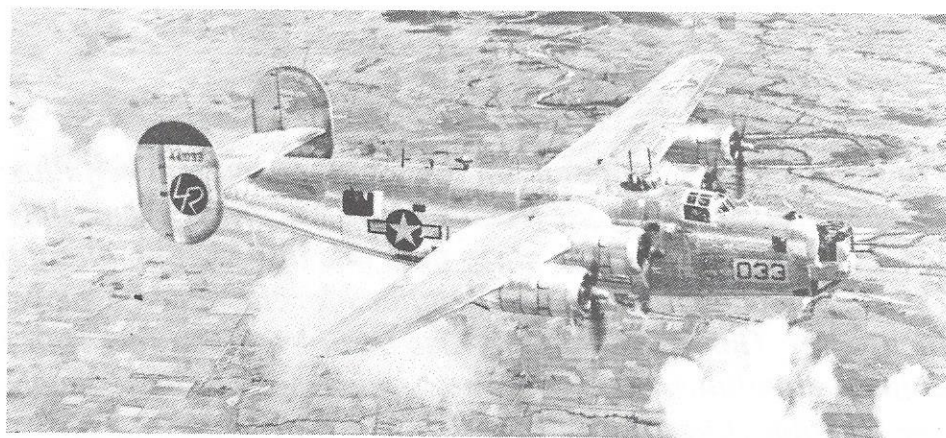




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## 307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION - THE LONG RANGERS - 13TH AIR FORCE

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NEWSLETTER

April 2002

### QUOTES OF NOTE

*"The best test of good manners is being able to put up pleasantly with bad ones."*

- Burton Hillis

*"It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them."*

- Alfred Adler

*"To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end to life."*

- Robert Louis Stevenson

*"I'm fighting for freedom of the press, and maybe I should also be fighting for freedom from the press."*

- Daniel Schorr

*"Many people succeed when others do not believe in them. Rarely does a person succeed when he does not believe in himself."*

- Dr. Herb True

*"I'm easily confused. For instance, I always thought a "controlled substance" was a husband."*

- Bob Orben

*"Saints are all right in heaven but they're hell on earth."*

Richard Cardinal Cushing

*"If you really want an investment which will multiply in no time, buy a pair of rabbits."*

- Quote

### REUNION UPDATE

Slowly all the arrangements for the 307th Reunion are taking shape. You will find the "OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM" in this newsletter along with the "HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM".

To the 307th Members who plan to attend the reunion the "Official Registration Form" is to be filled out and returned to me with a check to cover the activities you plan to attend. The check should be made out to the "307th Bomb Group Reunion."

You are to make your own reservations at the Wyndham Hotel. The reservations can be made by telephone or if you prefer fill out the enclosed form and mail to the Wyndham Hotel, 215 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

I strongly advise you to make yourself a copy of the Official Registration Form you send to me. I would also keep a copy of whatever you send to the hotel.

Packets will be ready for each of you when you register at the reunion. Each packet will include tickets to the activities you have selected, evening banquet, etc.

I have not made any arrangements for breakfast. There is a restaurant at the hotel as well as quite a number of places to eat within walking distance of the hotel.

Hopefully, we will be ready for you when you get here. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call.

CENA  
(208) 852-2260

## *NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT*

***Happy Spring! Time to dig out and put the blankets away. The following is the latest communiqué from our friends at the Air Force Memorial Foundation. I felt it important for me to pass this information along to all of you. They are soliciting additional donations for the added expenses they are incurring. This information is also included if you feel obliged to make additional donations. My family and I have personally visited both sites and we feel that either site will provide us a place of honor for whichever design comes to fruition.***

***Again, I remind you of the upcoming reunion in Salt Lake City. Cena has informed me that plans are rapidly taking shape and knowing Cena, this will be another successful and enjoyable reunion. Please make every effort to attend. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.***

**C. E. Jordan**



Dear Friend:

Today, as you know, our Air Force is deployed to defeat terrorism in Afghanistan. They're serving with the same pride and perseverance we've shown in every time of national crisis. Now, it's our responsibility to give these brave men and women the honor they deserve.

While our fundraising has been very successful to date, we are still short of our goal. I know that we have leaned on you in the past for contribution, and I am hoping, again, you will provide support. If you are able, can you please make a tax-deductible contribution of \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100, \$250 or more to the Air Force Memorial? Additionally, I would ask you to please share this letter with another friend or family member and solicit their support.

Your special gift will go a long way towards helping our nation pay this long-overdue honor to the men and women of the United States Air Force, and all of the Air Force's predecessor organizations, like the Army Air Corps. Most importantly, our Memorial will inspire countless future generations to follow in our footsteps in the service of our great nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed F. Grillo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Major General Edward F. Grillo, Jr.  
USAF (Ret)  
President  
Air Force Memorial Foundation



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Dear Friend of the Air Force Memorial:

I would like to take a moment to update you on the progress of our Air Force Memorial, tell you where we see this project going and the speed at which we can get there.

Your Air Force Memorial Foundation (AFMF) Board has been working faithfully and diligently on this project for over nine years. During this time, the Board secured a world-renowned architect, Jim Freed of the famed Pei Cobb Freed firm in New York, to develop the design, which earned high honors from the members of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. We very carefully followed all instructions from the National Capital Memorial Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission to secure a site north of Arlington National Cemetery (known as Arlington Ridge). We also gained preliminary approval to place the design on that site. Finally, as you probably know, we twice successfully defended our Memorial from a lawsuit, which attempted to block construction at Arlington Ridge.

In spite of doing everything precisely "by the book" and successfully defending ourselves in court, our Memorial continued to encounter delays in gaining final site and design approval.

As your AFMF Board digested all the pertinent facts, considered the additional cost involved in litigation, the lengthy time required to build at Arlington Ridge and the realization that the total project may be in jeopardy if another five-year congressional extension were necessary, we became convinced that we needed to take a hard look at an alternate site. It is also important to note that our former Air Force Chief of Staff, General Ryan, and our present Chief, General Jumper, came to similar conclusions and advocated that we consider moving the Memorial.

Recently, we have had an ongoing "team effort" to secure a new site on a prominent point of land known as the Navy Annex. The site overlooks the Pentagon from the southwest. It is a prime piece of real estate and is located just off Interstate 395 (a major gateway to DC). This site is not new to us. Early on in the process, we considered this location and gave it very high marks. In part, those high marks were due not only to the spectacular view of Washington from this site but, equally important, the prominent view of this site by the public. However, at the time, we were told that the property would not be available for another 10-plus years. Based on this information, we did not pursue the site.

The decision to move to this new site is contained in the 2002 Defense Authorization Bill (recently passed by Congress and currently awaiting the President's signature as I write). We worked hard to insure that there were four key ingredients to this legislation. First, we needed to have adequate time to do a proper environmental assessment of the property and insure we will not face any stumbling blocks

*(over, please)*

"downstream." Second, we needed to have adequate acreage at the promontory of the Navy Annex to construct the Memorial. Third, we needed to have the costs incurred at the Arlington Ridge site absorbed in the site preparation costs before the land is given to us. And fourth, if any significant problems were to surface at this new location, we needed to be able to return to Arlington Ridge and continue with the approval process. We are pleased to report that all the above objectives were achieved.

It is important to note that any memorial design is not only tied strongly to its theme of representation, but equally to its location. For this reason, we are convinced that we simply cannot pick up the current design and move it to a new location; rather, we need to redesign the present Memorial or come up with a totally new design.

Your AFMF Board has diligently and carefully addressed the subject of an alternate site, keeping in mind the reality of the present situation and best interests of you and the over 135,000 Americans and friends who have supported our Memorial. As we move forward to complete this Memorial, we are focused on building a Memorial to make you very proud of everything your Air Force and its predecessor organizations have done and are doing. Equally important, we will build a Memorial to also represent the glorious future of our "folks in blue," and the sacrifices that they, too, will make for this great country of ours.

Thank you for your friendship and support of the Air Force Memorial Foundation. God Bless America.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed F. Grillo", written in a cursive style.

Edward F. Grillo, Jr., Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)  
President

P.S. Also, please be sure to pass along this letter to friends to keep them informed of our progress.  
Thanks again for everything you do for our Memorial.



## FROM YOUR HISTORIAN

Much of my Newsletter space has been taken up by requests from relatives of 307th men who were lost in the Pacific during WWII, mostly from sons and daughters of the missing. After almost sixty years, most of these people still have not known what happened to their loved ones and where it happened. Happily, our meager records have been able to provide some more or less specific answers to many of the questions of this nature that I have received.

It is difficult for those of us who "made it home" to realize the ongoing trauma felt by kids who grew up wondering if it was their fault their father did not come back from the war when the fathers of other kids did come back. Even their mothers' remarriage, bringing another loving father into the home, often left a vacant spot in young hearts and minds.

As these kids matured, sometimes that empty spot grew larger and eventually resulted in the formation of the American WWII Orphans Network (AWON).

*Sharon Crowley Edwards writes:*

*"Like many of us war orphans, I'm in search of any information about my dad who was killed when I was 10 months old. Also, like many of my war orphan "siblings", I more or less allowed the fact of my biological father to stay in the background of my life because my mother remarried and it was simply not discussed. I recently became wonderfully joined with the American WWII Orphans Network and am learning about both my dad and about myself. One of the main reasons AWON exists is to help war orphans reconnect with their fathers. I'm wondering if this Afghan war is bringing back memories you're not too happy to have "in your face". My second dad, a retired AF pilot, admits the news scares him but he doesn't say much. You helped me tremendously when you*

*explained in a letter that it isn't easy for veterans to talk wartime stuff with those who weren't there. May I simply thank you for protecting America during the time you served. I am honored just to be able to write to you."*

Thanks, Sharon, for letting our Association help you. If anyone remembers Bill Crowley or the 372nd Diedrich crew, lost on 7/15/44, please contact Sharon Edwards at 3315 B Street, San Diego, CA 92102. Perhaps you can give her a bit more information about her father and his crew.

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On the same general subject, a note in a past Newsletter (99-2) from Pat Allison O'Neal asked for information about her father, Sgt. Joseph Allison who was a member of the 424th Saye crew late in the war. It took a bit of doing but, with the help of member Ray Galloway, we were able to get Mrs. O'Neal together, by phone and letter, with Matt Scalici, co-pilot of the Saye crew. Matt was the only member of the crew located and he was perhaps closer to Joe Allison than any of the other crew members. Matt was elated to learn of the existence of the 307th Association and promptly joined. He and Mrs. O'Neal corresponded for almost two years. Two letters, excerpted below, give the rest of the story:

*"Matt Scalici died a week after my mother's death. I will always be grateful that you helped me get in touch with him. Phyllis, Matt's wife, said that we will never know how excited he was that we got in touch with him and also connected him with the 307th Association. On my part, I got answers to so many questions I had. Matt flew every flight my father did and that gave me a new connection to my father in a way I never had before. It was wonderful also for my mother because she did not know of his war-*



*time service either. You are such an angel to be there for us."*

*Pat Allison O'Neal*

*"I am so sorry to have delayed informing you of Matt's death from cancer of the lungs and liver. I want to thank you so much for making his last two years so happy for him. Reuniting him with some of his old war buddies gave him so much pleasure that I can't tell you enough that it came at the right time. Matt always said those days as a pilot were the best days of his life and I believe it. Thank you for making his last days so pleasant.*

*Phyllis Scalici*

While I can't take credit for being an angel, I must admit that it is very gratifying to have had a small hand in brightening the lives of Matt and Phyllis and Pat and her mother.

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### **Jack E. Daniel**

Mark Daniel Hicks would like to correspond with anyone who knew his uncle, Jack E. Daniel, bombardier on the 372nd Carter crew which was shot down February 12, 1944, over Vunakanau, Rabaul. The Carter B-24 seemed to take an AA burst within the plane, fell out of formation, and crashed. Mark would like to contact anyone who knew his uncle and who might have information on missions the 372nd had been flying at that time. We have sent Mark photocopies of the pages from Britt's book, *The Long Rangers*, which covers the loss of his uncle's plane. If you can help Mark, his mailing address and his email follow:

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6214 West Taylor Street  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

Hicks@Cox-Internet.com

### **Tuskegee Airmen**

Association member Bob King sends the following which he received from Clarence Sanford, a friend of his who was a ground crewman with the Tuskegee Airmen. Sanford now works on Bob Colling's collection of vintage WWII aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen were certainly trailblazers.

At the start of World War II, the US Army had rules which enforced our country's attitudes towards blacks. They were considered unfit for combat and were generally assigned to stereotyped jobs as cooks and waiters, or were rejected completely. The Army Air Corps certainly did not let black men fly or repair airplanes. In that time of great need, such prejudices were a luxury our country could no longer afford. Afraid of disrupting morale of the fighting units, but under moral pressure and persuasion from the NAACP, the black media, some members of Congress and the White House, the War Department started a "separate but equal" training program for black aviators. This "Noble Experiment" produced the TUSKEGEE AIRMEN.

A total of 996 black military aviators were trained at the Army airfield near Tuskegee, Alabama and at the Tuskegee Institute. The first group of four Aviation Cadets, with their technical and administrative personnel, initially trained at the Army Air Corps Technical Training School in Illinois, where they earned the highest group grade average during the war. The Tuskegee Airmen, given little chance of succeeding by the War Department, were not given necessary supplies. The War Department was reluctant to send the Tuskegee Airmen into combat but their record in battle changed the minds and hearts of many in the military and led to the racial integration of the services.



Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. (the first black General in the Air Force) commanded the "Fighting 99th" as they flew P-40, P-39, P-47 and P-51 aircraft in combat over North Africa, Sicily and Anzio. The 99th joined other Tuskegee squadrons to form the 332nd Fighter group. The group was known as the "Red Tails" for their aircraft paint scheme. German Luftwaffe pilots called them the "Schwarze Vogelmenchen" (Black Birdmen). The 332nd never lost a single bomber they were escorting. No other fighter group had a perfect record. Bombers and fighters were based at different airfields so many bomber crews never met their defenders, but they learned to respect the black fighter pilots who were fighting and dying to protect them.

The four fighter squadrons, totaling 450 pilots and ten times as many administrative and ground support personnel, served with distinction in the European Theater of Operations. They earned 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, many more Air Medals and Clusters, Legions of Merit, the Red Star of Yugoslavia and the Presidential Unit Citation. The ground crews kept the planes flying in spite of supply shortages, even performing repairs normally sent back to larger facilities. The Tuskegee experiment succeeded beyond the expectations of even those who proposed the program.

The 477th Medium Bombardment Group trained in B-25 bombers but the war ended before they were sent overseas. They are remembered for refusing to leave a "white" officers club in April of 1945 at Freeman Field, Indiana, (35 arrested) and refusing to sign a segregation consent form (101 arrested). These Tuskegee Airmen who risked their careers and jail terms to stand up to injustice were victorious as their courage forced the elimination of the segregation policy and reassignment of the white person-

nel who confronted them. This incident and the excellent record of the 332nd Fighter Group in combat led to a review of the War Department's racial policies and a presidential order to desegregate the Armed forces.

After World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen continued in the service as the Army Air Corps became the US Air Force. Three became Air Force generals: 1) Four-star General Daniel "Chappie" James (deceased), 2) Three-star General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. (retired), and 3) Two-star General Lucius D. Theus. Other Tuskegee Airmen returned to civilian careers and became corporate executives, judges, lawyers, doctors, surgeons, engineers, educators, scientists and political and religious leaders. Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated was formed in 1973 with national officers and Eastern, Central and Western regions.

The goal of TAI is to inspire young people to seek successful careers in aerospace and aviation. TAI members devote time, effort and financial resources to capture young minds, to instill the undying will to learn, sacrifice and attain a self-sustaining status with marketable skills. The national organization of Tuskegee Airmen's Scholarship Fund awards \$30,000 in scholarships annually to young people across the country.

Other Tuskegee Airmen achievements include acquisition of the national Historical Museum at historic Fort Wayne, Detroit, Michigan, which serves as a repository for its archives and memorabilia; and a bronze statue of a Black WWII pilot, located on the grounds of the USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. There are thirty-two active chapters located in major cities and military installations throughout the 50 states, all directed toward inspiring and motivating our youth. All officers, board members and directors of this tax exempt organization serve without salary or fee.



No one with the 307th on Wakde will forget the day Captain Lanny Ross (yes, THE Lanny Ross) brought us Bob Hope and his USO troupe. Hope and Jerry Colonna joked, Frances Langford sang, Patty Thomas danced and guitarist Tony Romano played. Hope and Barney Dean, his old vaudeville buddy, went through some vaudeville routines and even Lanny Ross sang. This recent newspaper article will bring you up to date on how Frances Langford is doing today.

## Florida woman traveled on USO tours

By AMANDA RIDDLE  
Associated Press

JENSEN BEACH — It was Hollywood's golden age and Frances Langford's career was skyrocketing with every sweet note she sang. The charming Florida gal was a featured guest on Bob Hope's radio show and had appeared in nine films.

Then, World War II broke out and Langford, a recording artist, radio and movie star, put her success on hold to join Hope on his overseas USO tours.

With Americans doing their part to support the war effort, Langford wanted to help. She couldn't work in an airplane factory. But she could sing.

"You forget about show business," says Langford, now 87. "We were there just to do our job, to help make them laugh and be happy if they could."

Last year, the United Service Organizations kicked into gear to bring American patriotism to a new generation of forces in Afghanistan. But this time, Langford, who was known as "Sweetheart of the Fighting Fronts," wasn't packing her bags.

Out of the limelight for decades, Langford lives quietly on her 57-acre spread overlooking the Indian River in this southeast Florida town 100 miles north of Miami.

Her memory may have robbed her of the ability to remember names, but she can still recall in vivid detail the visits to troops in England, North Africa, the South Pacific and later to Korea and Vietnam.

She finds it hard to talk about the wounded soldiers she visited in military hospitals, but recounts air raid stories with a laugh, even the time flak narrowly missed her face as she cowered in a stable.

Or the evening when she, Hope and guitarist Tony Romano were on the road to Tunis, Tunisia.

They had left a camp as night approached and suddenly were fired on.

"We all jumped and ran into this culvert," Langford says. "You could hear them coming. They sprayed the ditches and you could smell the bullets. It was frightening because you don't realize how you feel. You're just sort of frozen."

She also recalls the time Hope amused her, Romano and Hope's sidekick Jerry Colonna as they survived a night of bombing in the basement of their Algiers, Algeria, hotel with others nearby.

"Bob would start telling little

jokes, only to us," she says. "It was so funny that we wanted to laugh so bad and they were so scared."

The troops loved Hope's humor, Langford says.

"He's just naturally fun and just a great man. He's done so much for our military."

Langford brought troops "a vision of home, and hope that it would be over sometime soon," says former manager Charles Wick.

"She had a very charming and glamorous personality, which along with her deep sexy voice certainly combined to give her the kind of image that the GIs used to really cheer," he says, "in addition to being moved by her lovely voice."

Langford is also known for playing the insufferable wife opposite Don Ameche in the 1940s radio comedy "The Bickersons."

Born in Lakeland in 1914, she was discovered at age 16 by bandleader Rudy Vallee. He invited her backstage to sing after a Miami performance.

"I sang maybe 16 bars and he said, 'That's enough,'" she says. "I thought, oh, that's the end of my career."

Instead, he asked her to sing on his radio program and invited her to New York. There she sang at Cole Porter's birthday party and met Hollywood producers.

She moved to California and sang on Louella Parson's radio show "Hollywood Hotel." She appeared in 30 movies including "Broadway Melody," "Yankee Doodle Dandee" and "The Hit Parade."

In 1941, she was singing on Hope's show when he held his first military program at March Field near Pasadena, Calif. The response was so positive Hope asked her if she wanted to bring the show to a training base every week. She quickly agreed.

"I really wanted to do something worthwhile for my country," she says.

Her trademark song, "I'm in the Mood for Love," which was written for her for the 1935 movie, "Every Night at Eight," was a huge hit with the servicemen.

"Everywhere I went, it was the same thing. I got up and sang about eight bars and way in the back some GI would stand up. He'd say, 'You've come to the right place, sister.' They responded to everything, they were such a wonderful audience."

Patty Thomas, a dancer on the South Pacific tours, says the energy of a military audience can't be matched, and their experience island hopping won't ever be repeated.



1930s and '40s actress-singer Frances Langford poses in front of a poster of her from 1936 at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp Post restaurant on Jan. 11 in Jensen Beach. Last year, the United Service Organizations kicked into gear to bring American patriotism to a new generation of forces in Afghanistan. But this time, Langford, who was known as "Sweetheart of the Fighting Fronts," wasn't packing her bags. Associated Press

"It's a push-button war now," Thomas says.

A boater and angler, Langford spends much of her time aboard her 110-foot yacht with husband Harold Stuart, assistant secretary of the Air Force under President Harry S. Truman.

The Chanticleer is docked next to a restaurant she built in the 1960s with late husband Ralph Evinrude, heir to Evinrude outboard motor. She entertained famous friends and locals at the Polynesian-themed Outrigger Resort until Evinrude died in 1986 and she sold the place.

The new owner, whose father met Langford in Africa, dedicated a room to her with head shots, a blown up cover of Radio Mirror magazine that she graced and letters from Ronald Reagan.

Her boat is adorned with autographed pictures of Hope, former president Dwight D. Eisenhower, Reagan, Winston Churchill and Richard Nixon.

There's just one photo from her Hollywood career, a publicity shot of a young Langford leaning stylishly against a piano in a sheer gown.

Much of the glamour has left the gray-haired woman with failing eyesight. What remains is the humility that allowed her to sweep her hair up in a bandanna and overcome dust, dirt and danger to boost wartime morale.

The former star of the battlefield jokes, she wouldn't be popular with today's military.

"I'm too old. They don't want to see an old gal get up and sing," she says. "I've done my share."



The following is a tentative Agenda for the activities of the 14th 307th Annual Reunion in Salt Lake City. Your packet when you register will have the final Agenda with the exact time you have to be ready for the tours. At least this will give you an idea of our schedule of events.

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307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association

AGENDA

Wednesday - August 28, 2002

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Parley's Room (2nd Floor)
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting - Presidential Suite
10:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room will be open - Parley's Room
Evening	Dinner on your own

Thursday - August 29, 2002

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Parley's Room (2nd Floor)
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Depart Wyndham Hotel - Park City Victorian Tour
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Depart Wyndham Hotel - Great Salt Lake, Gardner Village, Mine Tour
6:00 p.m.	Welcome/Hospitality Party Parley's Room (2nd Floor)
Evening	Dinner on your own

Friday - August 30, 2002

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m.	Registration Parley's Room (2nd Floor)
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Depart Wyndham Hotel, Hill AFB, AF Museum, Antelope Island
5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room open
Evening	Dinner on your own

Saturday - August 31, 2002

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Depart Wyndham Hotel Historic City Tour
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Membership Meeting (Wasatch Ballroom) 2nd Floor
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Pictures in the Wasatch Ballroom area - 2nd Floor
6:30 p.m.	Cash Bar - outside Wasatch Ballroom
7:00 p.m. ?	Dinner, Dance, Entertainment

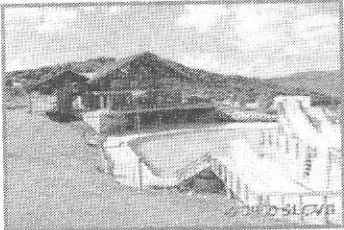


Sunday - Sept. 1, 2002

Time to say goodbye - till we meet again!

The scheduled tours by bus will arrive back at the hotel early enough that anyone wanting to visit Temple Square, Tabernacle, Crossroads & ZCMI Malls, Salt Palace, the Genealogy Center, Gateway Plaza, and the Museum will have time to do so. Most of these sites are open until 9:00 p.m. and can be visited at no cost. The sites are all within walking distance of the Wyndham Hotel. Should you rather take light rail, the stop is one-fourth a block from the hotel entrance.



## PARK CITY & OLYMPIC SPORTS PARK

<p><b>TOUR DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><i>“Victorian Silver to Olympic Gold”</i></p>  <p>Utah Winter Sports Park, in the summer</p>  <p>Park City's Main Street in summer</p>	<p><b><i>Visit the Utah Winter Sports Park, site of the bobsleigh, luge, ski jumping, and Nordic combined events of the 2002 Winter Olympics.</i></b></p> <p>The 387-acre facility was opened in 1993. The 1,335-meter bobsleigh/luge track with five start areas is one of only 12 competition-certified refrigerated tracks in the world. Ski jumps for 90- and 120-meter Nordic events are used for training and competition year-round.</p> <p>The next stop is Park City, which had its beginnings in the mining boom of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Learn about its colorful history as it changed from a mining town to a world famous ski resort area. Spend time browsing the unique shops and galleries on historic Main Street or enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many eclectic restaurants.</p>
<p><b>TOUR INCLUDES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Round trip transportation</li> <li>▪ Uniformed guide and narration</li> <li>▪ All in-house coordination by MeetingsAmerica</li> <li>▪ Admission to the Olympic Sports Park and tour with a park guide</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOUR DURATION</b></p>	<p>5½ Hours</p>
<p><b>TOUR OPTIONS</b> (Adding options may increase duration and cost of tour)</p>  <p>Aerial Freestyles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lunch at Zooms, Robert Redford's restaurant</li> <li>▪ <u>Gourmet box lunch at the sports park</u></li> <li>▪ Biking in summer</li> <li>▪ Fly fishing in summer</li> <li>▪ Hot air ballooning summer or winter</li> <li>▪ Golfing in summer</li> <li>▪ Horseback riding in summer, sleigh in winter</li> <li>▪ Snowmobiling in winter</li> <li>▪ Shopping at the Park City Outlet Mall</li> <li>▪ Aerial ski jumping show at the Sports Park in summer or winter</li> </ul>

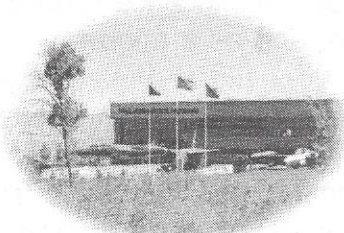



# GREAT SALT LAKE, KENNECOTT COPPER MINE & LUNCH AT ARCHIBALD'S IN GARDNER VILLAGE

TOUR DESCRIPTION	<p><i>Visit the classics... the most famous sites associated with Salt Lake City.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Our Most Famous Sites"</i></p>	<p>The Great Salt Lake is the largest salt-water body of its kind in the world. At 20% saline, compared to the oceans 2 – 3%, swimmers can bob and float like corks. Guests will learn about the lake's turbulent Ice Age history, its romantic past as the "Coney Island of the West," and its present-day significance regarding weather, industry, recreation, and as a migratory bird habitat.</p>
	<p>After stopping at the lake's marina for an up-close view, it's on to the Copper Mine. This mine is so enormous that shuttle astronauts can identify it from space! If the Sears Tower were set in the bottom of the open-pit, it would reach only halfway to the top. Nine million people could be seated for a game if the open-pit were a football stadium. Since mining operations began in 1906, five billion tons of ore have been extracted. Besides copper, trace amounts of gold and silver are found in this mineral rich area. You will see a wonderful video that explains the mining operation in detail, spend time in browsing the museum and visit the gift shop if you wish.</p> <p>Your day continues with a delicious lunch at Archibald's Restaurant in Gardner Village, sight of the first grist mill in Utah. The village now houses unique shops and a museum.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Great Salt Lake</p>	
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Kennecott Copper Mine</p>	
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Gardner Historic Village and shops</p>	
TOUR INCLUDES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Round trip transportation</li> <li>▪ Uniformed guide and narration</li> <li>▪ Chilled bottled water for each guest</li> <li>▪ All in-house coordination by MeetingsAmerica</li> <li>▪ Chilled bottled water for each person</li> <li>▪ Admission to the copper mine</li> <li>▪ Stop at the Great Salt Lake Marina</li> <li>▪ Lunch at Archibald's Restaurant</li> </ul>
TOUR DURATION	5 ½ Hours

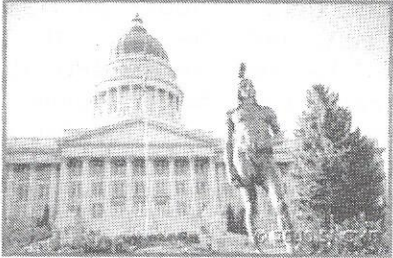
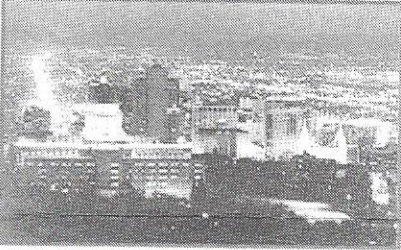
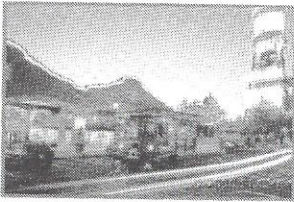


## AIRPLANES, BUFFALO AND AN INLAND SEA LUNCH AT HILL AIR FORCE BASE OFFICER'S CLUB

<p><b>TOUR DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><i>"... Where the Buffalo Roam"</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Hill AFB Museum</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Antelope Island</p>	<p><b><i>Spend the day at a modern air force base and on an island that hasn't changed since pioneer days.</i></b></p> <p>The Hill Air Force Base Museum features vintage aircraft such as the A-10 "Warthog," the B-17G "Flying Fortress", and the HH-3C "Jolly Green Giant." These planes are just a few that are on display in an indoor/outdoor setting that allows visitors to take pictures and get "up close". Besides the aircraft, guests will view missile and bomb displays, engine room displays, and a new uniform display room. After your visit to the museum, enjoy lunch at the Hill Air Force Base Officer's Club.</p> <p>Next, travel across the causeway to Antelope Island, in the Great Salt Lake, where the state maintains a buffalo herd. En route to the island, guests will learn about the lake's turbulent Ice Age history and its modern day influence on weather, industry and recreation. Once on the island, guests travel to the Garr Ranch, originally settled by a pioneer family. Look for buffalo along the way!</p>
<p><b>TOUR INCLUDES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Round trip transportation</li> <li>▪ Chilled bottled water for each person</li> <li>▪ Stop at Hill AFB Museum</li> <li>▪ Admission to Antelope Island</li> <li>▪ Uniformed guide and narration</li> <li>▪ All in-house coordination by MeetingsAmerica</li> <li>▪ Lunch at Hill Air Force Base Officer's Club</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOUR DURATION</b></p>	<p>6½ Hours</p>
<p><b>TOUR COST</b></p>	<p>\$42 per person</p>



## HISTORIC CITY TOUR

<p><b>TOUR DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Our Most Requested Tour!"</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Utah State Capitol Building</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Salt Lake City skyline at night</p>	<p><b><i>Celebrate Salt Lake City on a tour that includes some of the city's most famous sites and buildings.</i></b></p> <p>Begin at the Capitol, the city's crowning jewel. The view from the front steps is magnificent. Murals lining the Georgian marble rotunda walls tell the story of the settling of the Old West. See the Beehive House, Brigham Young's beautifully restored home. While living in the home, Young was Territorial Governor and President of the Mormon Church.</p> <p>The tour includes a drive past the elegant mansions on South Temple. Many of these homes were built with wealth derived from the Park City mining boom of the late 1800's. One of these homes is the Governor's Mansion, which is the largest in the United States.</p> <p>See the University of Utah's Rice/Eccles Stadium, site of the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and Old Fort Douglas, site of the 2002 Olympic Athlete's Village. Visit Pioneer Trail State Park and This-Is-The-Place Monument at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. This monument stands as a tribute to the men, women and children who were instrumental in settling this area. En route back to downtown, guests will view Trolley Square, a unique shopping center built in trolley barns from the early 1900's.</p>
<p><b>TOUR INCLUDES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Round trip transportation</li> <li>▪ Uniformed guide and narration</li> <li>▪ All in-house coordination by MeetingsAmerica</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOUR DURATION</b></p>	<p>3½ Hours - Includes Ft. Douglas Museum</p>
<p><b>TOUR OPTIONS</b> (Adding options may increase duration and cost of tour)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Trolley Square</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tour of Temple Square, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir</li> <li>▪ Delta Center – home of NBA Jazz team and site of figure skating venue for 2002 Olympics</li> <li>▪ Lunch/shopping at Trolley Square</li> <li>▪ Tour of Beehive House, home of Brigham Young</li> <li>▪ Lunch at Lion House, a Brigham Young residence</li> <li>▪ Tour of Rice/Eccles Stadium</li> </ul>



## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Received the following letter recently as well as several E-mails requesting any information on the war in the Philippines.

"Dear Sir,

While surfing the web site I came across the 307th Bomb Group, which mentioned that the book "We'll Say Goodbye" is still available. I am a Filipino and I teach history at the University of the Philippines; I have been studying the Philippines during WWII and under the Japanese occupation, and have been reading as much as I can on the subject, not having lived through the war myself. I am particularly interested in reading about the various air units which served in the Philippines and vicinity.

Would you still have a copy available? I would like to order a copy if it is. As I am in Japan until August (as visiting researcher), would you please let me know how much it will cost, together with handling and postage.

Sincerely,

Ricardo T. Jose  
Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies  
International Hall 403  
3-8-12 Nishi-Ogu, Arakawa-ku  
Tokyo 116-0011  
Japan"

Mr. Jose has also asked in his E-mail it we know of any other books that cover the 307th part in the Philippine part of the war. If anyone has any information that would be helpful to him I am sure he would appreciate it.

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## REPRINT OF BOOKS

Sam Walker's book "Up The Slot" is now available to anyone who wants a copy. I will have some copies available at the reunion or you can order a copy from:

Ruby Richburg  
5721 N. 48th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73122  
405-789-4057

Cost including shipping \$20.00.

Sam Walker's book "The Long Rangers, A Diary of the 307th Bombardment Group (H)" is in the final stages of printing. Hopefully the book will be in our hands by the last of April. No final cost yet but should have in the next month.

Copies of "The Long Rangers" should be available at the reunion. I'll know the price of the book by then.

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At this time it looks as if Mr. Stephen Ambrose may not be able to attend our reunion. He has requested that any of you veterans that have stories to tell to send them to him. Our understanding is that he is now working on a book that covers the activities of the 307th during WWII.

Address:

Mr. Stephen Ambrose  
P.O. Box 1713  
Helena, MT 59624

Mary Ann Qualia has already furnished him copies of some of our reunion books and as many stories as she could find in old newsletters. Will be interesting to find what kind of a book comes out of our efforts.

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Hope to see you all in SALT LAKE CITY!!