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388th Bombardment Group (H) Association



8th Air Force, 3rd Air Division, 45th Combat Wing
Station 136, Knettishall England, 1943–1945
333 Total Missions



306 Combat Missions, 19 Aphrodite Missions, 5 Chowhound Missions, 1 POW Mission, 2 Revival Missions
388th Bombardment Group Headquarters

Station 136 Weather Detachment, Fersfield Air Base (Aphrodite Project), 434th Headquarters Squadron, 860th Squadron, 684th Squadron, 434th Air Service Group, 1211th Quartermaster Company, 1284th Military Police Company, 273rd Medical Dispensary, 1751st Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Company, 2019th Engineering and Fire Fighting Platoon, 452nd Sub Depot, 29th Station Complement, 587th Postal Unit, 877th Chemical Company, 214th Finance Detachment
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From the President's Desk

First, I'd like to thank Steven for always making such a great Newsletter! I'd also like to thank Terry Woodford-Thomas for handing over such a great Association and for leading with unmatched humility and sincerity. It is such a tremendous honor and privilege to be part of an association whose only mission is to honor the sacrifice and legacy of our members of the Greatest Generation. As President, my goals for this year are to 1. Advance the legacy of the 388th Bomb Group, 2. Ensure an outstanding reunion at Oshkosh, and 3. Increase communication.

I want you to know that your Board has been busy working several initiatives, ranging from the College Scholarship Fund, to the Knettishall annual maintenance, and to developing future Annual Meeting Motions for consideration. We are using a free Internet calling service to conduct monthly Board meetings, which has improved communication and progress. David Miller leads our Social Media Team, which has worked together to create a new 388th website, has revamped our Facebook page, and has created Twitter and Instagram accounts to help promote the legacy of the 388th. Our 2016 Reunion Planning Team is working hard to secure transportation, is working to involve the Airmen's Preservation Society again, and is working the details to secure a B-17 sortie for 10 people. We created a GoFundMe.com campaign to raise \$10,000 to help pay for two B-17sorties for 20 people, but to date, the funding has raised less than \$1,000, so please feel free to visit gofundme.com/kx7rkjr8 to donate for this worthwhile cause.

Lastly, I want to thank the original members for having the courage to do what you did to secure freedom and liberty for Europe and the free world, in spite of the odds and danger you faced. To climb back into those fabulous, but vulnerable B-17s, knowing good and well that you may meet your maker, is the definition of courage. In today's world, where courage is so desperately needed, but so often times non-existent, you are able to enjoy the quiet moments in life when you know that you answered the call and did your duty for those next to you, and to an entire gen-



eration and world. How comforting that must be to have that kind of peace of mind. No one did it better.

Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Scott



**Calling all high school seniors
who are sons, daughters,
nephews, nieces, or grandchildren
of 388th Bombardment Group
Association Members!**

Here's your chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship for the college or university of your choice. Applications are now available. Write a three-page essay on the topic, "The 388th: Past and Present- Answering Our Nation's Call. This can be your way of personally contributing to preserving the legacy and history our WWII veterans for your own generation and for future generations. Let us honor your achievements in their names. For more information, see the Fall 2015 388th BG newsletter and contact:



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NEW MEMBERS

Carey Gromis
John M Kassen

DONATIONS

Blake Schroeder

DONATIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Ralph Boyer and
Delmar Worms from Arlene Worms
and Brenda Highfill

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ry%20Book%202015%20WDC.
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To start the presentation click on
link and then click on picture to
start presentation.

If you have any questions or if
you would like a hard bound
album of the Memory Book,
contact Tom or Barbara Dennis at
tadennis@sbcglobal.net.

388th PX

I'm looking for more items, if you have any ideas please call me!!!

Christy Wammack 928-581-1010.

Thank you!

Have a great Spring and Summer.

Hope to see you in D.C.



"City of Savannah"

Polo Shirts

\$31

"B-17 Flying Fortress"

WWII Hats

\$25

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\$12.75

B-17 Pins

\$12.75

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Greg Staples

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All profits go to our Memorial in Knettishall.

388th Bomb Group 67th Reunion

Oskosh, WI

August 3rd thru the 7, 2016



Be There!



Live the Legend - Fly The Fortress

Experience the magic of flight aboard the Aluminum Overcast

Our August 2016 reunion in Oshkosh, Wisconsin will include a visit to the EAA Museum and grounds where the B-17 Aluminum Overcast will be on display. In addition to viewing the B-17 we have reserved a flight of the B-17 that includes 10 seats for passengers. In an effort to finalize preparations for this special event we need everyone to answer the following questions.

First, we would like to offer the Association's WWII veterans an opportunity to take the flight, free of charge. Please let us know if participating in the B-17 flight is something you want to do by indicating below.

YES, I would like to fly on the B-17
 NO, I am not interested in the flight

Second, the usual cost per person for a flight on a B-17 is \$450.00. We would like to know if there is enough people willing to pay the \$450 to secure a seat on the flight that would indicate adding a second flight to our schedule. Please let us know by indicating below.

YES, I would pay the \$450 to secure a seat on the B-17 flight
 NO, I am not interested

Lastly, in an effort to make a decision on adding a second flight, please let us know if you or any member of your family would be interested in purchasing raffle tickets for the B-17 flight.

YES, I would purchase raffle tickets (\$20.00 per ticket)
 NO, I would not buy raffle tickets

Please provide your full name:

(print clearly)

Further information regarding the B-17 flight and all other reunion activities, along with the registration form will appear in the Spring newsletter.

Mail, Email or Fax Questionire to Cindy Hayes at:

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Saratoga, CA 95070**

**Email: cindy@soundmgt.com
Fax: 408-741-5824**



388th Bomb Group 66th Annual



Reunion in Washington, D.C.







Udvar-Hazy Museum



Hospitality Room







8 October 1944

**HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 136 APO 559
U. S. Army**

The following farewell message from Colonel David is reprinted for all members of this organization.

To: THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 388TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP AND ATTACHED ORGANIZATIONS

With great sorrow and sincere regret I announce to you today that I am leaving this organization; I have been ordered by higher authority to transfer from this to another command in another theater.

We, who are members of the Army, must always be prepared for sudden and unforeseen changes – and in the back of our minds we must always be aware of possible alterations in our lives.

But this is a different thing to do – to leave you today. I have been with you too long. I know you too well. I have shared your trials and your victories too often, to be able to depart in a routine fashion.

I have seen you in the desolate wastes of the Utah salt flats, virtually cut off from what we like to call civilization; and saw you, by your good humor, and your determination, and your comradeship, mold a spirit that could overcome any hazards and any obstacles.

I saw you arrive on a new station, this station, which was miserably ill-equipped and incomplete. I saw you shrug a mental shoulder and, with a determined expression, set to work to put it in order and, in time, to make it the most comfortable, and livable, and attractive station in the theater.

I saw you in combat. I saw you fly your very first missions when the Luftwaffe was at its strongest and angriest and when you were least hardened to the ways of serial warfare. I saw you when you lost more than half your formation and virtually a whole squadron-and go back the next day, tougher, wiser, and more determined than ever before.

I have seen the men on the ground-on the line, in the shops, in the offices, and in the kitchens, fighting and invisible but equally devastating foe. I refer to the discouragement and despondency which threatens all who must perform daily the same drab and unspectacular duties. However, this work was not only of a highly important military nature but it was likewise work which trained, and tested, and tried, the type of men which you were. To your over lasting credit, such experiences, rather than dampening your spirit, deep end your resolve to see this fight through to its victories end.

An I see you week after fighting week, and month after fighting month, fly against the Hun, never to be turned back and gradually to reduce the Luftwaffe and the resources of Nazi Germany to their present inferior state.

I have seen you when you were coasting on the wheels of success and when you were struggling to hold your own, and always there emerged that spirit that sat you apart from other Groups and made me proud, so very proud, to be with you.

When this has been won on all fronts, and the 388th has received its just acclaim, many will refer to it as a unit or organization and speak of its spectacular military accomplishments. However, in bidding you a reluctant farewell, let me likewise make a confession: great as have been your attainments as a Group, you will always in my memories, not as a unit or organization, but instead as a grand bunch of comrades and companions in whose vocabulary the word “defeat” was unknown and through whose spirit and willingness is work together ultimate victory was a certainty.”

**William B. David
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding**



Minutes of the 388th Bomb Group (H) Association 66th Meeting of the General Membership

September 3, 2015
Washington, DC

Introductory Remarks from President Terry Woodford

2014 minutes BoD minutes approved.

A. Reports from Liaisons

1. Jim Morrow – liaison with Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, Jim has requested to step down.
2. (Jan Pack Singer) – liaison with our 388th Memorial Trustees in England. Jan has requested to step down.
3. Wayne Daniels – liaison with the 388th Fighter Group/Hill AFB Museum Kiosk (w/ Greg Staples, Rick Thompson)
4. Greg Staples 388th BG Website, Face book and social Media accounts
5. Report from the PX – Christy Wammack – products sold and status
6. Ann Turley 2016 Reunion Update
7. Terry Woodford-Thomas 388th College Scholarship Program written report submitted.

B. 2015/2016 Reunions

1. Update for 2016 Reunion Oshkosh, WI– Ann Turley
2. Discussion of sites for 2017 Reunion San Diego, CA – Ann Turley

C. Reports from Officers and Directors

1. Secretary –Carol Anne Linzee Chan
2. Treasurer – Tom Dennis, Jr
3. Newsletter Editor – Steve Butner
4. Senior Director – Rick Thompson.
5. Director-at-Large – Jim Zographis
6. Corporate Agent – Henry Curvat
7. Historian – Dick Henggeler
8. Parliamentarian – Kelly Moore
9. Vice-Presidents - 1st Scott Long
10. Vice-Presidents – 2nd David Miller

E. Old Business Items

1. Efforts by Steve Butner to update original members contact data still in progress.
2. Hill Aerospace Museum and 388th Fighter Wing Historian on enhancements to 388th BG display for active Kiosk sound bites and video are being narrowed down..

F. New Business Items

1. Possible candidates for 2015-2016 Board positions (1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Treasurer)
2. To continue to seek contributions for England Trust Fund and invest the current funds so that the associations England Memorial Fund will survive in perpetuity. A motion was made and approved to use a broker to invest funds. Treasurer will make that connection with broker.
3. Scholarship funds secure and program successful in first year. Association will continue scholarship program.
4. Newsletter Jan Pack will continue as Taps editor.
5. Measures to secure Association Membership data base were discussed.
6. Honorary Membership to COL Detroit Lyons 388th Fighter Wing approved.



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Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Squadron _____ Position _____ Aircraft Name _____

Pilot _____ No. Missions _____ POW (Date) _____ STALAG LUFT _____

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If paying for an Associate Membership:

Name of relation who is/was in the 388th _____

Relationship to you _____ (box if you have prior military service.)

Please fill in known information above, Squadron through POW information, for relative.

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