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The Long Rangers**

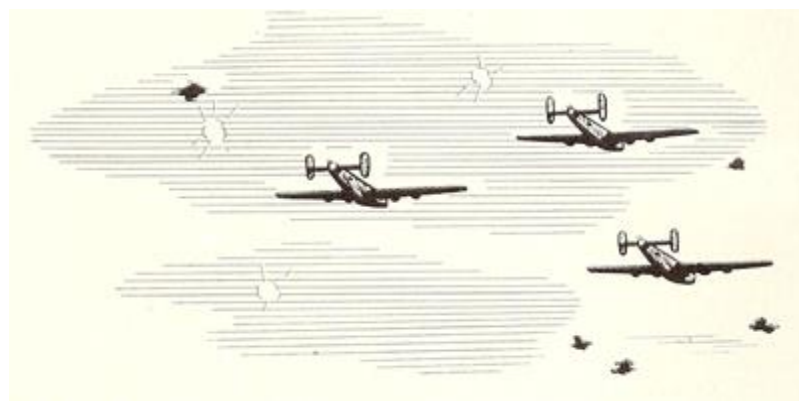
Welcome

to

**The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Reunion Association
2nd Quarter May 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 10-14, 2019.



Well folk, the year and our Historian Jim McCabe has brought us many great returns already. The 307th Bomb group has several awards on the many campaigns below:

CAMPAIGNS:

World War II - Central Pacific

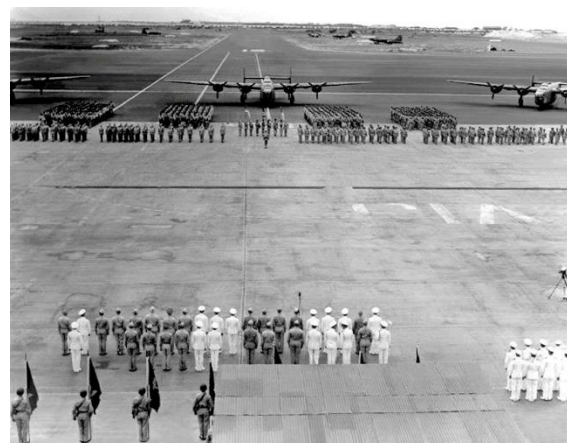
World War II - Central Pacific

- Guadalcanal - Guadalcanal
- New Guinea - New Guinea
- Northern Solomons - Northern Solomons
- Eastern Mandates - Eastern mandates
- Bismarck Archipelago - Bismarck Archipelago
- Western Pacific - Western Pacific
- Leyte - Leyte
- Luzon - Luzon
- Southern Philippines - Southern Philippines
- China Offensive - China Offensive

Korean War - UN Defensive Korean War - UN Defensive

- UN Offensive - UN Offensive
- CCF Intervention - CCF Intervention
- 1st UN Counteroffensive - 1st UN counteroffensive
- CCF Spring Offensive - CCF Spring Offensive
- UN Summer - Fall Offensive - UN Summer - Fall Offensive
- Second Korean Winter - Second Korean Winter
- Korea Summer - Fall, 1952 - Korea Summer - Fall 1952

-AND NOW THE 307th BOMB WING CARRIES ON OUR LEGACY!!!!



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DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Unit Citations - Truk, 29.3.1944 Distinguished Unit Citations -
Truk, 29 March 1944

- Borneo, 3.10.1944 - Borneo, 10/03/1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation - srpen 1950 - červen 1952

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation - August 1950 - June 1952

**BUT NOW!!! OUR WONDERFUL JIM MCCABE HAS GOTTEN US ONE
MORE THING.**

As you may know, for the history of our 307th BG Assoc., it was believed that the group received a DUC (Distinguished Unit Citation) for their 1st raid, 440929, on Balikpapan. As you may also know, the airmen and the Assoc. had no actual record to confirm this despite decades of searching. I am pleased to report that I have finally found it! A large part of the difficulty discovering it was that we had the wrong date. The 307th BG was actually awarded this DUC for their 2nd raid, 441003, on Balikpapan and it gives me great pleasure to present it to you as you my father flew this combat mission. I only wish he was still with us to take pride in it.





NOW!!!!!!!!!!

WELCOME TO DAYTON OHIO

With wonderful amenities and lots of restaurants surrounding the hotel, we should have a great time.

The Crown Plaza Holiday Inn

Make your hotel reservations today at 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!!!

WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SO NO NEED TO BRING YOURS. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE REUNION FREE OF CHARGE!!!

Check the reunion update emails that I have been sending out for more information

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

Hotel Amenities

These rates can apply three days before and/or three days after the reunion 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

FREE Complementary Airport Shuttle

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



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A Big HELLO!!!! from Dottie Yuschak Magill

What do we do when the last WWII Veteran dies?



What will we do when the last World War II veteran dies? Seventy-five years ago today, the United States was less than a month into the invasion of Normandy. This invasion — the largest in our history — involved more than 160,000 allied forces and thousands of ships and aircraft. By July 4, U.S. forces were fighting in horrible weather amid the hedgerows of France in an effort to drive out the Germans.

William C. Coleman, one of the paratroopers who dropped into Normandy the night before the invasion, was a prisoner of war the day America celebrated the Fourth of July. Wounded as he dropped out of the sky, Coleman, a 19-year-old from Orlando, fought bravely before being captured and imprisoned until he escaped as World War II was ending in the European theater.

His story — and his life following the war — was incredible to hear. He was an amazingly suc-

cessful state politician and businessman and was instrumental in helping with veterans' causes for decades after he came home from war.

William Coleman died in 2012. Before his death, my children were fortunate enough to sit with their great uncle as he shared with them what the last war for American liberty was like for him and countless other soldiers.

A highway leading to the east campus of Valencia College is now named after him.

When I was a kid, I got to sit with Joe Dixon, a gunner on a tank serving under Gen. George Patton. Dixon, from tiny Hugo, Okla., was a giant of a man with a laugh and good nature matching his size.

When I would ask him about the war, he was always careful to not talk about the deaths he was part of, but did share stories that brought the sacrifice he had made to light. I thought he was bigger than life.



JACK A. CHAMBLESS
Commentary

All over America there are other veterans of World War II with similar life stories, yet every day more than 370 WWII vets pass away. Of the 16 million Americans who served during this time, only 600,000 are still alive — with most of them well into their 90s.

It is deeply troubling to me, and undoubtedly, many more Americans, to contemplate what our country is losing every day. With the passing of every veteran, we are losing a connection with a time when an entire country rose up to fight for and defend the principles of constitutional liberty that the Founding Fathers spoke of on July

4, 1776. We are also losing historians, in effect, who lived through the horrors of war and witnessed the consequences of allowing nationalistic leaders to turn dena-guery into mass killing. With the loss of these eyewitnesses to history our nation — and others — we risk repeating the grave mistakes made in the years leading up to and including World War II.

Consider this:

Recently, a study published by U.S. News & World Report found that 45 percent of Americans could not name one World War II-era concentration camp, and 66 percent of millennials had never heard of Auschwitz. I wonder what would happen if you asked the average college student in America to identify various events like D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge, Pearl Harbor and more? Do you think the typical American would be able to write an essay about Hiroshima or identify the Axis powers?

I seriously doubt it.

Ten years from now, the average WWII veteran will be over 100 years old. Twenty years from now they will be gone, and along with them the ability of the rest of us to sit at their feet and hear about what it was like to defend a nation during war; what it was like to have millions of citizens rally to gather needed supplies and what it felt like to witness the power of American capitalism out-produce all of our enemies in stunning fashion to equip our fighting forces with unprecedented military superiority.

On our 242nd birthday, perhaps we all should try to find veterans of this war and ask them questions, listen to their stories and thank them for preserving liberty for all of us.

Jack A. Chambless is an economics professor at Valencia College and a senior fellow with the James Madison Institute in Tallahassee.

From M.C. McCormick (tiger895@att.net)

These pictures of Tillie are something to be proud of. The faded one has my dad on the ground and in the cockpit is his buddy, Elmer Beck of Texas.

Do you have any clue what the whited out ,redacted, white streak below the cockpit is hiding if anything.

If anyone knows the answer to the above question, please let us know.
Inquiring minds want to know!!!!



On another note for in honor of our Veterans

I don't think I've ever read anything more powerful than this piece.

It was written by Stanislaus Drew and Ted Nugent posted it on his Facebook page - yes, THAT Ted Nugent.

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces, the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe Sanh to Saigon, anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken, but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains, every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us, blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't any inkling of what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all, because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this, GOD BLESS AMERICA!

by Stanislaus Drew

Final Flights



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Arthur B. Powell's Obituary on Star-Telegram

Powell, Arthur B. WEATHERFORD.

Art died peacefully at age 98,
on August 13, 2018.



Lawrence "Larry" Sams
August 18, 1925 - March 15, 2019



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Joan & Breta Walsh,
Thank you for the
information on the
307th Bomb Group
reunion.

Larry passed away
March 15th, I wanted
you to know.

Thank you,
Joan Sams
(Larry's wife)
of Tulsa

Lawrence "Larry" Sams, 93, of Salina, passed away Friday, March 15, 2019. He was born Aug. 18, 1925, in Culver to Lawrence Lee and Bessie Mae (Kresge) Sams.

Larry graduated from Salina High School in 1943 and Kansas Wesleyan University in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in business. He married Joan Manning on Feb. 9, 1947, in Gypsum.

Larry served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific theater. He received the Air Medal and three oak leaf

clusters. He was a life member of the VFW and the Kansas Medical Group Management Association (past president 1979-1980), a member of Sunflower Lions Club (past president), the Isis Shrine and Masonic Lodge #60 for over 56 years. He was active with First United Methodist Church and Peacemakers Sunday School class, serving as past president.

Larry retired as administrator from Mowery Clinic in 1988, then worked part-time for Saline County Dialysis.

Larry is survived by his wife of 72 years, Joan;

The History of Memorial Day.

Let us never forget

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2019 occurs on Monday, May 27.



Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades.

Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

We here at the 307th Bombardment Group Association wish you and your family a safe and happy Memorial Day. Let us all remember our loved ones at this time and remember to thank your brother and sister veterans for their service.

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