



**The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc.  
The Long Rangers**

**June, 2016**



**WE ARE THE FAMILY! WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF HEROES**





## **Preparing for Nashville?**

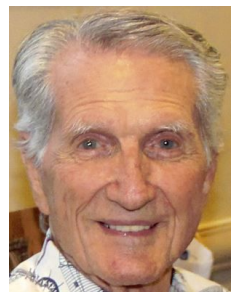
**If you haven't yet registered for the August 10-14, 2016 Family Reunion trip to Nashville, inside are just a few additional features, tours and events that have been added to the "free-time" agenda.**

**Bring the kids!**

**Bring the Whole Family!**

**Get Dad or Granddad up and out of the house for a memorable  
Veteran's Reunion**

**Captain "Jack" Palmer**



# Did someone say Free & Cheap Things to Do in Nashville, TN

The list below includes over 120 free or cheap things to do in or near Nashville, Tennessee, including 63 different types of inexpensive activities like History Museums, Music Venue, Historic Sites and Art Museum.

## [Downtown Nashville](#)



Downtown Nashville is the vibrant, energetic center of the 'Music City'. The streets are lined with restaurants, shops and clubs featuring live music, making this a prime destination for entertainment lovers.

## [Centennial Park](#)



Centennial Park is home to several diverse experiences, including a performing arts center, historical monuments, a sunken garden, band shell and a one-mile walking trail. Play volleyball at the sand courts, or paddleboat on the pond.

## [NashTrash Tours](#)



In operation since 1997, guests on the Nash Trash Tour, receive a 90-minute fun-filled tour on a pink bus. The tours are comedic in nature and feature adults only entertainment.

## [The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson](#)



After being destroyed during the Civil War years, the Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, was restored and rebuilt as a public museum and National Historic Landmark. The site encompasses over 1,000 acres and 30 historic buildings.



## [The Johnny Cash Museum](#)



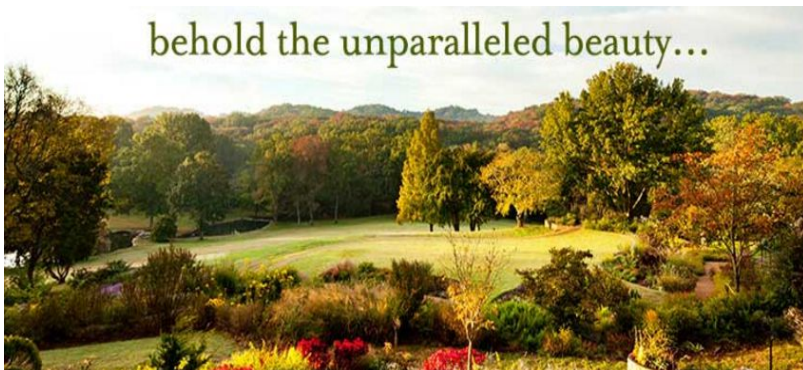
Dedicated to the country music legend, The Johnny Cash Museum offers visitors displays filled with memorabilia like guitars, clothing, photographs, and more. Visitors can learn about the icon's childhood, favorite guitars, and more.

## [Belle Meade Plantation](#)



Built in the 1820's, Belle Meade Plantation later became known as the greatest thoroughbred stud farm in the late 19th century. The mansion is beautifully preserved, and guests can enjoy tours and wine tasting from the on-site vineyard.

## [Cheekwood Botanical Gardens & Museum of Art](#)



The 55-acre estate that houses the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens & Museum serves as one of the finest examples of an American Country Place Era Estate in Nashville. There are eleven specialty display gardens and a wide range of paintings, decorative arts, and sculptures.

## [Tennessee State Museum](#)



Covering 60,000 square feet of permanent exhibits, the Tennessee State Museum is one of the largest state museums in the nation. The exhibits begin roughly 15,000 years in the past with prehistoric humans through the 1900s.

## [Frist Center for Visual Arts](#)



The Frist Center for Visual Arts first opened in 2001 and features a wide array of art from around the world. The former main post office landmark of Nashville serves as the home structure for the cultural institute with architectural styles of both Art Deco and Classicism.

## [Opry Mills](#)



Opry Mills is a shopping mall that features a variety of outlet stores, include the Converse and Old Navy. Guests of this location who do not wish to shop can watch a movie at the IMAX Theatre.

## [Death Yard Haunted Attraction](#)



A horror-themed attraction featuring a costumed cast and a variety of special effects, Death Yard Haunted Attraction is affiliated with Nashville Haunted Houses. The attraction spans three warehouses, each with its own theme and is one of the most popular non-musical attractions in Nashville .

## [Confederate Memorial Park at Winstead Hill](#)



The Confederate Memorial Park at Winstead Hill serves as a memorial to the Army of Tennessee and the Confederate generals who lost their lives in the battle in 1864. Visitors enjoy the serene views of the Franklin Battlefield area.

**Click [here](#) to sort through the entire selection and supplement your Nashville plans.**





## Did Someone say Baseball?

Yes, I did!

Hi y'all, it's Laurie Kendall,

I just had to get my two cents into the fun of shaping the Nashville Reunion and a baseball game is always a good time.

As luck has it the **Nashville Sounds, a Triple A Affiliate of the Oakland A's**, has a home game on Friday night, August 12 at 7:05pm against the **Reno Aces, a Triple A Affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks**.

Following the game, there is a fireworks extravaganza at First Tennessee Park.

The Holiday Inn Shuttle is a Free Ride to the game, the park is wheelchair accessible and tickets are available online. [\[Click Here to select your seats and order tickets\]](#)

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Nashville Sounds (OAK)	45	33	.577	-	-	21-21	24-12	12-12	4-6	W1
Reno Aces (ARI)	41	36	.532	2.5	65	20-18	21-18	11-5	5-5	W1



### Nashville Sounds vs. Reno Aces

First Tennessee Park, Nashville, TN

Fri, Aug 12, 2016 07:05 PM [Add to Calendar](#)

Please Note: Online and phone sales stop two (2) hours prior to game time. There are no refunds or exchanges. All single game ticket sales are final.

Take me out to the ballgame!





[Click here to open the 2016 Family Reunion  
Official Registration Form](#)

Come Join Us—Bring the Kids—Bring the Whole family  
**Holiday Inn - Nashville Airport**  
**Nashville, TN**

Call The Group Desk Now - **866-871-1171**

**Registration Deadline: July 1st, 2016**

Reunion Dates: August 10 thru 14, 2016  
(Wednesday thru Saturday - Depart Sunday)

Please call the Hotel Group Desk to make your reservation  
as early as possible.

We will need to confirm our final total group numbers  
by July 1st, 2016.

Be sure to mention the 307th Bombardment Group Block  
to get our special \$115 Group Rate (Single or Double)



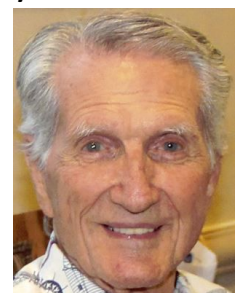
Hi everyone,

Captain Jack Palmer here, again! I keep hearing that “every day is Veterans Day!” I don’t know about you, but I look forward to the 307th reunions with great enthusiasm. I’m honored to have a front row seat. As the Parliamentarian of our association I get to see, first hand, how our talented group of volunteers shape and plan our annual events to make them interesting, informative and entertaining. I can assure you that the 2016 Family Reunion of the 307th Bombardment Group Association will be a special celebration for our Veterans.

We’ll highlight the past, celebrate the present and wonder at the future as our special guests, the newly re-instated 307th Bomb Wing, take us to new heights!

2016, wow! There was a time when all I could wish for was 1945. Many of us didn’t make it this far, and we honor and miss them dearly. Come join us as we celebrate 2016 and gaze into the future.

*Captain “Jack” Palmer*





# NOTICE of Members' Meeting



## 307th BG Association Business Meeting

Nashville

August 13, 2016

A members' meeting will be held on Saturday morning, August 13, 2016. All current members in attendance should be present to have their vote count.

**2016 is an election year!** We will be electing new officers based on nominations submitted by the membership. ([Nomination Report follows](#))

Are you willing to serve your Association as an officer, or is there another member you would like to nominate? Please submit your nominations via email to Ms. Laurie Kendall, 307th BG Secretary at [lak1204@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lak1204@sbcglobal.net). We will publish all nominations in the last newsletter before the reunion.

You may also submit nominations for our 2016-2018 officers at the reunion. While we hope to publicize nominations in advance, you also may nominate someone to serve in an officer/board position at the reunion, at any time before the vote is called at the business meeting.

Nominations will be collected in the Memorabilia Room during the course of the reunion. You may also submit your nominations via email to [member-services@307bg.net](mailto:member-services@307bg.net).

## Preliminary Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of 2015 meeting ([attached](#))
2. Officers' report on Association activities
3. Nominations and election of officers for 2016 - 2018
4. Review of the 307th Bomb Wing's Shreveport celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Group's founding
5. Discussion and selection of 2017 reunion site
6. Other business

Please don't miss this meeting. Your vote counts!



**MINUTES  
OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS  
OF THE  
307<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**September 19, 2015**

A special meeting of the members of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc. (the "Association") was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 commencing at 9:30 a.m., at the Drury Inn and Hotel, located at 820 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, pursuant to notice duly given.

The following officers and committee chairs of the Association were present and participated in the meeting:

John	Poggi	President
Christine	Hoover	Vice President
Jim	Walsh	Treasurer
Jim	McCabe	Historian
Jack	Palmer	Parliamentarian

Mr. Poggi presided and Mr. Palmer served as parliamentarian. Laurie Kendall, Secretary of the Association, was unable to attend due to conflicting obligations; Ms. Hoover recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**Welcome and introductions**

Mr. Poggi welcomed the members, guests and friends of the Association. He then introduced the other officers and Board members.

**Meeting formalities: notice, quorum and members entitled to vote**

Mr. Poggi noted that this is a special meeting of the Association, for which notice was given pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the ByLaws, by email transmitted to all members with email accounts on August 15, 2015; and by postal mail, deposited on August 17, 2015 with the U.S. Postal Service, to all members for whom the Association did not have an email address.

Those entitled to vote at the meeting are Principal Members (members of 307<sup>th</sup> during and after WW II, and those related by marriage, descent or adoption); Associate Members, interested in the history of the 307th BG; and anyone formally granted honorary membership (*see* ByLaws, Art. IV, secs. 1 and 2).

The president called the meeting to order, established that all present were current, paid members of the Association, and confirmed that the voting members in attendance constituted a quorum (*see* ByLaws, Art. VII, sec. 3).

### **1. Approval of minutes of 2014 general meeting in Santa Fe**

Copies of the minutes of the 2014 meeting, held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, were available to Members. The president asked if there were any proposed additions or corrections to the 2014 minutes; none were offered. Upon resolution made by Dale Strickland and seconded by Dottie Kendall, it was unanimously

*RESOLVED*, that the minutes of the meeting of the Association held September 20, 2014 are approved as submitted.

### **2. Ratification and approval of membership dues**

The first order of business was approval of the schedule of annual member dues. In recent years the Association has introduced a tiered dues structure, with different rates for individuals, couples and families; and experimented with discounts for special situations. Under the Association's ByLaws, it is appropriate for the membership to approve the dues structure. The officers discussed how dues help the Association, and some of the administrative expenses funded by dues payments.

After discussion, and upon motion by Ben Waldo and seconded by Dale Strickland, it was unanimously

*RESOLVED*, that the Members of the Association approve the structure of annual dues in the amounts of \$35 for an individual, \$60 for a couple and \$90 for a family (up to five members; free for children under 12); and

*RESOLVED*, that the minutes of the meeting of the Association held September 20, 2014 are approved as submitted.



**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that officers of the Association are authorized in their reasonable discretion to modify the dues schedule to better meet the needs of the Association, subject to member ratification at the following meeting of the membership..

**3. Status report: project to change status to 501(c)(3) corporation**

Mr. Poggi reported that, following the authorization granted at the 2014 meeting, the officers had conducted further research on how to convert the Association from its current status as a veterans' group to the general charitable status of a 501(c) (3) corporation. Ms. Kendall has prepared initial drafts of required filings; Mr. Walsh reported that filing expenses of approximately \$400 would be expected.

The primary benefits of the re-filing would be to increase the range of charitable and educational activities in which the Association could engage, and facilitate fundraising on a tax-deductible basis.

The Association's officers intend to move forward with this project in 2016.

**4. Selection of site for 2016 reunion and general meeting**

The consensus of the members was that the 2015 New Orleans meeting, including the programs at the National World War II Museum a Friday hospitality session with World War II veterans of the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force Association, had been a success.

Several regions were discussed as possible candidates for the 2016 reunion. Members expressed interest in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Reston, Virginia; Mr. Poggi mentioned that the 13<sup>th</sup> was planning to meet in Dayton, Ohio, which several members recalled as a successful prior reunion of the 307<sup>th</sup>; mention was made of a possible West Coast venue. Jim and Greta Walsh volunteered to host in the Nashville, Tennessee area, which was received enthusiastically.

With respect to time of year, several members supported a July-August date, as opposed to the traditional September or October gathering, to facilitate greater participation by families with school-age children. Different points of view were expressed, including possible pricing factors that would vary by date.

Other topics discussed included activities to invite other veterans of the World War II Air Corps, and possibly other services, to subsequent reunions.

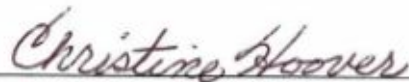
The president suggested that as an alternative to the past practice of calling an immediate vote on the next reunion site, the members could authorize the officers to conduct further research, invite input from members not present in New Orleans, and communicate a decision to the membership in the following months.

After discussion, and upon motion made by Milt Potee and duly seconded, the following resolution was approved:

***RESOLVED***, that the board of directors and officers of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc. are authorized and directed to research and investigate alternative cities and dates, giving due consideration to such factors as location, pricing and regional attractions; and then to select and report to the membership the venue and dates for the Association's 2016 reunion and meeting.

At approximately 10:35 a.m., there being no further business, the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christine Hoover", is written over a horizontal line.

Christine Hoover  
Vice President; Acting Secretary



Business Meeting to Elect Officers of the 307<sup>th</sup> BG Association;  
Report of the 2016 Nominating Committee

June 24, 2016

A business meeting of 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association will be held at our Nashville reunion on Saturday morning, August 13, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Nashville Airport.

**Election of officers at business meeting**

An important purpose of the business meeting is to elect the four officers who will constitute the Board of the Association for the next two years. Notice of the meeting was given to members at least 120 days in advance, in our February newsletter, as provided in our By-laws (Article VII, Sec. 1).

**Nomination of officers**

The four officers to be elected at the meeting on August 13 are:

*President:* Principal officer of the Association, presides at meetings of the Association, appoints committee Chairs, and organizes appropriate communications to members

*Vice President:* Automatically fills a vacancy in the office of president, participates in all Board meetings and functions, and performs other duties as appropriate

*Secretary:* Responsible for keeping records of meetings of the Board and membership, and maintaining correspondence files and important documents and records

*Treasurer:* Maintains records of all dues and other receipts, disburses authorized expenditures and prepares the budget and other financial projections as may be requested by the Board



On March 24, 2016, the President appointed a committee to propose candidates for the Association's elective offices. The five members of the Nominating Committee were:

Christine Hoover, Vice President, Chair of Committee  
Laurie Kendall, Secretary  
Jack Palmer, Parliamentarian  
Milt Potee, Member  
Jim Walsh, Treasurer and Past President

After numerous interviews and meetings, the Nominating Committee has identified four members who (a) were nominated by other members, and (b) indicated a willingness to serve in one or more officer positions for the 2016-2018 term. At the date of this report, the current nominees, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Debbie Drake  
Laurie Kendall  
Greta Walsh  
Jim Walsh

Any Member of the Association may propose additional nominations at the business meeting, and the election will be by written ballot where there are multiple nominations for any officer role. The requirements to be elected an officer of the Association are (1) current dues-paying membership, (2) nomination by another Member, and (3) election at the meeting.

**Can't attend the meeting? Contact the Secretary about proxy voting**

Our By-Laws permit voting by proxy. If you cannot attend the August 13 business meeting but wish to nominate a candidate for officer, cast a vote, or authorize another member to vote on your behalf, please contact our Secretary, Laurie Kendall, at [lak1204@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lak1204@sbcglobal.net).



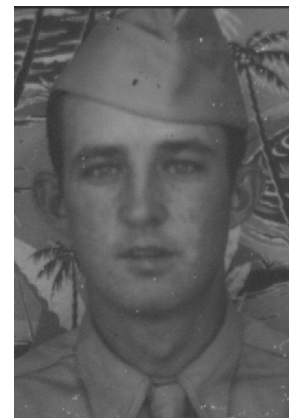
## **Special Announcement. An easy request for help!**

The Nashville Banquet Theme

**"A Glimpse at the Past and a Gaze into the Future"** is under development, and we can use your help.

Please select your favorite photo of your veteran (or yourself, if you are the veteran), taken while serving our country. The younger, the better!

Here are a few samples! Can you identify these dashing young men?



Send your photo, via e-Mail to:

[member.services@307bg.net](mailto:member.services@307bg.net)

**Subject line— Veteran Photos**

**Include your veteran's name.**

**Thanks**

Hey Y'all,

Sadly, this will be the first 307th BG reunion that I will miss, in a very long time. This year, personal and work commitments have interrupted plans to attend my most heart warming annual event.



Over the years, and especially since I accepted the office of Vice President in 2012, I have been blessed to have such close contact with the remaining veterans and family members of the 307th. I remember the days when our veterans outnumbered the guests and the boys always had a great time. Time certainly has a way of changing things in our lives.

My heart swells as I watch the numbers of attending veterans diminish, finding it hard to accept the inevitable. I hold each and every one of these special men in an equally special part of my heart. At the same time, I revel in my relationships with family members who, like myself, continue to celebrate the heroism, commitment and service to country of their fathers, grandfathers and uncles who have long passed.

Knowing how deeply committed the family members of our veterans are to sustaining the memories of our fathers sends a settling vibration through me, reminding me of my own commitment to my Dad and his legacy of service to his country.

To quote Nicholas Carr, the author of 'The Shallows' and 'The Glass Cage,' "We tend to think of memory as a purely mental phenomenon, something ethereal that goes on inside our minds. That's a misperception. Scientists are discovering that our senses and even our emotions play important roles in recollection and remembrance."

I will miss this upcoming reunion most regretfully. I urge you to call upon your emotions and sense of 'family' to continue to attend and support the remaining veterans of our group in Nashville. The task to keep the 307th BG Association alive and growing into the future remains the responsibility of our family members. All of us!

Enjoy Nashville,

  
Christine Hoover



## A Letter From our President

### A glimpse into the past, and a gaze into the future!



Dear members, family and friends of the 307th BG Association,  
The theme of our August 10-14 reunion in Nashville is “A Glimpse into the Past, and a Gaze into the Future.” Consistent with that theme, I thought I would share a few thoughts on the past, present and future of our Association.

### Saluting the past: our honored veterans of the Pacific War

The observant reader may notice that the picture above is not me. It is a photograph of Lt. Jack Poggi, my father, taken in 1945 after he had completed 40 combat missions as a pilot in the 307th Bombardment Group. When we gather in Nashville, we will celebrate the veterans who are in our midst, and commemorate those who, while perhaps not seated at the banquet table, are always with us in spirit.

### Continuing the tradition:

Recent accomplishments, and changing the guard. As the two-year term of your current group of officers draws to a close, we can point to several areas where the Association has made noteworthy strides to prepare for its future. Among the key players responsible for these accomplishments are:

**Don Calarco**, the tireless director of Member Services and Past President, who has greatly enhanced the Association’s website, newsletter, financial software, PX services and database management;

**Jim McCabe**, our invaluable Historian, who continues to amaze members new and old by his mastery of our archives, and sets a standard in research and responsiveness that is the envy of every other veterans’ group we encounter;

**Jack Palmer**, Historian and 424th aircraft commander, who has spearheaded efforts to build and maintain bridges with related veterans’ groups (and keep our parliamentary procedure within acceptable norms!);



**Jim Walsh**, Treasurer and Past President, who has implemented valuable improvements in upgrading our financial reporting, and provides a vital link to the Association's institutional past;

**Laurie Kendall**, Secretary, who has brought a renewed rigor to our corporate record keeping, and patiently managed the process of transitioning our tax status from 501(c)(19) to 501(c)(3); and

**Christine Hoover**, Vice President, the indispensable facilitator and workhorse who has diligently assumed any task requiring attention, and always steadfastly helped us focus on the core values and purpose of the Association.

Less than two months from now, an important function of the Nashville reunion will be the "changing of the guard." At the Saturday business meeting of the Association we will elect our officers for the next two years. Several nominations are in hand, but all members are encouraged to volunteer to stand for election, or to nominate other capable candidates at the meeting. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a report on the election and the work of the Nominating Committee, together with an invitation to members who cannot attend in person to investigate the possibility of voting by proxy.

### **... and a gaze into the future**

One of our rewarding experiences in recent years has been reestablishing a connection with our present-day U.S. Air Force counterparts, the 307th Bomb Wing headquartered at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. The Bomb Wing is planning a gala reunion to begin March 29, 2017 in Shreveport, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1942 founding of the 307th . This is shaping up as a great event, with a special welcome extended to the 307th Bomb Group Association and the "families of heroes." More on that later!

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

*John*

John Poggi

President, 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association





## and The Newsletter / Video Archive

**This News Bears Repeating.**



Yes indeed! The 307th BGA has a Facebook Page, and everyone is welcome to stop by, upload some photos, post a few stories and start communicating with fellow members, family members and guests.

Click [HERE](#) to open Facebook!

Or, just search [ [The Long Rangers - WWII Heroes of the Pacific](#) ] on Facebook.

Oh! And don't forget to **"LIKE"** the page!

OK! When's the last time you stopped by the [Newsletter Archive](#)?

<http://www.307bg.net/Newsletters/index.asp>

You now have a calendar list of past newsletters along with the addition of Videos, taken and submitted by members and guests from past 307th Reunions.

A lot of work went in to building these pages (actually, it was more fun than work) and there is a lot to see.

You don't have to miss out on anything! **Stop by soon.**





## Checklist for Nashville:

### 1. Are you planning on driving in?

Awesome! Please send a brief email to let us know your route and plans.

Send to: [member.services@307thbg.net](mailto:member.services@307thbg.net).

Also, if you are planning on driving through Delaware on I-90, just North of the Maryland border, and you need an overnight pit stop, contact Roxanne Gadaingan at the Red Roof Inn. 302-368-8521, 1119 S. College Ave - Newark, DE 19713. Mention the 307th BG. Free Parking at the Airport Holiday Inn.

### 2. Flying in? Be sure to arrange your transfer to the Holiday Inn Nashville Airport.

Here's an update on Transfers and Shuttles.

**Option One:** There is a FREE Holiday Inn Shuttle that runs from 4:00AM until Midnight, each day. And picks up every hour on the hour.

**Option Two:** Uber, Lyft and Taxi's are available if you prefer a personal driver.

### 3. Need another hotel room? Inviting a few friends or family?

We have a non-negotiable deadline for reservations. All guests must be registered by July 1st to receive our Group Discount rate.

Call the Group Reservation Desk at: [866-871-1171](tel:866-871-1171). Be sure to mention the 307th Bombardment Group. Rates are \$115 per night (Single or Double)

### 4. Please double check your arrangements.

Have you registered for the reunion AND reserved your room at the Holiday Inn? We have noticed some hotel rooms reserved for members whom have not registered for the reunion. Be sure you are reserved for all activities and functions.

