registration form and mail it in today. Be sure and bring all the family, they will love Savanna! Maybe some that have never been before. They will see WHY we come back year after year! I will bet they wongt want to miss another.

### SEE YOU IN SAVANAH!!!



Mighty 8th Museum...YOUR MUSEUM!!!

## World War II veteran takes flight into the past on B-17

By Alexa Vaughn Seattle Times staff reporter



The last time Al Soo had flown in a Boeing B-17 bomber, the Germans shot it down. Soo was unconscious, but the parachute he'd learned to tether to his ankle just that morning during World War II somehow opened and set him down in a German field. Out of a crew of nine, Soo and four others survived to become prisoners of war.

So it surprised his daughter, Cynthia Lew, of Bellevue, that he was thrilled to be invited to fly in a B-17 again.

"He's never been a very emotionally expressive man," said Cynthia, 54. "But when I told him about this, he just lit up."

Monday afternoon, Soo's 90th birthday, his daughter and her family took him to the Museum of Flight in Seattle for his first B-17 flight since that terrible November day in 1944.

The Experimental Aircraft Association, which organizes flights of restored B-17s, visits Seattle annually for Memorial Day weekend. Commercial tickets, available to the public are pricey at \$475, but Soo was invited to fly for free.

Soo, from California, chatted with fellow veterans as they waited for the silver, four-propeller bomber.

"We were fortunate to come out of those situations the way we did," Soo said.

Cynthia and her husband, Tim Lew, are extremely interested in collecting the fragments of Soo's experiences at war, but they still don't have the whole story.

"We learn bits and pieces in conversations after dinner," said Tim.

Cynthia didn't even know her father's plane had been hit by the Germans until she was 19. Even then, she found out only because her mother heard the story at Soo's first 388th Bomber Group reunion.

There are still mysteries to draw out, including Soo's leg injury from the crash. The family knows only that metal flak lodged in his legs still causes his wounds to bleed.

That old injury didn't keep Soo from giddily stepping up into the B-17 in jeans, a blue rain jacket and a white 388th Bomber Group cap. His first grandson came, too. The plane took off while the rest of the Lew family waited.

"I don't remember everything being so narrow and steep," Soo remarked as he inched past the bomb compartment and crawled into a turret like the one he occupied during 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> missions as a navigator. He could still tell other passengers the easiest way to get into the turret.

"Crawl in backwards!" Soo yelled over the loud propellers. Once inside the turret, he sat between two machine guns while taking in panoramic views of downtown Seattle, Puget Sound and Lake Washington.

Soo's grandson, Nathan, said it was fun to learn more about his grandfather's war experiences; it's still somewhat of a mystery how they affected him emotionally. Nathan learned only five years ago that Soo has had nightmares for decades.

"It's hard to comprehend: At 19 or 20, this is the kind of stuff he was doing," said Nathan, "I'm 30, and I'm still wearing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle T-shirts. We're a spoiled generation that's really lucky to be living off of what his generation gave us."



photos by ELLEN M. BANNER / THE SEATTLE TIMES



#### JOSEPH N. DAVERN

Joseph Nicholas Davern passed away October 3, 2011 at his home in North Port, FL. The former Binghamton, NY resident was 88 years old. Mr. Davern was a staff sergeant in the 560th Supply Depot during the war. Affiliations included the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion in Binghamton.

Mr. Davern is survived by Lilian, his wife of 64 years; son Timothy; and three grandchildren. Interment was at Calvary St. Patrick's Cemetery in Binghamton.

#### MICHAEL P. MAIETTA

Michael Phillip Maietta, 87, passed away October 7, 2011 in Schaumburg IL. Orphaned at age nine, Mr. Maietta joined the Army Air Corps at age 19. He began flying as

engineer/top turret gunner with the Alvin Fehrman crew in late 1944 and completed 22 missions before the crew's plane was downed by flak during the March 15, 1945 mission to Orienburg.

Mr. Maietta is survived by his daughters Deborah Maietta, Theresa Maietta-Davis and Michele Petter. He was laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood, IL.



Maietta

#### JAMES R. MCCALLA

James Ramsey McCalla , 90, of Newnan, GA, passed away April 5. He was bombardier on Harry Barrett's crew in the 560th Sqd., flying primarily in *Pride o' the Yanks*.

In 1988 Mr. McCalla retired after 31 years as an agent for State Farm Insurance.

He is survived by his daughter Mildred Jeanne; and sons James, Richard, William and Joseph. He was preceded in death by Mildred, his wife of 62 years; and twin children Mary Elizabeth and John.

Services were held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan.

#### JOSEPH L. SAVADEL

Joseph L. Savadel, of Newark, DE, died February 9 at age 87. Navigator on the John Lucas crew in the 563rd Sqd., he flew 10 missions between April and May 1945 in the B-17 *Jamaica Ginger*.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Savadel was an engineer with the Ford Motor Co. at the automaker's Landsdale, PA facility.

Mr. Savadel is survived by Patricia, his wife of 62 years; daughters Patricia, Karen Hinman and Lisa Alsher; sons John, Tim, Matthew and Jeffrey, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Burial was at the Holy Family Catholic Church Cemetery in Newark.

#### EDWARD H. STACHYRA

Edward Henry Stachyra passed away December 17, 2011. The Palos Hills, IL resident was 87.

Mr. Stachyra was the navigator on the Melbourne

Michael crew in the 560th Sqd. The crew began flying on August 11, 1944; on their thirteenth mission, Sept. 28, 1944, they were shot down over Merseburg and spent the remaining seven months of the war in POW camps.

. Mr. Stachyra was a member of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220, and the Sacred Heart Parish Senior Citizens Club.

Survivors include daughters JoAnn Chilver and Carol Petrosius; son Scott Stachyra; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Claire.

Interment was at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

#### **RICHARD H. THOMPSON**

Richard H. "Dick" Thompson passed away March 5. The Kilmarnock, VA resident was 88.

A ball turret gunner in the 563rd Sqd., Mr. Thomspon flew 33 missions, all with the Frank Prendergast crew, between March and July 1944.

Survivors include Nina, his wife of 28 years; and son Richard M. Thompson. A memorial service was held at the Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Richmond.



Stachyra

Thompson

#### JAMES B. WARNER

Lt. Col. James B. Warner, 89, died February 15, 2011 at his home in Hayesville, NC. A native of Richland, VA, he had also lived in Lake Worth, FL.

Lt. Col. Warner, who entered the Army Air Corps as a cadet prior to the onset of the war, flew 25 missions as co-pilot on Richard Obenschain's 563rd Sqd. crew between late September 1943 and early February 1944.

Following his service with the 388th BG he flew with the Royal Air Force. After the war he reenlisted in the newly-formed



Warner

USAF. He was a communications specialist in the Korean War. Following his service in Vietnam, worked at the Pentagon until his retirement in 1973. In all, he had served for 31 years.

Lt. Col. Warner was a 32nd degree mason and was a member of the Cedar Bluff Masonic Lodge No. 260. He was also a Shriner, a member of the Hayesville American Legion Post 532, and of the Hayesville First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include Fran, his wife of 67 years; daughter Donna Kreil, and son James B. Warner, Jr. Interment was military rites was held at the Hayesville First United Church Cemetery. 388TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSN. 3013 MOUNT BAKER CIRCLE OAK HARBOR, WA 98277 "ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED" Non Profit Organization U.S. Postage PAID Los Angeles, CA Permit No. 199

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