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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

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From the President's Desk

Summer is upon us!

The rising temperatures, breaks from school, yard work, pool days, and upcoming vacations are sure to keep everyone busy as can be for the next few months. While you're planning your Summers, don't forget to add our 70th Annual Reunion to your list as a wonderful way to send the season out on a high note with your 388th BGA Family! Registration Forms are included in this Newsletter, as well as on our website at www.388thbga.org and we'd love to see you there! You may notice a small change to our Registration Activities – our Friday afternoon excursion to Scott AFB has been substituted with an incredible tour of the Anheuser Busch Brewery and Stables. There we'll get to see the entire 7-Step Brewing process and the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, as well as a visit to see their Brew Kettles and Beechwood Aging Cellar. To round out our experience at the Brewery, we'll also have some time to spend at their Gift Shop and Biergarten!

On Thursday, we'll begin our St. Louis experience with a visit to the Tucker Theater, under the Gateway Arch and a viewing of Monument to the Dream, the award-winning film about the inspiration behind architect Eero Saarinen's timeless design and the determination of the men who brought the Gateway Arch to life. (Run time: 35 minutes). After the movie, we'll continue our tour with a Tram Ride to the Top for our group. During pre-boarding you can experience their new, interactive exhibits featuring 60s era animation and Gateway Arch trivia. While the Arch Observation Deck does not permit wheelchairs, scooters, or strollers, there are several activities to explore in its place. The Museum is certainly one of those activities (and don't worry, we'll have enough time for everyone to visit)! Here we'll get to "trace the story of the Native Americans, explorers, pioneers, and rebels who made America possible. Featuring 201 years of history within six themed exhibit areas, this innovative and interactive museum cel-



celebrates America's pioneering spirit and explains the westward expansion of the United States with an emphasis on St. Louis' role in that era. The galleries span from 1764 to 1965 with topics covering Colonial St. Louis, Jefferson's Vision, Manifest Destiny, The Riverfront Era, New Frontiers, and Building the Gateway Arch." Following our morning of exploration at the Arch, we'll take a stroll down to the Mississippi and hop aboard Riverboat for a Hot Dog Lunch and a view of the Gateway Arch from a different perspective. We'll enjoy a one-hour sightseeing cruise along St. Louis' downtown riverfront, narrated by a National Park Service Ranger.

Friday morning we'll keep the adventure going with a trip to the Cahokia Mounds, the largest prehistoric Indian city north of Mexico, which was also known as a religious, political, economic and cultural center. In addition to their "World-Class Interpretive Center, museum exhibit galleries, an orientation show theater, a public programming auditorium, and museum shop, Cahokia Mounds offers 2,200 acres of the original site, 800 of which are accessible to the public. No trip is complete without exploring the site, climbing Monks Mound and experiencing the reconstructed ancient sun calendar, Woodhenge." A 17-minute video tour of the Mounds is also available upon request.

In our Hospitality Room this year, we would like to open a "Show & Tell" 388th memorabilia table and we'd love to see you take part in it! If you have a special piece of history that you'd like to share with our Reunion group, please consider packing it (safely) with you on your trip to St. Louis! We'd love to know any stories behind the item(s) you bring, so please consider writing them down to be displayed next to your piece. Or, better yet, tell us all about your treasured items in person on Thursday evening in the Hospitality Room for a Show & Tell Session! See the info page in this Newsletter for further contact details.

As we buzz through these coming Summer months, may we all take a minute to be thankful for and say 'thank you' to these amazing men of the 388th and their families. As always, I'm continually grateful to be a part of such an incredible organization. And once again, to our brave Veterans, thank you for your sacrifices, your selflessness, and your commitment to never falter no matter the circumstance.

We love to hear from our membership so, please feel free to reach out to us and let us know how you're doing! Have a terrific Summer and we'll see you in St. Louis!

Take care of yourselves and one another,

Kim

388th PX

Your 388th PX can be found online with many new items at www.388thbga.org under the store tab.





The 388th Bomb Group Association

70th Annual Reunion Registration

St. Louis, MO

August 28-September 1, 2019



CUT-OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS July 19, 2019

To cancel and receive a full refund, contact Ruth Castleberry before the cut-off date of July 19.
Cancellations received after July 19, but before July 31, will forfeit tour payments and registration fee. No
refunds will be made for cancellations received after July 31.

Thursday, Aug 29

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We'll visit St. Louis' iconic Gateway Arch – tram rides are available to the top of this 630-ft. marvel (please note: the Observation Deck is not accessible, stairs must be climbed to reach the top). Before the tram ride, our group will view their award winning *Monument to the Dream* documentary movie. We'll also enjoy their new museum at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. We'll then hop aboard a 19th century paddle-wheel boat for a narrated tour down the mighty Mississippi – a hot dog lunch will be provided.

Friday, Aug 30

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Experience Cahokia Mounds, the largest archeological site in North America; the remains of an ancient Native American city covering more than 2,000 acres and offering an array of self-guided trails to the mounds, as well as a wonderful museum. Boxed Lunches will be provided.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Following our tour of the Mounds, we'll make a visit to the Anheuser Busch Brewery for a General Tour of their grounds. During the tour, you'll get to see the Budweiser Clydesdales and observe the 7-step brewing process (tour open to all ages).

Saturday, Aug 31

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Business Meeting

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Social/Cocktail Hour

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Dinner, Raffle, President's Address
(cash bar open through dinner)



Reservation form for 388th Bomb Group Association Reunion, August 28-September 1, 2019

NAME _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
GUEST(S): Full names please _____

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES

\$43.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Thursday Gateway Arch, Riverboat Tour & Lunch

\$50.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Cahokia Mounds, Anheuser Busch Brewery & Lunch

\$32.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Banquet (includes tax & service charge)

Herb Marinated Chicken	\$42.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Roasted Pork Loin	\$45.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Vegetarian Meal	\$42.00 X _____	= \$ _____
Chicken Tenders (kids 10 & under)	\$21.00 X _____	= \$ _____

Write check payable to 388th Bomb Group Assn.

Mail check and registration form to:
Ruth Castleberry – 2 Beaver Ridge Rd.
Conway, AR 72032

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(Select size and quantity on Registration Form)



Don't worry if you're not ready to buy yet – we'll have some available for purchase at the PX in our Hospitality Room during the Reunion. Pre-ordering will guarantee we have your size and you'll receive your shirt upon check-in at our 388th BGA Reunion Registration Desk.

IDEAS FOR FREE FAMILY TIME

See the St. Louis Cardinals Play at Busch Stadium



Friday Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (2004
Aug 30 National League Champions Beer Stein
7:15 PM Giveaway)
Busch Stadium - Saint Louis, MO

[Tickets](#)

Saturday Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Adult
Aug 31 Road Gray Embroidered Jersey Giveaway)
6:15 PM Busch Stadium - Saint Louis, MO

Visit Boeing Aircraft

See the James S. MacDonnell Prologue Room; an air and space history exhibit. From biplanes to spacecraft, the Prologue Room portrays milestone events and displays models of aircraft and spacecraft that played pivotal roles in shaping the history of aerospace. Visitors can view actual-size Mercury and Gemini capsules, large-scale models of some of today's military aircraft, including the Eagle, Hornet, Apache, and Air Force One, as well as rockets and missiles, and commercial jetliners. Hundreds of scale models, dioramas, paintings, photographs and videos tell the story of the companies that make up The Boeing Company.



The Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum: Involved in the requisition, restoration, display, and operation of antique and vintage aircraft. The museum is primarily focused on but not limited to, aircraft and related items from what many refer to as

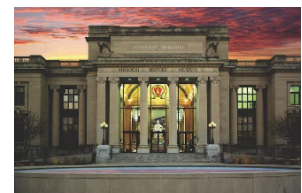
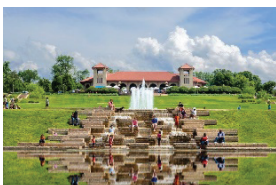
Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum
Dauster Flying Field
Creve Coeur Airport
Maryland Heights, Missouri



The Golden Age of Flight, roughly 1920 to 1939. The museum's collection is housed in four main display hangars that currently hold a combined total of forty-nine aircraft. However, some of the planes in the collection are under restoration and are not housed in the main hangars.



Lots to do at Forest Park: Once home to the 1904 World's Fair, this is one of the largest urban parks in the United States. It attracts 12 million visitors a year with world-class attractions and scenic walking and biking trails. Other points of interest include the Jewel Box, a beautiful greenhouse filled with magnificent floral displays, the golf courses and the World's Fair Pavilion, the Saint Louis Science Center, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Saint Louis Zoo, the Missouri History Museum, the Muny Theater, the nation's largest outdoor amphitheater dedicated solely to musical theater, and more. All free to throughout the park.



Discover your inner child at the City Museum



Explore the City Museum's unique all-ages playground filled with caves, slides and climbing apparatus made from recycled and found objects. Visitors can interact with over 10,000 sea creatures in the World Aquarium, venture through the Museum of Mirth, Mystery and Mayhem and wander through the Elmslie and Sullivan architectural exhibit. Stop in for circus-themed food, parties and educational circus classes and workshops held daily. Create your own masterpiece in Art City, take notes with the world's largest pencil and enjoy the view while grabbing a bite at The Roof Top Cantina.

Stroll through the Missouri Botanical Gardens

Explore 79 acres of lush gardens, landscape architecture, greenhouses and conservatories at the oldest Botanical Garden in the United States. Wander through collections of botanical and horticultural plants among beautiful fountains and statuary. Visit the Climatron for a real rainforest experience featuring magnificent waterfalls, tropical birds and exotic plants like bananas, cacao, coffee trees and orchids. Other points of interest include the serene Japanese garden and the interactive and educational Children's Garden.



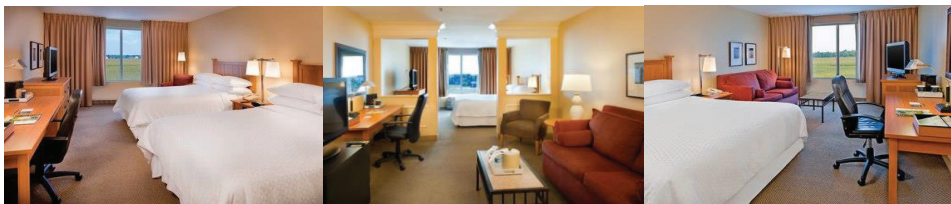
Walk down the Delmar Loop

Make a day of it at the Delmar Loop near Washington University. This six-block entertainment and shopping district is packed with hip bars, eclectic restaurants, live music venues, vintage clothing boutiques and a Hollywood-inspired walk of fame featuring St. Louis celebrities. Catch a show at the historic Tivoli Theatre. Shop for quirky gifts or souvenirs and grab a bite to eat at one of the dozens of restaurants and outdoor cafés, from Turkish and Thai delights to Mexican and American classics. Blueberry Hill is the home of the late rocker Chuck Berry! The Walk of Fame, famous people born in St. Louis, lines the sidewalk in the Loop. Old trolley car there as well.



Essential Foods beloved by St. Louisans:

Ted Drew's frozen custard (a concrete), toasted ravioli's, St. Louis-style pizza, Goopy Butter Cake, fried catfish nuggets, St. Louis style ribs, slingers, BBQ pork steaks, Gus' pretzels, Bionic apples, Mayfair dressing, Riplet potato chips.



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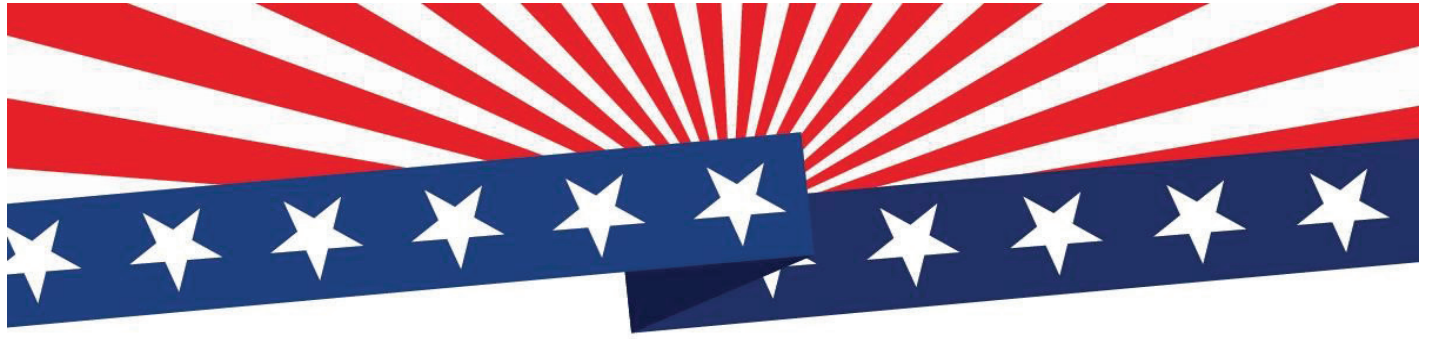
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Show & Tell

Calling all 388th BGA members and families:

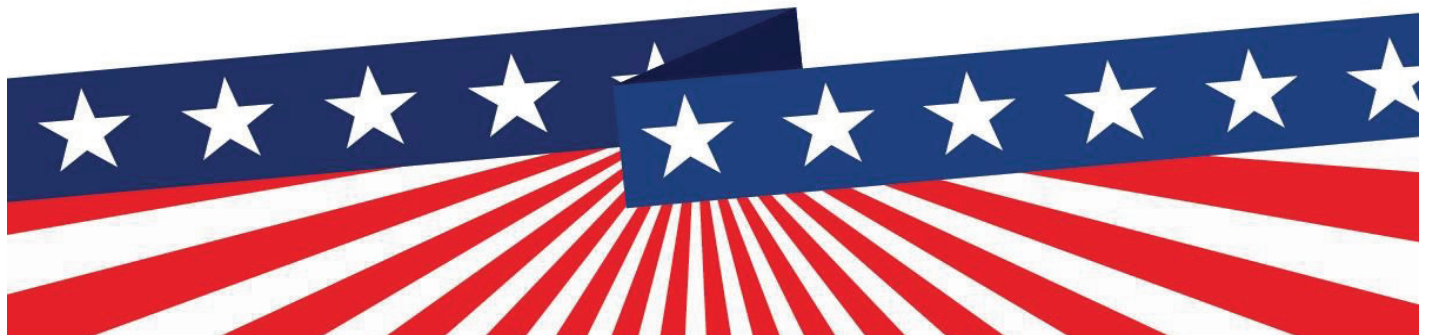
Do you have a piece of history at home, on a shelf, tucked away in a box just waiting to be shared again? We'll be opening up a Show & Tell memorabilia table in our Hospitality Room this year and would love to display that special memory for our entire Reunion group to discover!

We'd love to hear the story you have behind the piece(s), as well! Share with us in writing and we'll display the story alongside, or if you'd rather "tell" us all about it, we'll have a full Show and Tell session one evening in the Hospitality Room!

If you would like to participate, please email Kim (McDonald) Klein at kdhmcDonald@gmail.com for further details and to ensure we have a space reserved for your treasures.

*Any participating memorabilia will be the responsibility of the owner. Hospitality Room will remain locked when not in use by the 388th BGA.

*Please note that any shipping or additional travel measures would also be at the sole discretion and responsibility of the owner – while we'd love to see them, some things may not fit safely in a suitcase and we don't expect you to pay for extra bubble wrap.



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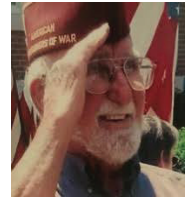
William Arthur Deane

William Arthur Deane Born in July of 1923 in Los Angeles to Dale and Janet (Marschner) Deane. Passed away on March 10, 2019 at the age of 95 after a short illness at home with loved ones. He grew up in Torrance, CA. with fond memories of the old Torrance. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942 and became a tail gunner in a B-17 with the 388th bomb group, 563 squadron. E.T.O. Shot down on their 5th mission over Germany, he spent the next 22 months as a POW in Stalag 17-B in Krems, Austria. Survived a forced march across Austria. After returning home to southern ca. he met his soul mate Rosalie Dominica Jamar. They were married just shy of 60 years at her passing in 2010. William retired from Union Oil of California after 33 years. In retirement he enjoyed many hobbies. Despite his war experiences he was full of grace, kindness, and humility. To know him was to love him. He is survived by his children Delia (Rod) Hogan, Darrell Deane. Forever loved and remembered by grandchildren Carrie Rosalie Hogan, Jake Rodney Hogan, Kyle Deane (Noelle) Hogan. Great grandchildren Whitney Bell Hogan, Madisyn Rosalie Hogan. Also survived by a loving niece Jeannette (Ray) Fanselau, Nephew Dale (Edith) Deane. Preceded in death by infant Son David, his parents Dale and Janet Deane, his wife Rosalie, a brother Francis D. Deane.



Walter "Boots" Mayberry

Walter "Boots" Mayberry passed on to his heavenly home after 94 years of good and faithful service to his God, country, friends and family.



A man of integrity and honor, Boots was born to the Greatest Generation on Aug. 11, 1923, in Pine Bluff, to Walter and Edith Richter Mayberry. In his early years, Boots was a movie fan, a member of the Pine Bluff Zebra marching band, and with his brother "Bud," he enjoyed fishing and bird hunting. Drafted in 1943, Mayberry volunteered for the Army Air Corps and served in the 388th Bomb Group 8th Air Corps as a waist gunner on a B17; he was stationed in England and flew 9 successful missions over Germany before being shot down and captured by German forces and imprisoned until they were freed at the end of the war. Boots received many awards for his wartime service, including the Purple Heart and the French Legion of Honor Medal.

Meeting the love of his life, Marion, they married in 1949 and raised three girls. Boots went to work as an air traffic controller in El Dorado where he rededicated his life to Christ and began a lifelong journey of caring for and helping others. After moving to Harrison in 1972, the Mayberry's became faithful members of Kairos, a prison ministry. A sought-after speaker, Boots shared interesting stories of war and peace, many of which are recorded in the book POW, Promises Kept and in the Library of Congress. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and on the editorial staff of the Jefferson County Quarterly.

Walter was a graduate of Pine Bluff High School and North Arkansas Community College. He served his church as a lay minister, lay eucharistic visitor, member of the choir and vestry, and St. John's Episcopal Church is graced with the bell from the liberty ship that returned Mayberry home from the war.

An avid golfer, Boots played his final game



in the last week of his life and won by 3 strokes. He frequently made the rounds in his city blessing and praying for many he encountered. He was meeting new friends and sharing the love of Christ on his last day here.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion; his parents; two sisters, Virginia and Dell Mayberry; and one brother, Edward Mayberry.

Survivors include three daughters and their husbands, Jill and Gary Davis, Robin and Stanley Conway, and Edith and Ian Balmer; one brother, Jack Mayberry; 11 grandchildren, Kelly Schelts, Walter Davis, Chris Davis, Julie Amerson, Katy Conway, Greg Rhyne, Heather Haygood, George Crownshield, Jon Shatwell, Tessa Horn, and Charity Shatwell; 29 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold P. Schwerdt

Longtime Southold resident Harold P. Schwerdt died Jan. 9 at East End Hospice Kanas Center for Hospice Care in Quogue. He was 98.

He was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Queens, N.Y., to Mary (Stoessel) and John Schwerdt. Mr. Schwerdt was a high school graduate. He married Loretta Reilly June 1, 1943, in Queens.

Mr. Schwerdt served in the U.S. Air Force and made a career at New York Telephone as a building industrial consultant for over 40 years.

He was honored as the oldest prisoner of war by New York State and was a two-time Purple Heart recipient. He was a commander of Southold American Legion and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

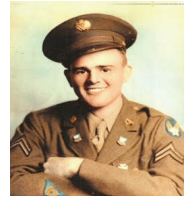
His family said he enjoyed bowling, golf, singing in the St. Patrick R.C. Church choir in Southold and was the head of bingo at the American Legion.

Mr. Schwerdt was predeceased by his wife and his daughter Patricia Oster. He is survived by his daughter Marianne Sawicki of Laurel and three grandchildren, Ashley Blados of Chesapeake, Va., and Kaitlin and Nicholas Oster.



Robert "Bob" Shroats

Robert "Bob" Shroats, 96, soared to his eternal home with Jesus as his pilot on April 28, 2019. Born on December 5, 1922, Robert was the son of Vernon and Hazel (Beaver) Shroats. He graduated from Pleasant High School in 1940. June 12, 1942, Bob married Esther Key who passed away on November 15, 1988. Bob and Esther have 3 children: Jackie (Dan) Campbell, Mary Kay (Arthur) Vacca and Denny (LaDana) Shroats. He is a loving grandfather of six grandchildren and great grandfather of 12.



He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII as a part of the 388th Bombardment Group (H), flying 30 missions out of England in B17's. His crew flew the first wave on D-Day and flew back to that site later in the day. He is also a member of the Lucky Bastard Club due to his service in the U.S. Army Air Corp. Bob has shared his joy of flying in private airplanes since.

After the War Bob was salesman and service manager for Key's Auto Sales, Inskeep Oldsmobile, Graham Chevrolet, Penney's Auto Service Department, and Miller Implement Company. Bob could repair a car, mower, golf cart and any other motor that needed help. Bob also served as a Pleasant Township Trustee and the Veterans' Funeral Council for the VFW Post 7201.

Bob's friends included the majority of those he worked with, served him, needed his help, or just stopped to visit. Children gave him special joy. Many people have shared his handful of Tootsie Rolls.

Betty Stover of Green Camp has been Bob's Cherished Companion for the past 20 years, and has shared her daughters Susie Stover and Mandy Stover Gillespie (Jay), son, Dan Stover and 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with Bob.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, parents, his brothers LeRoy, Allen, John, and Betty's son, Dan.



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RENEWAL and DONATIONS: ☐ Annual Dues (\$20.00) ☐ Donation

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