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FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Dues: 2006 Dues are now being collected. They are \$30.00 and may be sent to Cathy Daniel, 510 Riverview Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834. If you have not sent your dues in, please send them as soon as possible. With the high cost of postage and printing it is becoming necessary to limit newsletters and reunion books to only those members that have paid their dues.

I want you guys to keep sending me the "What's Going On With You?" stories. I enjoy reading them and I also need them to print in the newsletters. It is also very entertaining for your comrades to be able to read your stories.

Update on Jim Kendall

Dottie writes: "Just a little note to get all of you up to date on Jim's progress and change of address. As of yesterday (April 22) we (son Jim, Laurie, and myself) moved him to a different rehab facility called Cambridge North in Clawson, MI. The address is Room 134, 535 No. Main, Clawson, MI 48017. We will have a phone for him by Tuesday and hopefully he will be able to use it. He is able to receive calls much more easily

than making them. Visiting hours are liberal anytime is a good time. He will continue to receive occupational therapy and physical therapy five days/week. He did well on his swallow tests and the speech therapy and can now eat most anything as long as he is careful to take small bites, chew thoroughly and drink clear liquids through a straw. And his appetite is GOOD! Better than in years... The goal, of course, is for him to be able to come home. He needs to gain enough strength to transfer from chair to bed, bed to chair and to use the bathroom. We are not sure how soon this may happen because his progress is very slow. His spirits seem to be quite good but he is having some memory problems, presumably due to trauma, medications, etc. Thanks to each of you for your care, concern, and prayers. Stay in touch. Love, Dottie"

Jim is continuing to improve, but they will not be able to join us in Seattle. His phone number is 248-435-2153. If you get a chance give him a call and let him know how much we think of him.

I have not received any nominations for the nominating committee or the site selection committee. If you have suggestions, please let me hear from you.

Last Flight List

Leo J. Hinchey October 13, 2005

Eugene Vogt August 26, 2005

Pollard Thomasson Jan. 24, 2006

Alfred G. Haggerty May 5, 2006

Frank Dennis March, 2006

Lorraine E. Hardy Feb. 23, 2006

**Soar high and rest well our
friends!**

Treasurer's Report

June 2006

Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Notes
Total income	6,398.50		Since June 2005
Total expenses	7,440.84		
Income less expenses	(1,042.34)		
Current Balance	31980.15		

Income

			Notes
Balance Foward	33172.49		From June 2005
Dues	6398.5		
Books			
Donations			
Other			
Total income	39,570.99		

Expenses

Withholdings	Actual	Budgeted	Notes
Postage	777.34		
Copies	2,888.60		
Supplies	254.23		
Reunion Fees	3619.95		
Reimbursements	50.72		
Total withholdings	7,590.84		

REUNION NEWS

NEWS FROM
THE 307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)
ASSOCIATION

2006 REUNION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

June 2006

Issue 3

SEATTLE AWAITS YOU FOR THE 2006 REUNION OF THE 307TH BOMB GROUP (HV)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 14

Greetings from Seattle and Washington State (where the 307th Bomb Group originated)!

It is still not too late to register for the 2006 Reunion of the 307th Bomb Group (HV) Association.

This issue of the 307th Bomb Group Reunion News has all the information you will need to plan your visit to Seattle and make your preparations to attend the Reunion. The official dates of the Reunion are Wednesday, August 23 through Sunday, August 27.

The Reunion will be held in the newly renovated Bellevue Hyatt Regency Hotel, where we have secured special room rates of \$99 single or double occupancy. These special rates are available to attendees beginning on Saturday, August 19 and extending through the night of Sunday, August 27, in case you want to sample more of Seattle's sights and attractions on your own, before or after the reunion. The Hyatt is also offering Reunion guests an optional *Express Breakfast* – something fast and easy in the Memorabilia Room each morning, so you can eat with time to spare to catch the first tour of the day. (To be pre-ordered for each guest – see registration form)

The Bellevue Hyatt Regency provides comfortable rooms, convenient and spacious meeting spaces for the Reunion, two excellent restaurants, and a free on-site fitness center. Right across the street from the hotel, Bellevue offers many other restaurants to suit any taste, a twelve screen cinema, interesting shops, and Bellevue Square – the region's premier shopping center.

The Reunion will have all the features you've come to expect from past Reunions:

- ☐ The Memorabilia Room will be open Wednesday through Saturday.
- ☐ A variety of tours will let you sample top Seattle area attractions Wednesday through Saturday.
- ☐ Dr. Pat Scannon of the Bent Prop Project will make a report to us on Saturday afternoon on his latest expedition to Palau to search for MIA's.
- ☐ Saturday, before the dinner, we'll have the traditional photo session (no cost for the sitting and no obligation to buy prints)
- ☐ The Saturday Dinner will include good food, good cheer, and music and dancing to the sounds of *The Kings of Swing*.



We have some new features for the Reunion this year also:

- ☐ On Wednesday evening, Mr. Pat Ranfranz of the Missing Aircrew Project will make a report on his trip to Yap last year to search for signs of the missing Coleman Crew from the 372nd Squadron.
- ☐ The Missing Aircrew Presentation will be followed by an opening evening social event (light refreshments and cash bar). We'll be joined at this event by the Mayor of Ephrata, Washington (location of the base where the 307th first became operational in 1943).
- ☐ On Thursday and Friday, we will be conducting oral history interview sessions for interested members as part of the U.S. Library of Congress Veteran's Oral History Project. (See page 4 for more details)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 14!

What do you need to do next?

- ☐ Contact the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel to make your room reservations.
- ☐ Read through this issue of the Reunion News, plan the events you want to attend, then complete the attached registration form and mail it by Tuesday, July 14 along with your payment to the address shown on the form.
- ☐ Make your other travel arrangements (Airline Reservations, Amtrak, etc.)

If there are any questions or concerns that you have while you are making your plans, please feel free to contact me at my office at 206-263-3753, or by email at: GBABINSKI@COMCAST.NET.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to plan this reunion for you – the members who make the 307th Bomb Group (HV) Association the great group that it is. I hope to see you all in Seattle in August to experience Washington State hospitality.

Greg Babinski

2006 Reunion Chair

307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association

RESERVE YOUR ROOMS NOW FOR THE 2006 REUNION!

Hyatt Regency Bellevue

900 Bellevue Way NE
Bellevue, Washington, USA 98004

To make your reservations, call:

Local reservation number: 425-698-4140

Toll free reservation number: 800-233-1234



When you make your reservation tell the reservation clerk that you will be attending the 2006 reunion of the:

307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

It is very important to refer to the 307th when you call. This will both ensure that you get our special room rate and that the association gets credit for your reservation to help us meet the minimum room commitment we need for free use of the meeting space.

Our special nightly guest room rates are:

Single occupancy:	\$ 99
Double occupancy:	\$ 99
Triple occupancy:	\$124
Quadruple occupancy:	\$149

Scheduled reunion events will begin on Wednesday August 23 and conclude on Sunday August 27, 2006.

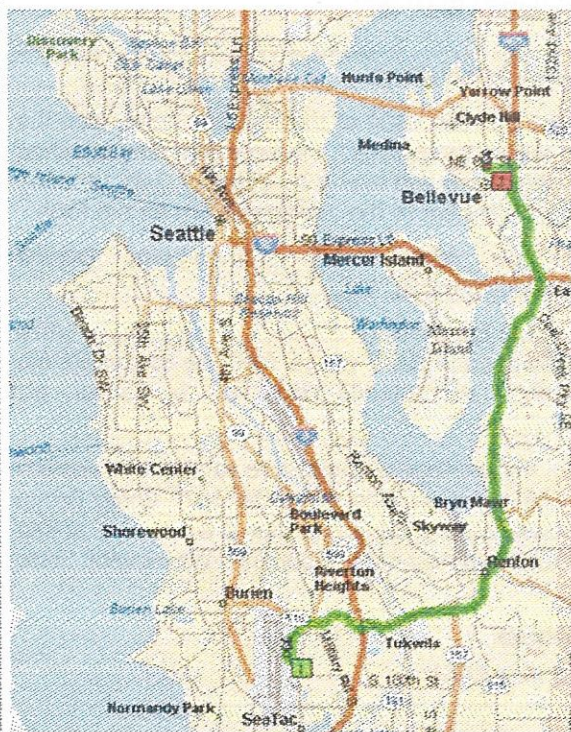
The Hyatt will also make these special rates available to those attending the reunion beginning on Saturday August 19 and extending as late as Sunday night, August 27. This may be of interest to those who want to arrive early or depart late to do a little sight seeing on your own.

Guestroom Amenities:

Views of downtown Bellevue, Lake Washington, and Mount Rainier welcome you to newly renovated interiors featuring one king or two double Grand beds with ultra-plush pillows, the softest sheeting and thick down blankets piled upon pillow-top mattresses. Hotel amenities include complimentary fitness club and pool access.

Do you have special needs?

The Hyatt Regency Bellevue is committed to ensure that they meet and exceed all of the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Let the hotel know of your special needs when you reserve your room.



Driving Directions from Sea-Tac Int'l Airport (17 miles):

- Follow signs to "All Freeways".
- Take Hwy. 518 to 405 North to Bellevue for 14 miles. Exit onto NE 8th St. west (exit #13B).
- Follow NE 8th for 6 1/2 blocks.
- Hotel is on right after crossing 106th Ave, at corner of NE 8th and Bellevue Way.

Shuttle Service From Airport to Bellevue Hyatt Regency:

Once you retrieve your luggage in Baggage Claim, cross the sky bridge and go to the 3rd floor of the parking garage. Follow the **Ground Transportation** signs - to the **Shuttle Express** booth in the center of the 3rd floor, between elevator banks 3 and 4 (next to the airport's ground transportation office).

Scheduled Service to the Bellevue Hyatt Regency Hotel departs every 50 minutes past the hour (\$19 for 1 rider; \$29 for 2 riders, \$35 for 3 riders; \$6 each additional rider)

Share Ride Service departs to the Hotel when the van is full (\$29 for 1 rider; \$35 for 2 riders; \$42 for 3 riders; \$5 each additional rider)





Reunion Schedule of Events

(All Hotel events are on the third floor)

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday August 22	Registration Opens	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Balsam
Wednesday August 23	Registration Open	7:30 am – 4:00 pm	At Grand Staircase
	Memorabilia Room Open	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Grand EFG
	Mt. Rainier National Park Tour	8:15 am – 5:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 8:30 am
	Seattle Sightseeing Tour	8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 9:00 am
	Missing Aircrew Project Presentation on 2005 Trip to Yap by Mr. Pat Ranfranz Opening Day Social	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Grand EFG Light refreshments & cash bar
Thursday August 24	Registration Open	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	At Grand Staircase
	Express Breakfast	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Grand EFG
	Memorabilia Room Open	7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Grand EFG
	Oral History Interviews	Throughout the day	Birch Room
	Museum of Flight Tour	8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 9:00 am
	Tillicum Village Tour & Dinner	3:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 4:00 pm
	Seattle Mariners vs. NY Yankees	5:45 pm – 11:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 6:00 pm
Friday August 25	Registration Open	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	At Grand Staircase
	Express Breakfast	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Grand EFG
	Memorabilia Room Open	7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Grand EFG
	Oral History Interviews	Throughout the day	Birch Room
	McChord Air Force Base Tour	8:45 am – 3:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 9:00 am
	Seattle Sightseeing Tour	1:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 1:30 pm
	General Membership Meeting	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Regency Ballroom
Saturday August 26	Registration Open	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	At Grand Staircase
	Express Breakfast	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Grand EFG
	Memorabilia Room Open	7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Grand EFG
	Boeing Future of Flight & Factory Tour	7:45 am – 12:00 noon	Meet in Hotel Lobby: bus departs at 8:00 am
	Bent Prop Presentation by Dr. Pat Scannon on his 2006 Expedition to Palau	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Grand EFG
	Pre-Banquette Photos & Reception	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Birch
	Dinner and Dancing with the Kings of Swing	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Grand ABCD
Sunday August 27	Departure – We'll say Good bye		See you again in two years!



Missing Aircrew Project Presentation

Mr. Patrick Ranfranz
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Reunion Opening Evening Get-Together

Wednesday – Refreshments and Cash Bar Following
Missing Aircrew Project Presentation



Our event on Wednesday evening commences with a presentation by Mr. Patrick Ranfranz on the trip that he and his wife made to Yap Island in October 2005 to search for evidence of the missing Coleman crew. Mr. Ranfranz will also talk about the return trip he is planning in September to continue his search. Mr. Ranfranz' Missing Air Crew project web site (www.MissingAirCrew.com) has become a valuable resource for preserving and sharing the history of the 307th Bombardment Group.

*The **MissingAirCrew.com** Web site is dedicated to the memories of the ten crew members of the Coleman B-24 Crew (13th Air Force, 372nd Bombardment Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group) who were shot down by a Japanese fighter over Yap Island and declared missing on 25 June 1944. My uncle, T/Sgt John R. McCullough, was the Assistant Radio Operator on the missing B-24. Although it's been sixty years since the plane went missing, it's never too late to start the search for the Coleman Crew. The crew should not lie anonymously in the waters near Yap Island.*

- Patrick Ranfranz

US Library of Congress Oral History Project Interviews

Thursday and Friday throughout the day

The 307th Bombardment Group will be participating during the Reunion in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. This is a unique opportunity for 307th Bombardment Group Veterans to preserve and share their WWII and Korean War stories as a permanent part of the US Library of Congress Veterans History Project Collection.

What is it? The United States Congress created the **Veterans History Project** in 2000. The authorizing legislation (Public Law 106-380), sponsored by Representatives Ron Kind, Amo Houghton, and Steny Hoyer in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senators Max Cleland and Chuck Hagel in the U.S. Senate, received unanimous support and was signed into law by President Clinton on October 27, 2000. The goal of the Veterans History Project is to preserve first hand accounts of US Veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, through to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project also preserves the stories of US citizen civilians who supported the war effort, such as working in war industry, USO workers, medical volunteers, etc.

How does it work? Each interview session lasts up to an hour. Each session is video taped, with an interviewer who asks a few simple questions designed to encourage the veteran to talk about some aspect of their service career. The idea is to create a relaxed informal environment, and then just talk about some memorable aspect of life in the 307th. Afterwards, volunteers will make a written transcription of the interview. After the Reunion, copies of the video tapes and transcriptions will be made, with the originals going to the Library of Congress and copies to the vet and to the 307th Bomb Group archives.

Who will be doing the Interviews? Where will they be? Interviews will be conducted in a comfortable meeting room adjacent to the Memorabilia Room. The interviews will be conducted by a volunteer, Ms. Emily Mount, who is a graduate of the University of Washington with a specialty in Military History. Ms. Mount will be assisted by volunteers from the Boy Scouts of America and Air Force ROTC Detachment 910 in Seattle.

How do I participate? There will be more information and a sign up list available when you arrive and register at the Reunion.

You were a part of history - Make sure your story is preserved! Other groups who have already participated in the Veterans History Project include: The 38th Bomb Group Association, 91st Bomb Group Association, 447th Bomb Group Association, and many other veterans' groups.

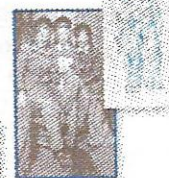
The Veterans History Project relies on volunteers to collect and preserve stories of wartime service

Stories can be told through...

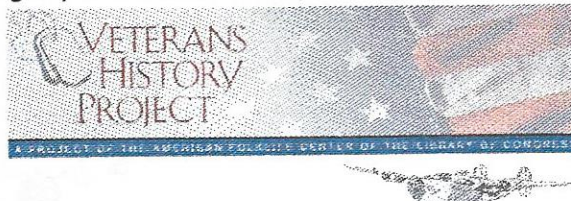


Personal Narratives
Oral and written accounts
Interviews, written memoirs

Correspondence
Letters, postcards, post-its
Personal diaries



Visual materials
Photographs, postcards, scrapbooks



Tour Descriptions and Details

All tours are offered in clean, comfortable, and safe coaches operated by Gray Line of Seattle. Their coaches are all modern and air conditioned. They have well trained and experienced drivers and knowledgeable tour guides.

See the Reunion Schedule for all preliminary tour departure times. The final tour departure schedule will be included with the registration packet that you will receive upon arrival at the Reunion.

Note that all times are tentative and that individual tours are subject to cancellation if minimums are not met. Full refunds will be provided for any cancelled tours.

Seattle Sightseeing Tour

Wednesday @ 9:00 am and Friday @ 1:30 pm

Duration: 3 hours

This tour includes admission to the top of the Space Needle



Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the morning for a three and a half hour narrated tour of Seattle's top tourist attractions. This tour will include views of snow capped peaks to the north, south, east, and west and the beauty of Lake Washington and Puget Sound. You'll see the houseboat communities made famous in 'Sleepless in Seattle' as well as float planes taking off and landing on Lake Union. You'll see the Seattle waterfront with cruise ships, ferry boats, and freighters from around the world that make this one of the nations chief ports. You'll see Pike Place Market where Seattle shops for its seafood, produce, and crafts, as well as Safeco Field and Qwest Field, home of the Seattle Mariners and NFC Champion Seahawks. You'll experience Pioneer Square, where Seattle was born and where thousands of prospectors set off from for the Yukon Gold Rush in 1898. A highlight of the tour will be our visit to Seattle Center and a trip to the top of the Space Needle....bring your camera....the view will be awesome.



Mount Rainier National Park Tour

Wednesday @ 8:30 am

Duration: 8 hours

This tour includes admission to Mt. Rainier National Park, but lunch is on your own.

This tour will allow you to experience one of our Nation's premier National Parks. You will leave the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the morning and make your way south along Lake Washington and past Boeing's Renton Plant where the 737 is manufactured. As you make your way south, Seattle's suburbs will give way to an area of small farms, rolling hills, and small towns. Just before entering the Park, you'll pass through Ashford, home of Jim Whittaker, first American to climb Mt. Everest.

Shortly after entering the Park, the pace will slow, the trees will become more majestic, and views more stunning. Depending on pace and weather, you may stop at Longmire for lunch, or proceed up to the Paradise area at 5000 feet. Unfortunately the historic Paradise Lodge is closed for renovations this year, but the Henry M. Jackson visitor center at Paradise will provide Ranger led talks on the Mountain, more stunning views, and another chance for lunch. Outside at Paradise, the Mountain will loom up another 9000 feet to its summit, at 14,410 feet above sea level. What else will you find at Paradise in August? Some summers the meadows will be covered with wildflowers, other summers it could still be snow covered!

Museum of Flight Tour

Thursday @ 9:00 am

Duration: 3-1/2 hours

This tour includes your admission to the Museum of Flight



Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the morning for a quick bus ride to Boeing Field and the Museum of Flight. Housed in the 'Red Barn' where the Boeing Company originated, the Museum of Flight includes an outstanding collection of aircraft and a variety of thematic displays organized to tell the story of humanity's quest to fly. Your visit will start with a docent-led tour of the Museum, and then you'll have time to wander the collections on your own. Highlights include the 'Personal Courage Wing,' which spotlights the contributions that the Air Force made to preserve our freedoms, the original Air Force One, and the Concorde. There will also be time to visit the Museum gift shop before our quick trip back to the hotel.



Tillicum Village Tour & Dinner

Thursday @ 4:00 pm: Duration: 5 hours

This tour includes cruise, admission to Blake Island, and traditional Native American salmon dinner with entertainment at Tillicum Village



Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the late afternoon for a fast bus trip to the Seattle waterfront, where you will board an Argosy Cruise Lines tour boat. You'll cross Elliot Bay to Blake Island with views of Mt. Rainier and the Olympic Mountains, the Seattle skyline and the Space Needle, Washington State Ferryboats carrying commuters across the bay, and hundreds of pleasure craft as Seattle boaters relax on the water after a hard day at work. Once on Blake Island you enter another world, with no cars, tall pines, peace and quite. Blake Island is a Washington State Park and home to Tillicum Village, just a few steps from the dock. Tillicum Village preserves the culture of the Native Americans who greeted the first settlers who arrived in Seattle in the Nineteenth Century. Your tour will include a traditional alder cooked salmon dinner and authentic entertainment. Before you reboard your Argosy tour boat, there will be time for a brief stop in the Tillicum Village gift shop.

Seattle Mariners vs. New York Yankees at Safeco Field

Thursday @ 6:00 pm: Duration: 5 hours+

This event includes transportation to and from Safeco Field and admission to the game
Food and refreshments are on your own



Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the late afternoon for a fast bus trip to Safeco Field and the great American pastime. Your bus will drop you off and pick you up right across from the stadium. The 307th Bomb Group has a section of seats reserved in comfortable Safeco Field where you can enjoy the game as a group with other reunion attendees and cheer for the home town team (or for that other team if you must). Seattle is sports crazy, so this is sure to be a well attended game. And don't worry about rain....even if it should sprinkle (very unlikely) they'll just move the roof over the field.

McChord Air Force Base Tour

Friday @ 9:00 am: Duration: 5 hours

This tour includes entry to McChord Air Force Base, the McChord Air Force Base Museum, and lunch on the Base



Note Special Restrictions:

- ☐ No children under 10 years of age are permitted by the Air Force on the base for the tour
- ☐ All people going on this tour must include either your drivers license number, passport number, or social security number with the registration form (this is a USAF requirement for us to enter the base)

Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in morning for a bus trip to McChord Air Force Base. Along the way you'll pass Tacoma with views of its bustling port. Just past Tacoma we'll enter McChord, clear through base security, and meet our Public Affairs liaison. McChord Air Force Base is home to the U.S. Air Force's 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings, flying the giant C-17 Globemaster Transport. McChord plays a key role in the Air Force's mission to support the War Against Terror across the globe. Your tour of the base will include a briefing about the base and its Air Wings, followed by a tour aboard a huge C-17. Later you'll have lunch on the base followed by a visit to the McChord Air Force Base Museum.

**Boeing Future of Flight Museum and Boeing Factory Tour**

Saturday @ 8:00 am: Duration: 3-1/2 hours

This tour includes your admission to the Flight Museum and to the Boeing Factory Tour

Depart the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Lobby in the morning for a bus ride north to Everett. You'll start with a visit to the brand new (open in December 2005) Future of Flight Museum. Here you will learn how the components of a modern jetliner are designed and built. You'll learn how design decisions affect range, speed, passenger and cargo capacity, fuel economy, and maintenance costs. You'll look inside a jet engine, the cross section of a fuselage, and the inside of a wing to learn their design secrets. You can even design your own plane at dozens of computer terminals scattered around the museum and keep a print of your work after your design is completed.

Then you'll shuttle across the parking lot to the Boeing Everett Factory located on Paine Field. Your factory tour will take you in to the largest building in the world, where you will see where Boeing builds the 747, 767, and 777. This will also be the future assembly location of Boeing's new 787 - The Dreamliner.

Note Special Boeing Factory Tour Restrictions:

- No children under 4'-0" are allowed on the Boeing Factory Tour
- The Boeing Factory Tour involves walking one third of a mile, 21 stairs, and an elevator ride. However, wheelchairs can be accommodated on advance notice.
- The Boeing Company prohibits any personal items on the Factory Tour, including purses, cameras, cell phones, backpacks, etc.

Bent Prop Project Presentation

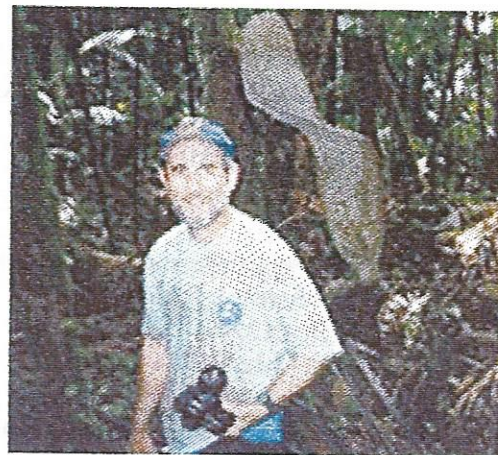
Dr. Patrick J. Scannon

Saturday 1:30 – 3:30 pm



The Bent Prop Project: During World War II, many American airmen lost their lives in the western Pacific, some in the western Caroline Islands, in what is presently known as The Republic of Palau. The ultimate fate of hundreds of these men remains a mystery today. For more than a half century, families and wingmen of airmen who were declared Missing In Action (MIA) have lived with a painful lack of closure: they do not know exactly how and where their loved ones died. If they could have such knowledge it would not eliminate the pain of loss, but it can sometimes ease the emptiness and silence the nightmares.

The Bent Prop Project works with the [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](#) in Hawaii. These are the folks who assemble and deploy teams to places like Europe, Korea, and Vietnam - and recently, to Palau - to look for, recover, and identify remains of American MIAs. When we discover a site that may still contain remains, JPAC, which has the world's largest forensic laboratory, has the resources (e.g., DNA analysis) to extend the scientific analysis of the site and seek positive identification. We also notify relevant armed services' historical agencies, including the US Navy Historical Research Center, the US Marine Historical Research Center and the US Air Force Historical Research Agency. We also inform air reunion groups that flew over Palau, including the VMF (Marine Fighter Squadron)- 114, VMF-121, VMF-122, 494th BG(H) (Bombardment Group (Heavy)) of the 7th Army Air Force and the 307th BG(H) of the 13th Army Air Force. Finally - and perhaps most importantly - we share information with families of missing airmen, as the information is obtained and confirmed.



-Dr. Patrick J Scannon, MD, PhD

Reunion Photo Session, Dinner, and Dance

Saturday 5:30 – 10:00 pm

The final evening of the 2006 Reunion will begin with a no-host reception and photo session. Rainbow Photos will take pictures of Reunion Attendees. This is the opportunity to have your photo taken on your own, with your family, or with your crew. There is no charge for the sitting and no obligation to buy photos. We hope everyone will have their picture taken, so we can include them all in the 2006 Reunion Book as a permanent memory of the Seattle Reunion.

Dinner will follow in the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom. Your dinner choices include:

- ☐ Rosemary Roast Chicken with Baba Ganoush Whipped Potatoes with Tender Asparagus Spears and Meyer Lemon Buerre Blanc
- ☐ Honey Lavender Salmon with Cauliflower-Parmesan Risotto, Roasted Winter Root Vegetable Hash and Essence of Sun-Dried Tomato
- ☐ Gorgonzola Ravioli with Roasted Red Bell Pepper Sauce and Seasonal Haystack Vegetables

All dinners include Salad for starters, Dinner wine service, and Grand Opera Chocolate Cake desert



After dinner, enjoy music and dancing to the Miller/Dorsey Sounds of the ***Kings of Swing***. Formed in 1944 at Seattle's Cleveland High School, the band has gone through a renaissance and now boasts 19 members. The ***Kings of Swing*** have performed as far away as St. Petersburg, Russia and recently released their first CD, 'Full Circle.'





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307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association
2006 Seattle Reunion
PO Box 1224
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Dear 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Veterans

Greetings to all of you who served with distinction in the venerable 307th, along with your families and friends, on the occasion of your 2006 Reunion in Seattle, Washington.

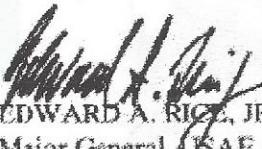
The 307th Bombardment Group (HV), "The Long Rangers", shares its origins with the Thirteenth Air Force, "The Jungle Air Force", during World War II. In February 1943, the 307th Bombardment Group (HV) arrived on Guadalcanal and was assigned to Thirteenth Air Force, which itself had been activated only a month prior. For the next three years, the 307th and Thirteenth Air Force, along with our sister services and allies, played a vital role in achieving global victory.

The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) has a history that each of you can be proud of. In addition to two Distinguished Unit Citations (Truk, 29 March 1944 and Borneo, 3 October 1944), and a Presidential Unit Citation (Philippines), you made a contribution to victory on every one of the thousands of long, lonely, and dangerous missions you flew. With flights initially of ten hours, which eventually grew to more than eighteen hours in duration as we pushed farther into the Western Pacific on the road to victory, the 307th earned the moniker "The Long Rangers".

As you reflect on the accomplishments of the 307th Bombardment Group (HV) during the days of your reunion, know that your history remains a vibrant part of the legacy of Thirteenth Air Force to this day.

On behalf of the men and women of the Thirteenth Air Force, best wishes for a successful and meaningful reunion.

Sincerely,


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