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**Welcome Back**

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The 307th Bombarment Group (HV) Reunion

1st Quarter 2019 Newsletter

The 307th Bomb Group was part of the 13th Air Force and consisted of the 370th, 371st, 372nd, and 424th Squadrons. The group was known as the "The Long Rangers" due to their long missions over long open stretches of the Pacific including missions to Truk, Yap, Palau, Philippines and Balikpapan, Borneo (the Ploesti raid of the Pacific war —the unescorted mission against vital oil refineries at Balikpapan, Borneo).

Hope you enjoy this newsletter and we hope to see you at our reunion in Dayton Ohio
July 11-14, 2019.

(More details below so read on)

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2019 Reunion Update

WELCOME TO DAYTON OHIO

Our Reunion Host is the one and only ORIGINAL - Dale Stickrath!!!!

We have a reunion coming up in July 2019. The official dates are July 11-14th, 2019. We have already been in talks with the Air Force Museum (Dan Badger) and they have a wonderful program laid out for us. There will be more coming in the next or so I promise. This is the HOTEL INFO ONLY!!!! We are working to nail down all of the details and will have the website up shortly. Trust us this will be a great reunion.



The Crown Plaza Holiday Inn

We also have a FANTASTIC hotel in Dayton. It is the Crown Plaza Holiday Inn in Dayton. Guests can make reservations starting today! They can call the sales office directly (937-229-9835) during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8a-5p) or anytime at Central Reservations line (1-800-689-5586). I have also included a reservation link if you want to make reservations online.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW

Reservation line closes on JUNE 10 so HURRY!!!

[307th Bomb Group 2019 Reunion Hotel Registration Link](#)

WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SO NO NEED TO BRING YOURS. THESE
WILL BE AVAILABE FOR THE ENTIRE REUNION

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HOTEL INFORMATION for The 307th Bomb Group

Check In: 3:00 PM

Check Out: 11:00 AM

- Early Check-In Available
- Late Check Out Available
- Minimum Check-In Age: 21

The ROOM RATES

Standard Guest Room - \$113.00

Choice of 2 queen beds or 1 King bed

- FREE Cancellation until 6:00 PM local hotel time on Tue 09 Jul 2019

- No deposit required

* Anyone can book reservations

Taxes: 13.5% per night not included in rate effective 10 July, 2019 thru 14 July, 2019

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Maximum # of Persons per Room Allowed
4 person max.

Cancellation Policy

Canceling your reservation before 6:00 PM (local hotel time) on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019 will result in no charge. Canceling your reservation after 6:00 PM (local hotel time) on 9 July, 2019, or failing to show, will result in a charge equal to the first night's stay per room to your credit card. Taxes may apply. Failing to call or show before check-out time after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation.

Hotel Amenities

These rates can apply three days pre and/or three days post-convention with advanced reservation notice,
subject to availability.

Free Hot breakfast included in the room rate for all guests in the room for the entire reunion times. Breakfast includes - Assorted Fruit Juice, Assorted pastries & Muffins, seasonal Fresh Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon/Sausage, potatoes, and Coffee

Complementary Airport Shuttle

There is a complimentary shuttle service to/from Dayton International on availability. This should be scheduled with the hotel's front desk in advance. The hotel will also provide complimentary local transportation within a 5 mile radius of the hotel, also based upon availability.

I will be building out the website shortly for the reunion registration form so stand by for that.

Post Exchange NEWS

Our PX has been undergoing some changes. We have a new look and feel and we are now able to accept credit cards online along with PayPal. We are using our SQUARE for the Credit Cards. This is a great Plus for us. We are also adding new products to the mix. We are in the process of sourcing out more items to add to the PX as well. Take a look at some of the new items we have. The T-Shirts are in limited sizes right now.



Official "Dad was a Long Ranger" T-Shirt - ~~\$18.95~~ \$16.00



307th Operations Group (Current Day) Patch - ~~\$12.00~~ \$9.95

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This is the official patch of the current day 307th Bomb Wing Operations Group

The 307th Bomb Wing (307 BW) is an Air Reserve Component (ARC) of the United States Air Force (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Air_Force). It is assigned to the Tenth Air Force (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenth_Air_Force) of Air Force Reserve Command (

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Force_Reserve_Co...), stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barksdale_Air_Force_...), Louisiana.



The Official 307th Long Ranger Ink Pen - ~~\$1.50~~ \$1.00



Official "Dad was a Long Ranger" T-Shirt - ~~\$18.95~~ \$16.00



Official 307th Long Ranger T-Shirt (L & XL) - \$17.49 \$15.00

A NOTE FROM A NEW MEMBER

This is a note from one of our BRAND NEW MEMBERS. Let me introduce you to Katie Navarra. We are so proud to have Katie in the 307th Family. Please all help me welcome Katie and her family to the group.

Leighton Johnston was the grandfather of Katie.

Greetings Mr. Walsh,

It's nice to "meet" you. My grandfather was a WWII Army Air Corps pilot in the south pacific and I used to spend hours with him learning about the missions he had flown, what his training was like and what the islands on the other side of the world were like in the mid-1940s. He would have been 100 this year! I've spent a lot of time thinking about him this year. My husband purchased the book A Higher Call for me for Christmas and I've been consumed with visiting all of the old history of the WWII pilots.

I've also finally gotten around to reading the book Aerial Gunner From Virginia which was written by one of the members of my grandfather's flight crew. It's gotten me thinking about how little precious time is left for this generation of veterans and how important it is to preserve their stories. In addition to working full time, I am also a published writer and thought that I could lend my services to help document any remaining local veterans in the area who would be open to sharing their stories or memories. I don't have a specific outlet, but was thinking it would be great to record some of these stories before they are lost to time whether they be for their families or online on a blog I'm starting up this year.

I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you on the phone to talk more at length about what I've proposed, if interested. Also, what are the dates of your reunion this year? I'm not sure if it is open to family members, especially so far removed family members, but thought I'd learn a bit more about it.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Katie

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Katie Navarra

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"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader." Dolly Parton

Check out the articles that Katie and her cousin did on her grandfather.

WHO KNOWS WHAT A SHROT SNORTER IS?????????

Tale of the Short Snorter

I also have included two additional links. These two items were written by one of my cousin's from my dad's side of the family. Even though he wasn't related to my grandfather on my mom's side, he looked up to him and interviewed him for a class project.

[Albion Central Schools Veterans History Project - Leighton "Slim" Johnston](#)

[Albion Central School Veterans History Project – Interview Transcript](#)

Katie thank you for your contribution and we hope that you and your family will join us at the Dayton Reunion in July.

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