

FORTRESS FOR FREEDOM

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

Seventy-eight years ago the Quinn crew was completing their training and would deploy to Europe and become part of the 388th Bombardment Group. Harold Miller, my nineteen year old father and newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and navigator, had never been far from his rural Kansas home. The Quinn crew would complete thirty-five combat missions and return home. The war in Europe would end on their journey home. The Quinn crew was one of thousands assigned to the 8th Air Corps and the 388th Bombardment Group. The 388th Association continues to remember the flight crews, ground crews and other personnel needed to complete the missions and we continue to remember and honor those that gave their lives.

Our association exists, "To preserve for all time the history, friendships, memories and incidents of the members of the 388th Bombardment Group (H) during World War II." We support the 388th Memorial Association which maintains the 388th Memorial. We have also established a scholarship program and continue to develop relationships with museums to advance the 388th Group history and legacy. We also maintain a web site, online database and social media accounts with history and association updates. Please contact us and share photographs, diaries and information that we can use to expand the historical information we have.

This year the 388th Bombardment Group Association will hold it's annual business meeting during the 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion in Arlington , VA. We encourage 388th members to join and register with the 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion and participate in their activities. You can also visit in the 388th hospitality suite, take self-guided tours and attend the 388th annual business meeting without registering with the 8th Air Force reunion. Join us in Arlington as we share the 388th legacy , meet with friends and make new friends.

Dave Miller

Leather 388th and
Squadron Patches

Leather 388th and squadron patches available from David Miller. The 388th patch is 6 inches and the squadron patches are 5 inches. Painted with acrylic and leather stain. Custom sizes and colors are available upon request. These are accurate representations of the original patch.



The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress Proved To Be A
WWII Game Changer

Developed for the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC) in the 1930s, the Boeing B-17 was primarily employed during the Second World War as part of the daylight strategic bombing campaign against German industrial, military, and civilian targets. Today, it is arguably one of the most famous aircraft ever built, and one of the most important bombers in history.

First U.S. Combat Loss of the War

A dozen B-17 Flying Fortresses were on their way to Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941 when they came under attack from Japanese A6M "Zero" fighters – one of those bombers was shot down, becoming the first American combat loss of the conflict. One other was damaged on landing.

Those were not the only B-17s to be lost that day. At least half of the thirty B-17s on the ground at Pearl Harbor were also damaged beyond repair. An additional 30 were wrecked on the ground in the Philippines on the same day.

Used in Every Theater of Operations

The B-17 proved to be a versatile aircraft and was used in every theater of World War II, but won immortality for their role in the epic daylight battles against the Luftwaffe. Tragically, more than 47,000 U.S. 8th Air Force crewmen were killed in those daylight raids over Germany.

The B-17 played a crucial role in transforming the United States Army Air Force into the devastating, destructive power it became in the latter stages of the war. At the height of the war in Europe, B-17s occupied more than 25 airfields in the south and east of England.

Truly Young Men

The men who flew the bombers in the combat operations were truly of the "Greatest Generation," and it was rare that a B-17 pilot was older than 30. In fact, most of the men who took the big bombers into the skies over Germany were barely in their 20s!



The normal crew complement was nine, but occasionally eight or 10. The bombardier was in the extreme nose, while the pilots were seated side-by-side with dual controls. The radio operator's position was midship, while gunners were located in the two turrets, in "waist" positions on either side of the fuselage and in the extreme tail.

Quite the Sight

The Norden bombsight with which the B-17 Flying Fortress was equipped was considered the best in the world. It was even reputed to be able to "drop a bomb into a pickle barrel" from 13,125 feet (4,000 meters).

The "Big Ass" Model

Among the notable variants to see service was the B-17E, which entered service in September 1941. It was dubbed the "Big Ass" model, as it appeared with an extensively modified empennage. In place of the shark, fin tail was a great dorsal fin that rose just aft of the radio operator's position, resulting in a sturdy tail.

The crew of one B-17F bomber – the "All American" – was certainly fortunate that the upgrade had occurred, as the aircraft had its tail clipped after a collision with a Messerschmitt Bf 109.

Flying Bomb!

In addition to being a bomber, one variant of the B-17 Flying Fortress was actually that of a flying bomb. About twenty-five of the war-weary B-17s were converted into radio-controlled BQ-7 flying bombs in 1944. Carrying 20,000 pounds (9,070 kg) of explosives and enough fuel for a range of 350 miles, the bombers were taken-off by a two-man crew that would hand over radio control to another B-17, and would then parachute out.

Between August 4, 1944, and January 1, 1945, fifteen BQ-7s were used against German targets – but to little effect.

Not the Most-Produced Bomber of WWII

While the B-17 may be the most famous bomber of the Second World War, it wasn't the bomber that was produced in the largest number. A total of 12,731 B-17s were produced while 18,482 Consolidated B-24 Liberator bombers were built by the end of the war. However, both heavy bombers still developed a well-earned reputation for being the workhorses of the USAAF.

Today, there are reported to be forty-six surviving B-17s, of which thirty-nine are in the United States. Ten are airworthy. Among the most famous is the "Memphis Belle," which is currently on display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

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Wolf Hound's James Maslow Explores His Personal Connection to the WWII Thriller

James Maslow clearly sympathizes with Tom Cruise's need for speed. In Wolf Hound, the Big Time Rush star portrays Captain David Holden, a 1944 U.S. fighter pilot. On a recon mission over hostile Nazi-occupied France, both Holden and a B-17 Flying Fortress are shot down. Stuck behind enemy lines, the pilot must evade patrols and a



relentless Nazi soldier in order to rescue the bomber's crew members. To make matters worse, he stumbles across a German plot to use a U.S.-marked aircraft to bomb a major city and alter the course of World War II.

In select theaters, on Digital, and On Demand June 3, Wolf Hound relies on rare WW II aircraft and uses in-camera effects for the dynamic aerial sequences. James Maslow recently spoke with CBR about embracing his personal connection to this storyline, finding his inner action star, and his special training.

James Maslow: I had certainly never done a

project at this scale. This is the biggest movie I have ever done, by far. That was exciting then, and it's still exciting now. It checked the box of action movie. It checked the box of period piece. It checked the box of doing a military film. These were all things I grew up either watching or grew up around. For example, my grandfather was in

World War II. In quite a bit of serendipity, he was a B-17 pilot, and he was shot down two times... and saved his crew both times. There was so much that was personal about it. There was

so much that was exciting to me about it. I'm still in shock and awe, even four years later, that I am a part of this project, and it's come together at the scale that it has.

Your director, Michael B. Chait, and you previously collaborated on a music video. Did he just ring you up and say, "Hey James, you would be perfect for this role?" How did that all come about?

The music video came after shooting Wolf Hound. We met because of the movie. I put out some music and decided, "Hey, this would be fun," and then shot the coolest music video I



have ever done. The role came about because he saw my work in some other independent movies. He saw me playing a bad guy, playing some serial killers, psychopaths, and a lot of fun roles that I really enjoy doing. They are so against type. People are looking at them going "Oh my Lord, I have never seen you do these." Yeah, some of them were smaller movies or Lifetime movies.

What's crazy is Michael actually gave me an offer for what became Trevor Donovan's role as the lead Nazi. As honored as I was to be offered anything in this script, I did relate to Michael afterward that, "By the way, I grew up Jewish. I am bar

god they were never able to successfully Trojan horse an American aircraft and drop a war-ending bomb over London, but that was the plan. I was able to research this and look it up. Beyond that, just researching the attention to detail and wardrobe, even to how they would shoot back then and how specifically a pilot who wasn't trained to be a marksman or martial artist, how would he fight? How would he shoot? He never expected to do any of this. Pilots don't expect to get shot down. They are cocky. They are confident. They are damn good. There was so much thought and preparation that went into it to make it as realistic and authentic as possible.



Introduce us to your character. What was the key to finding his voice?

Captain David Holden has quite an amazing character arc. A huge part of that starts with that classic cocky, borderline arrogant pilot's character that we have seen [in] Top Gun and other

mitzvahed. My grandfather was a Jewish pilot." Michael was like, "I had no idea. Let me see if we can make this work. There is an offer out to someone else. They have a short window to accept, and if they don't, we can pull it, and it's yours." So, I crossed my fingers for a couple of days, and they were able to offer me Captain David Holden.

The script is inspired by true events. What kind of research did you do for the part?

It was inspired by events that got very close to happening. Our movie took it a little further, going "What if this got even closer?" Thank

awesome movies. He really wants to be on the frontline. He obviously hadn't experienced this before because he didn't know what he was asking for. I think that's the case for most young people, especially servicemen and women.

They go in gung-ho, excited to serve their country, but until you've actually been there, which I never have, and I am lucky [that] I have never had to go through this -- even pretending to be there taking lives, risking yours, being shot, I don't think it's a place that most people want to be. He learns quickly that he was asking for something he didn't want. The difference between



most of us and Captain David Holden is when he got there, he didn't run away. He didn't cower. He didn't give up. He said, "I asked for it. I am going to give everything I have, including my life if that is necessary, if it comes to that to pull this off."

What kind of training did you have to go through for this role?

Well, when it came to the firearms and stunts, Holden is not going to shoot tactically like we would learn in modern-day military training or even civilian training. They were taught, back in the day, things that were so old-fashioned that they were strange. I had to unlearn a lot of things I have learned, just working with firearms with my dad since I was a kid. The same thing with fighting. He wouldn't be this incredible, swift, cool action-star martial artist. No, he had a bare minimum of training. His focus was [on] being the best pilot he could be.

When it came to flying, you don't have [to have] any skills to be a passenger. You do have to develop a skill not to get nauseous that quickly, and, I have to tell you, I get car sick. I get way more plane sick when I am not operating. I learned as I started getting my pilot's li-

cense because of this movie, that when I am flying, I am totally OK. That's why, in the B-25 scene, I am actually flying that plane because they trusted me to take the controls. There was a copilot that they CGed out, but that's how I was learning how to fly.

After whetting your whistle with a movie like this, what are your hopes for the future?

From an acting perspective, I love mixing it up, but I certainly want to do more action. This is the first, knock on wood, of many in this vein. I had so much fun doing this. It's been a dream of mine since I was a kid to be an action star, do fight sequences, and do incredible things like fly planes. I want to keep that train going.



48TH ANNUAL 8TH AFHS REUNION

WASHINGTON, D.C. ~ ARLINGTON, VA

OCTOBER 19-23, 2022

Washington, D.C. has been our nation's capital since July 16, 1790. Be prepared for an incredible reunion experience the entire family will enjoy every single day!

Our Thursday morning tour:

Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center



Opened in 2003, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center serves as a partner facility to the National Air and Space Museum. The two locations together attract more than 8 million visits per year, making the National Air and Space complex the most popular museum in the United States.

For aviation enthusiasts young and old, the Udvar-Hazy Center is just plain cool. The expansive museum consists of two hangars—the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar—which house dozens of aircraft and spacecraft. Some of the most notable include the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the space shuttle Discovery. The Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar has

an observation overlook, allowing visitors to see the preservation and restoration work underway by the Museum's collections staff.

The aircraft and spacecraft hanging overhead would be impressive enough, but the Udvar-Hazy Center also offers thousands of additional artifacts to view and many interactive, family friendly exhibits and activities. Prepare to take off and explore Sport Aviation, World War II Aviation, Space Science, and more. Before departure, browse the museum store and take home unique aviation and space themed souvenirs.

Our Thursday afternoon tour includes:

Arlington National Cemetery Tour



Experience a narrated trolley tour of the Arlington National Cemetery. Our private tour of Arlington National Cemetery includes stops near the Ord & Weitzel walking gate to see President John F. Kennedy's gravesite, U.S. Coast Guard Memorial, U.S. Army Gen. John J. Pershing's gravesite, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—including chang-

ing of the guard—and the Arlington House (The Robert E. Lee Memorial).

Air Force Memorial

The Air Force Memorial honors the service and heritage of the men and women of the United States Air Force. The three stainless steel spires reach a height of 402 feet above sea-level. It is adjacent to the Arlington National Cemetery and overlooks the Pentagon.

US Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial)



The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial's world-famous statue, which is based on the iconic photograph taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, depicts the six soldiers who raised the second American flag at Iwo Jima in the Japanese Volcano Islands on February 23, 1945, signifying the conclusion of the American campaign in the Pacific during World War II.

Friday afternoon we will tour the Washington Mall.

Some of the highlights include:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This memorial honors member of the U.S. armed forces who fought, died in service or were listed MIA during the Vietnam War. It is divided into three separate parts; the Three Soldiers statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the well-known Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Controversy



surrounded the memorial's unconventional design for its dark color and lack of decoration, but it quickly became a place of grieving, pilgrimage and healing. Today it stands as one of the most visited and moving memorials on the National Mall, as visitors have made a tradition of leaving mementos, letters and photographs of loved ones lost in the war.

Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1995, on the 42nd anniversary of the armistice that ended the conflict. The memorial consists of 19 statues of soldiers representing a squad on patrol, drawn from each branch of the Armed Forces. The 19 figures create a reflection on the wall, symbolizing the border between North and South Korea: the 38th parallel. Alongside the soldiers stands the Mural Wall

with more than 2,400 photographs of men, women, and dogs who served in Korea.

Pershing Park/World War I Memorial

The American flag was raised over the World War I Memorial for the first time on Friday, April 16, 2021, at the formal unveiling of the memorial that honors the 4.7 million Americans who served their nation in World War I, including 116,516 who made the supreme sacrifice. Built by the United States World War I Centennial Commission and designed by architect Joseph Weishaar, the new memorial incorporates the existing memorial to Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war.



World War II Memorial

The National World War II Memorial, which honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million men and women who served overseas and the more than 400,000 who perished, opened to the public in April 2004. The memorial built to celebrate the the heroes of the Greatest Generation remains one of the most visited sites on the National Mall, with more than 4.2 million visits in 2014. Each year, more than 300 Honor Flights bring World War II veterans, as well as those who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, to the memorials dedicated to their service.

For a change of pace, on Saturday our tour will take you to:

Old Town Alexandria

On the Potomac River within eye-sight of Washington, D.C., Alexandria, VA, is nationally recognized for its rich history and beautifully preserved 18th and 19th century architecture. Named a Top 3 Best Small City in the U.S. 2021 by the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards and one of the South's Best Cities 2020 by Southern Living, Alexandria hums with a cosmopolitan feel and a walkable lifestyle—a welcoming weekend escape next to our nation's capital. A nationally designated historic district founded in 1749, Old Town Alexandria is home to more than 200 independent restaurants and boutiques alongside

intimate historic museums and new happenings at the waterfront, making it the perfect home base for your D.C. vacation and an unforgettable getaway of its own.

Explore. Relax. Regroup. Have lunch at any of the

numerous restaurants or bistros.

Busses will return you to the hotel in plenty of time to get ready for our evening Gala!





48th Annual 8th AFHS REUNION

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

October 19-23, 2022

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

STOP!

◇ RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM ***FIRST!***

The reunion hotel has a liberal cancellation policy—in the event you are unable to attend the reunion, you will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty within 48 hours of your scheduled check-in time. However, if you wait until the last minute to book your room reservation, you may not receive the reunion rate or rooms may no longer be available at the reunion hotel.

Canceling your hotel reservation does NOT cancel your reunion activities.

◇ COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form completely.

- ⇒ Fill out your name as you wish it to be on your name tag—and for up to 3 guests 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 veteran, and/or affiliated with a bomb or fighter group, please indicate which group.
- ⇒ ALL meals are priced separately. Breakfast/Brunch Buffet will be served beginning on Thursday, October 20, thru Sunday, October 23. Be sure and select your choice of entrée if you plan on attending the Saturday evening gala.
- ⇒ There are four [4] tour options available during the reunion. Please read the information [here in this issue] on each tour and then make your selection on the form.

◇ MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

Or you may **SCAN** your registration form if paying by credit card
[a 3% convenience fee will be added]

and then

**EMAIL to:
ManagingDirector@8thAFHS.org**

ALL registration forms **MUST** be received by **September 16, 2022** in order to guarantee your place.
If you have any questions or problems in completing your registration, please contact:

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ALL reunion information and forms are available on our website: 8thAFHS.org



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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

(800) 393-3680

[Book your group rate for 48th Annual Reunion Air Force Historical Society {click HERE}](#)

(Reference '8th AFHS' for group rate)

Location

The Crystal Gateway Marriott is located at **1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202**, and provides the perfect home base for your visit to the Washington, D.C. area. Ideally located in Arlington, VA, the hotel is near Reagan National Airport (DCA) & Washington, D.C. The exciting new National Landing development is close by as are Pentagon City, downtown Washington D.C., and Old Town Alexandria. All are easily accessible via the nearby Crystal City Metro. Stylishly refreshed hotel accommodations showcase deluxe bedding, Smart TVs, walk-in showers and city views. Challenge yourself to a workout in the expansive fitness center before dining at **15th & Eads**, the sophisticated American restaurant. You will be dazzled by the comprehensively transformed Arlington Ballroom, which can seat up to 2,100 guests. This hotel has it all.

Shuttle Service

For those of you flying into the **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport**, there is complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport to the hotel. To use the shuttle, go to the lower level, baggage claim. At this time the shuttle will pick up at door 4 and/or 7. Times are every 30 minutes at the quarter hour past and 15 minutes until the hour. The shuttle runs from 5am to midnight, daily. You do NOT need to call and/or reserve the shuttle.

If You Drive

Self parking is \$39 per day in the underground garage, valet parking is \$45 per day.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Group Name: *8th Air Force Historical Society*

Reunion Dates: October 19-23, 2022

Rate: \$198+14.25% Rates are offered 3 days prior and 3 days post reunion based on availability.

Cut off Date: 9/28/2022

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

WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

ScootAround: (888) 441-7575 or ScootAround.com
Reserve chair rentals early!

HOSPITALITY SUITES

HOSPITALITY SUITES will be offered to groups on a **first come, first reserved** basis.

The number of suites is limited, so we ask that you reserve your suite as soon as possible. Suites are located throughout the hotel, but we will post location information at the registration desk as to where each group is located!

PLEASE contact ME ASAP to reserve your suite!

Call or email ASAP:

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REUNION SCHEDULE

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Wednesday, October 19

1:00pm — 6:00pm Reunion Registration open
6:00pm — 7:00pm 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 20

7:45am — 8:45am Breakfast/Brunch Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm Reunion Registration open
9:00am — 12:00pm **Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center Tour**
1:30pm — 4:30pm **Arlington Cemetery & Memorials Tour**
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Buffet dinner and program: *"Preserving a Legacy, the Footsteps of Bud Owens"*

Friday, October 21

7:45am — 8:45am Breakfast/Brunch Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD***
9:30am — 11:00am Group Meetings
12:30pm — 4:30pm **Washington Mall, Memorials, & Monuments Tour**
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

Saturday, October 22

7:45am — 8:45am Breakfast/Brunch Buffet
8:00am — 12:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD***
8:45am — 10:15am General Membership Meeting
12:00pm — 4:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
11:00am — 3:30pm **Exploring Old Town Alexandria, VA Tour**
1:00pm — 6:00pm Reunion Registration **TBD***
6:00pm — 9:00pm Cash Bar Open
7:00pm — 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program

Sunday, October 23

7:30am — 8:30am Breakfast/Brunch Buffet

*** TBD Registration may be closed during the time scheduled for certain tours.
Please pick up registration packets at your earliest convenience.**

***It is important that you be in the bus boarding area
at least ten [10] minutes prior to the scheduled departure times.
All tours require a minimum of 45 participants, unless otherwise stated.
Driver and Staff gratuities ARE included in the tour prices.**



REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE IS September 16, 2022 (NO refunds on cancellations past this date)	Price p/p	# of People	TOTAL
DUES: The principal attendee MUST be a CURRENT member of the 8th AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are NOT CURRENT, or a member, please pay your yearly dues here:	\$ 40	#	\$
REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable): EVERY attendee MUST pay registration fee	\$ 45	#	\$
BREAKFAST/BRUNCH BUFFET served 7:45am-8:45am, Thursday-Sunday (Price is \$40 per person per day) Thursday: #_____ Friday: #_____ Saturday: #_____ Sunday: #_____	\$ 40	#	\$
DINNERS			
Thursday, Oct 20: Dinner Buffet	\$ 57	#	\$
Friday, Oct 21: Rendezvous Dinners—Roasted Free-Range Chicken & all the trimmings!	\$ 58	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 22: GALA Banquet (Please select one entrée per person)			
Grilled Marinated Flank Steak (beef)	\$ 58	#	\$
Pan Seared Herb Crusted Salmon	\$ 58	#	\$
Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc—Please indicate type: Thurs____Fri____Sat____	\$ 58	#	\$
TOUR OPTIONS: ALL tours are LUNCH ON YOUR OWN each day			
Thursday, Oct 20: 9am-12pm Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center	\$ 38	#	\$
Thursday, Oct 20: 1:30pm-4:30pm Arlington Cemetery & Monuments	\$ 25	#	\$
Friday, Oct 21: 12:30pm-4:30pm Washington Mall & Memorials	\$ 38	#	\$
Saturday, Oct 22: 11:00am-3:30pm Historic Old Town Alexandria, VA	\$ 38	#	\$
Total amount payable to: 8th AFHS			\$

Please PRINT. If registering a veteran, please list their name, first. **MAXIMUM of FOUR [4] persons per registration form, please!**

MEMBER NAME (for name tag): _____ WWII VETERAN? _____

BG/FG Affiliation (for Rendezvous Dinner seating) _____ Post WWII Veteran: _____ (Branch of Military): _____

SPOUSE or GUEST #1: _____

GUEST #2: _____ GUEST #3: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PH #: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH #: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE USING A WHEELCHAIR ON TOURS: _____ NEED HYDRAULIC LIFT?: _____

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

CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

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JAMES ZOGRAPHOS

James Zographos, of Westborough, passed on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the age of 102. With his family at his side, Jim left this earth as he lived, with dignity and grace. Not only was he a gentleman's gentleman, he was a gentle man. He had a quick wit, loved a good joke, and would often mail hand-typed notes and funny quips to family and friends.



Raised in South Boston, Jim was born on July 23, 1919, in Springfield MA to Anthony and Sophia (Madamas) Zographos. He was the older of their 2 sons; his brother Peter, predeceased him in 2001. Widowed in her 30's, Sophia did all she could to provide a stable and loving home

to her boys through many lean years and the depression. In turn, Jim and his brother did what was necessary to support their mother. As a proud Greek woman and mother, she was able to witness her sons become successful business owners in their own right.

At 20 years of age, Jim graduated from the Mass. College of Pharmacy, working to fulfill his career as a pharmacist. Drafted in 1942 he was assigned to the infantry in the US Army. Soon after he would transfer to the Army Air Force (Air Corp) where he trained to be a pilot before becoming a bombardier on board the B-17. Rising to the rank of first lieutenant, he was assigned and served the 8th Air Force, flying 50 missions over France and Germany and was wounded twice in combat.

Amongst his numerous medals and cita-



tions for his service to his country, Jim received 6 Oak Clusters; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the European, African, and Middle East Theater Medals; 6 Bronze Stars; and a Purple Heart Air Medal. In 2002, he was presented with the Normandy Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty by Congressman James P. McGovern. Then in 2014, he was presented with the France's Legion of Honor Medal by the French Counsel General at a special ceremony in the WWII Museum, in Natick. He was a member of the American Legion - George K. Menichios post #324. On the occasion of his 100th birthday, Jim received the Quilt of Valor.

In his later years Jim would become actively involved in his 388th Bomb Group Association, attending several reunions across the country and proudly served as it's Director-at-Large since 2013.

During one of his furlough's home, he met the love of his life, Eugenia Jouvelakis. They married in 1945 and relished their life together. They enjoyed traveling both here and abroad and most especially loved cruising to include several trips to Greece, South America, Aruba, and other islands of the Caribbean. They loved seeing the USA and enjoyed trips to include California, Hawaii, Florida, New Orleans, and Nashville just to name a few. Together, they were a couple to be admired. They loved entertaining, hosting many parties and family events at their home always with food, drink, and music. Jim and his "sweetheart" were married for 53 years before her passing in 1998. While he successfully forged a new life without her, he never stopped missing her and surely, he is thrilled at their now being reunited.

The ocean was Jim's happy place. He loved to swim and spent countless vacations on the beaches of Cape Cod and Maine with his family. He was the ultimate family man, always putting his family first, always there to guide and offer help in any way needed. His home was his

castle and a source of great pride, he would always and meticulously take care of it, both inside and out.

Jim's career as a manager for the Liggett Rexall Drugstore Company is what brought him and his family to Worcester in the late 50's to manage and eventually acquire Liggett's Chatham and Main Pharmacy. Affectionately known as "Mr. Z", he loved serving his customers, whether it was the local business regulars, his fellow church parishioners who relied on him for his expertise in their prescriptions or the indigent that came in knowing they could get a cup of coffee or a sandwich without judgement.

Anyone who knew Jim knows that his faith was everything to him. Deeply spiritual, he was devoted to the church and to his God. He served on the church board at St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester in his younger years, was a member of the Order of AHEPA and the American Legion. "Was it fate or was it faith?" is something he would quote throughout his life, whether it was during his military years and why he lived to come home and so many did not, or in times of joy or great sorrow. Often he would say "we don't know the answers, but someday we will".

Jim was an optimist. He loved life and living. He loved being an uncle to his many nieces and nephews and his four grandchildren were his pride and joy.

He will be forever missed by his three daughters, Antoinette M. Zographos, Joan E., wife of Thomas W. Christo, who he loved as his son, and Paula James. His legacy will live on in the lives of his grandchildren, William James Christo, Kathryn Lee Christo, and Robert James Meiczinger. In addition to his wife and brother, Jim was predeceased by his beloved grandson, Jason Tudorel Meiczinger in 2016.



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