

*NEWS LETTER*

*307<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)*

*ASSOCIATION, INC.*

*JULY, 2005*

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## **A Word from Association President Jim Walsh**

Well again, I just wanted to say thank you to all who assisted me in putting together the reunion last August in Nashville. Cathy and David Daniel, Alissa Stables, Jim and Dottie Kendall, C.E. Jordan and family as well as a host of others. A special thanks goes to Sandy Ambrogi for putting together the Green's Grocery night. It was just too much fun. We all had a great time with the exception of the busses getting lost. I must apologize for this and tell you that we definitely did not pay for that trip. I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed the OpryLand Hotel, it was larger than we were expected it to be, but overall a very beautiful place to have our reunion.

Our next reunion has been set to go off August 2006 in Seattle Washington. Thanks to Greg Babinski for working so hard to put this together for us. He has a host of things planned and it is shaping up very well. This one should be a great time for all.

I also regret the fact that we had to announce to the group that Cena Marsh has been requested to step down by the board of directors. Cena and Walt served this group faithfully for many many years and we are saddened to have to ask her to step down. I want the entire group to understand the underlying circumstances, but this is just not the forum to do that. I want to wish Cena a wonderful life and I sincerely hope that she will continue to join us at many reunions to follow. Cena is a life member of the association and will not be required to pay dues. We will miss Cena's many talents and involvement with this organization. Cena, I personally wish to thank you for the care and love that you have put into this group.

Since Cena's departure, we are desperately searching for someone to step up as our treasurer for the group. We have had a temporary serving in this position and want to fill it for the next year with someone permanent. If you wish to help out with this function, I would certainly appreciate it. We will not turndown a single volunteer. This job is very important, but I must say that it is not very difficult to do. The person for this job does not have to be an accountant to do it. Please forward any comments to me personally.

It has been a great year so far and now we are looking toward a new year to come. We have had many new members join the group and we have started advertising the group in many of the papers and magazines across the country. I am hopeful that we can continue to grow this membership and have this unit prosper as it did in the past. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the reunion in Seattle. Until then I bid you a farewell.

Jim Walsh  
3137 Winberry Drive  
Franklin, Tn 37064



## *From Your Secretary:*

### *Hello Friends!*

*This has been a challenge for me getting this newsletter together. I hope you find it acceptable. I would like to include more personal stories of our members. I am including a blank sheet in each newsletter for you to write down what is going on with you. Jot something down and I will include it in the next issue. Please keep me informed of any news you receive on other members so that I may keep everyone informed. Thank you to all of you for filling out the information sheets and getting them back to me. I am working on a new roster and will get them out as soon as I can. Please bear with me I am a new Nanny and I have to get in that love and spoil time also. I have included a corrected page for the By-Laws, please replace the one you have with this one. We had a founding members name misspelled and I believe we owe him the respect to correct it. If you have any concerns or suggestions for me please let me hear from you. I am here to serve you and it is my complete pleasure to do so.*

*Cathy Daniel*

### *From One Of Our Own*

#### *The Bare Facts*

*Some folks live on the plus side  
But most are way behind  
The final days are different  
Mother Nature is more kind*

*There are wealthy, champs and royals  
When they die some folks will mourn  
But when they finally leave this world  
They're as naked as they were born.*

*Rock Daigle*

## *The following article was sent to me by one of our members:*

**DEAR ABBY:** Would you please help us to inform the many elderly widows and widowers of retired or honorably separated military officers that they are eligible to live at Air Force Village I in San Antonio, Texas?

Most believe, incorrectly, that since their military spouse is no longer alive, they are therefore not eligible to live in the Villages. The Villages are three retirement communities in San Antonio whose primary purpose is to care for surviving officer spouses of all branches of the service who need a secure, comfortable and dignified place to live.

Further, we have a Fellowship Fund that can help meet the financial needs of widow(ers) of retired Air Force officers who do not have adequate financial resources to cover their living or health-care expenses. Our foundation is proud to say that no other-wise qualified widow or widower is ever turned away due to inability to pay. The identity of the people who receive assistance is kept strictly confidential.

Thank you, Abby, for helping us get the word to these eligible folks. — JACK BARBEAU, COL. (RET.), AIR FORCE VILLAGE FOUNDATION 1-800-762-1122

### *From Member Raymond Galloway:*

*My military service started by serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Signal Bn. with the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Corp. Applied for Cadets after a year and a half and was accepted. Class was washed out, then went to radio School at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Aerial Gunnery school at Yuma, Arizona. Was assigned to be on B-24's at Lincoln, Nebraska. Took training at Gowen Field, Boise, ID.*

### *From member Greg Babinski about his father Walter A. Babinski:*

*Activity During WWII: B-24 Ball Turrett Gunner. Entered service January, 1943. Trained at St. Petersburg and Clearwater, FL., Salt Lake City, Harvard, NB, Biloxi, MS, Laredo and Eagle Pass, TX, and Muroc, CA until March, 1944. In April, 1944 he was sent to Guadalcanal. Served with the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force: 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, 424<sup>th</sup> Squadron in the Southwest Pacific from April 1944 to March 1945. Based at Los Negros,*



*Wakde, Noemfoor and Morotai with the 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, He flew 42 Combat missions to Rabul, Truk, Yap, Palau, Balikpapan, Tarakan and the Philippine Islands. Returned to the U.S. in April 1945 and was Discharged in June, 1945.*

*UPDATE: Mary Ann Qualia*

*Dear Team Members*

*Today, March 25<sup>th</sup> marks the one year anniversary of my Stem Cell Transplant. Each and every one of you played a part in my recovery, that's why you are all Team Members. Every prayer was felt, every thought was appreciated. Every visit, every call, and every card was cherished. I will never forget what each and everyone of you did for me. I congratulate myself for this accomplishment and I Thank You ALL for helping me through this most difficult time. Sent with Heaps of Love For you all. Mary Ann Qualia*

*People often ask me how I was able to go through the Transplant. The answer is that I relinquished all control, which is difficult to describe. I then read this story and I realized that it tells all.*

#### *Dancing With God*

*When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One*

*gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other. As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer for you today is that God's blessing and mercies be upon you on this day and everyday. May you abide in God as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life. If God has done anything for you in your life, please share this message with someone else, for prayer is one of the best gifts we can receive. There is no cost but lots of rewards: so let's continue to pray for one another. And I Hope You Dance!*  
*Bone Marrow Biopsy Report*

*I just received a call from MD Anderson letting me know my Bone Marrow Biopsy Report. It is NEGATIVE and CANCER FREE! I was thrilled beyond belief and OH SOOO relieved. My counts have been going down and until we received the biopsy report, we really couldn't speculate on why. Now we think it is because I have been on photo-phoresis for so long. We are backing off of the number of treatments. I am making my own antibodies which is great news. I cannot get my inoculations until I have been off all immuno-suppressants for 6 months. That includes the tarco, prednisone and the photo-phoresis. So I still have to be very careful and avoid ill people and children. Thank you everyone for your undying support.*



*The following members have paid their dues for the current year. If your name does not appear and you feel that it should, please contact Cathy Daniel with the information so she can check on the status of your payment.*

1. Robert Acton
2. Harold Arbogast
3. Lester Arnold
4. Ike Ayala
5. Norman Amtower
6. Everett Anderson
7. Tom Ayala
8. Theodore Alisantrino
9. Clarence Atkinson
10. Greg Babinski
11. Dorothy Babinski
12. Zachary Ballenger
13. Adam Baltowski
14. Art Barker
15. Richard Barratt
16. Stanley Batten
17. Albert Bauer, Sr.
18. Howard Beade
19. William Becker
20. Guy Bensinger, Jr.
21. William Beck
22. Robert Black
23. Wally Blankenship
24. Vernon Boldrey
25. Elwood Burgess
26. Bob Bonham
27. Charles Boulanger
28. William Bowles
29. Cindy Brown
30. Carl Buskness
31. Melville C. Brown
32. William P. Brown
33. Lloyd Brownell
34. Jane Buchanan
35. W. Burtard
36. John Bush
37. Charles Byrd
38. Gerald Burns
39. Alfred Bertin

40. Annice Blackman
41. William Blair
42. Norman Bell
43. Gaines Boone
44. George Boyer
45. Frances Burtchaell
46. Guy Cain
47. Dominic Calarco
48. Norman Carlisle
49. Paul Carlisle
50. Wesley Carroll
51. Nicholas Chomiak
52. Richard Clarke
53. Willard Clary
54. Edward Cooper
55. Wayne Cooper
56. L. E. Corron
57. Edward Cosgrove
58. Robert Connell
59. Francis Craven
60. Donald Clifford
61. Marlin Correll
62. Robert Chudzinski
63. Sharon Edwards Connor
64. Murray Cotter
65. Steven Cablk
66. James Chafin
67. Harry Coggins
68. John Daly
69. Cathy Daniel
70. David Daniel
71. Ralph Daniel
72. John Davis
73. Rober DeRosa
74. Carol Dirnbauer
75. Urban Dohogne
76. Kent Dover
77. Arthur Downs
78. Harry Dresser
79. Harley Drollinger
80. Howard Durst
81. George Davis
82. Burns Downey
83. Louie Daniels
84. Rock Daigle
85. Frank Dennis

86. *Eugene Dezmelyk*
87. *William Dodd*
88. *Tommy Doyle*
89. *A. J. Evans*
90. *Harry Ekizian*
91. *Early Ewing*
92. *Ralph Edwards*
93. *Carrol Faist*
94. *William Fawcett*
95. *James Fielding*
96. *Bernadine Fitzgerald*
97. *Kevin Fitzgerald*
98. *Thomas Fleck*
99. *John Folawn*
100. *James Frazier*



*Members that have paid dues (Cont)*

100. Allen Freauff
101. Harris Freye
102. Thomas French
103. Burt Frank
104. Ed Farley
105. Berly Fulmer
106. Leonard Gallagher, Jr.
107. Ray Galloway
108. Fernando Gorza
109. Thomas Geary
110. Robert Gieger
111. Richard Geshay
112. Robert Giannini
113. Albert Gill
114. Sidney Gluglover
115. Herman Goldhagen
116. David Goodson
117. Norman Gordon
118. Edward Gray
119. D. J. Grayson
120. George Green
121. Vern Greenwood
122. William Grisaitis
123. Alan Guild
124. Charles Goulding
125. James Gibbs
126. John Goodin
127. Marion Greene
128. Tuck Gudger
129. Melvin Groepel
130. Diane Grochowski
131. William Greenberg
132. Lewis Hackley
133. Alfred Haggerty
134. Carlton Haglund
135. Edward Hall
136. Elvin Hamner
137. Thomas Harris, Jr.
138. Mahlon Hanson
139. Bill Henderson
140. Janet Hepfer
141. Raymond Hill
142. Ora Hillary
143. Sally Hohensee
144. David Howells
145. Bill Helms
146. Walter Henry
147. LeRay Hensley
148. Edwin Hicklin
149. Leo Hinchey
150. William D. Holston
151. William O. Holston
152. Carter W. Holston
153. William O. Holston, Jr.
154. Maurice Harmon
155. Delbert Hostetler
156. Christine Hoover
157. John Horoschak, Jr.
158. August Horvath
159. Harry Hughes
160. Willard Huyck
161. Max Hentz
162. William Holt, Sr.
163. Charles Hunigan
164. Tom Haslam
165. Chris Jackson
166. Milt Jeffs
167. James Jelley
168. Barnard Jennings
169. Fred Johnson
170. Clyde Johnson
171. Leighton Johnston
172. Richard Johnson
173. Robert Jones
174. Sara Jones
175. Claude Jordan
176. Alfred Jose
177. Ed Jurkens
178. Fred Kaestner
179. Robert Kahl
180. Walter Kirstien
181. Frank Klein
182. Alvin Kuehn
183. Loran Kyle
184. Dottie Kendall
185. James Kendall
186. Alfred Klein
187. Charles Kilgore
188. John Lacy
189. Major Landes

190. *Max Light*
191. *Bruce Lightner*
192. *Alfred Lipusch*
193. *Richard Lopes*
194. *Bill Lord*
195. *Melvin Love*
196. *Aubrey Lovegrove*
197. *Chester Lovely*
198. *Charles Lusk*
199. *Robert Lundy*
200. *Leonard Lystad*
201. *Joseph Love*
202. *Robert Lynch*
203. *William Larsen*
204. *Charles Rex Lewis*
205. *Jack Mansell*
206. *Dan MacDonald*
207. *James Mahoney*
208. *William Manly*
209. *Seymour Mann*
210. *Leslie Martin*
211. *Lyman Matheson*
212. *Jim McCloskey*
213. *John McKay*
214. *James McCluskey*
215. *Jerome McLaughlin*
216. *John McLoraine*
217. *S. Lionel McMurray*
218. *Evelyn Menovich*
219. *Charles Mertell*
220. *Vernon Millbrook*
221. *Gary Mineo*
222. *Arthur Monohan*
223. *Bill Moody*
224. *Donald Moore*
225. *John Morrison*
226. *Julie Moss*
227. *Vernon Mrak*
228. *Ernest Magee*
229. *Acie Matthews*
230. *S. L. McMurray*
231. *Allan McGlaun*
232. *William Mesh*
233. *Earl McGuire*
234. *Mary Maeder*
235. *Dorothy Meyers*
236. *David Matthews*
237. *William Martin*
238. *George McCaughrean*
239. *Ed McDevitt*
240. *Lloyd McKee*
241. *Ward McPherson*
242. *Leo Mitchell*
243. *Ray Mitchell*
244. *William Monica*
245. *Christina Burtchaell Manning*
246. *Robert Merz*
247. *George Nelson*
248. *Glenn Norwood*
249. *Charles Newell*
250. *Donald Nigro*
251. *Warren Nelson*
252. *Allen Novak*
253. *Frank Olsen*
254. *Sheridan Ostrander*
255. *Richard Paul*
256. *Kurt Patzlaff*
257. *Thomas Pelle*
258. *Walter Pierson*
259. *Milt Potee*
260. *Mary Ptak*
261. *Willard Pueppke*
262. *Loran Patten*
263. *Francis Parik*
264. *John Palmer*
265. *Grace Pickett*
266. *Ray Pruett*
267. *Curt Pruett*
268. *Benjamin Pelton*
269. *Margaret Poulos*
270. *Phillip Pagano*
271. *Byron Peebles*
272. *Phoebe Perry*
273. *Charles Qualia*
274. *Albert Rigati*
275. *Adrian Randle*
276. *Carl Rank*
277. *John Ralph*
278. *Charles Rathjen*
279. *Robert Raya*
280. *James Raysor*
281. *Harold Reeves*



282. *Fred Replensik*  
283. *John Reeves*  
284. *Richard Reis*  
285. *Elvin Reamy*  
286. *Carl Richter*  
287. *Bill Rogister*  
288. *Richard Rose*  
289. *David Roszel*  
290. *C. Ray Rutledge*  
291. *Ralph Ricket*  
292. *Blair Rumble*  
293. *Patrick Ranfranz*  
294. *Robert Robinson*  
295. *Richard Robinson*  
296. *Dale Rodwick*  
297. *Larry Sams*  
298. *Arthur Schmidt*  
299. *Raymond Schreiner*  
300. *Roger Schreiner*  
301. *Dennis Schulze*  
302. *Glen Scott*  
303. *Paul Seymour*  
304. *James Shea*  
305. *Jacob Shoifet*  
306. *Louis Sigel*  
307. *Clyde Simmons*  
308. *Daniel Sis*  
309. *Gus Skidas*  
310. *Marjorie Sloan*  
311. *Donald Smith*  
312. *Lewis Smith*  
313. *Don Somers*  
314. *Frances Steckel*  
315. *Paul Stepp*  
316. *Harry Sterkel*  
317. *Willard Strain*  
318. *William Stuckey*  
319. *Jackson B. Sneed*  
320. *George Sheehan*  
321. *Everett Somerville*  
322. *William Springer*  
323. *Bruce Swenson*  
324. *Raymond Salmon*  
325. *John Schaefer*  
326. *William Selzer*  
327. *Charles Sherrer*

328. *Samuel Sosa*  
329. *Richard Stephen*  
330. *Alissa Stables*  
331. *Harry Talbot*  
332. *Cyril Tansey*  
333. *Robert Taylor*  
334. *Helen Teichman*  
335. *Archie Thomas*  
336. *Harold Thomas*  
337. *Pollard Thomasson*  
338. *Rudolph Thoreson*  
339. *A. J. Toon*  
340. *Walter Trost*  
341. *Joseph Tosheff*  
342. *Charles Twitty*  
343. *John Vanderpoel*  
344. *Eugene Vogt*  
345. *Elmer Vogel*  
346. *Tim Violand*  
347. *Walter Violand*  
348. *Benjamin Waldo*  
349. *James G. Walsh*  
350. *James V. Walsh*  
351. *Clyde Ward*  
352. *Raymond E. Watson*  
353. *William J. Watson, Jr.*  
354. *John Weatherford, Jr.*  
355. *Jerry Wells*  
356. *Robert Wingert*  
357. *Bill Wettengel*  
358. *Forrest Wilcox*  
359. *Malcolm Willard*  
360. *Herbert "Tex" Williams*  
361. *Eiband Wilhusen*  
362. *William Wise*  
363. *Clyde Wooten*  
364. *Harvey Woodward*  
365. *Michael Woyciesjes*  
366. *Wayne Wuertz*  
367. *Charles Wales*  
368. *Henry Wolf*  
369. *Phil Watson (pd. 2 yrs)*  
370. *Laurel Ann Wiese*  
371. *Vera Wilson*  
372. *John Weatherford*  
373. *Harvey Woodward*

374. John A. Wright  
375. H. Gail Wilson  
376. Don Youngmark  
377. Vera Yushak

## **LAPS**

The days slip b and we receive notice of "Old Friends" who have taken the last flight. To the families of these friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

James E. Allen 1996  
Harry Plummner 1994  
Alois Mandl 11-22-2003  
Lee R. Dukes 12-23-2004  
George Booker 08-01-2004  
Spencer L. Burke 11-2004  
Lawrence Ward 03-04-2005  
Gordon Pearson 01-06-2005  
Mary Greer widow of David H. Greer  
Margery Johnson widow of Hedley A. Johnson  
Henry H. Fournier 05-08-2003  
Seymour Siegel  
Thad Brannon 03-13-2005  
Wayne Slade 02-17-2004  
Henry A Gottleber 10-20-2004  
Jack Newland 01-30-2005  
Gordon Scott  
Minnie Scott

Ferd Decker  
Donald V. Riswick 04-01-2005  
William F. Brenizer 10-09-1999  
David E. Zellmer 08-28-2004  
Joseph I. Kosowsky 04-2004  
Frank O'Connell 11-2004  
Elizabeth Billings 11-30-2004  
John Brockman 11-27-2001  
Roy Buchleiter 1994  
Harvey P. Kridler 09-30-2003  
Robert A. Myers 03-10-2004  
Ralph P. Gentry 11-1997  
Mary V. Gentry 02-2005  
Richard Hage 09-2004



*The following is a list of members that we could not find by mail. If anyone knows how to get in touch with any of them, please contact a member of the board so that we may contact them again:*

*Eileen Anderson  
Claude Beckett  
Lucy Black  
Lewis P. Bowers  
Claude T. Buel  
William L. Cara  
Lorna Chivers  
Doris Eggers  
Kathleen Faris  
Glenn Gatenby  
Dale Greninger  
Donald O. Harrison  
Kathryn Ann Holfeltz  
Orville K. Iverson  
Howard B. Johnson  
Bernice Longmoor  
Kenneth H. Loving*

*Warren W. MacKenzie  
James A. Meehan  
Leon L. Mueller  
Clifford G. Neve  
John M. Nowell  
Leonard W. Price, Jr.  
Marie Pomraning  
Marcia Raymond  
Clark Rolf  
William A. Rodgers  
David M. Romero  
Alan D. Sitton  
Athalene Smith  
Louis L. Vogel  
Thomas Wintringham  
Francis A. Woods*

1. The first step in the process of creating a new product is to identify a market need. This is often done through market research, which involves gathering information about the target market and its needs. Once a market need has been identified, the next step is to develop a product concept that addresses this need.

2. The second step is to develop a business plan. This involves creating a detailed financial and operational plan for the new product. The business plan should include information about the product, the market, the competition, and the financial projections. Once the business plan has been developed, the next step is to secure funding for the product. This can be done through a variety of sources, including venture capitalists, angel investors, and banks.

3. The third step is to create a prototype of the product. This involves building a small-scale version of the product that can be used to test the concept and gather feedback from potential customers. Once the prototype has been created, the next step is to conduct a pilot test. This involves selling the product to a small group of customers and gathering feedback on their experience.



# Treasurer's Report

June 2005

## Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/Under	Notes
Total income	35,412.22		35412.22 over	
Total expenses	2,239.73		2239.73 over	
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<b>33,172.49</b>		<b>33172.49 over</b>	

## Income

			Over/Under	Notes
Dues	4,075.00		4075.00 over	
Books	200.00		200.00 over	
Donations	875.00		875.00 over	
Other	30,262.22		30262.22 over	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>35,412.22</b>		<b>35412.22 over</b>	

## Expenses

Withholdings	Actual	Budgeted	Over/Under	Notes
Postage	1,130.40			
Copies	445.20			
Supplies	60.00			
Reimbursements	604.13			
<b>Total withholdings</b>	<b>2,239.73</b>		<b>2239.73 over</b>	
<b>Percent of expenses</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			

## FROM YOUR HISTORIAN

Those of you who attended the Nashville Reunion last August will remember the wall plaque honoring the late Danny Cauffiel, first president of our association and who remained president for several years. The plaque was to have been presented to Danny's widow, Wanda, but ill health prevented her attendance at the Reunion in Nashville. The plaque was shipped to her shortly thereafter and her thank-you follows:

*To the 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association:*

*Thank you so much for the lovely plaque presented in tribute to my late husband. He truly enjoyed the many years he served in the association and participating in the planning of the reunions. Thank you again for your kindness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Wanda Cauffiel and family*

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### First Report on Scannon/ BentProp 2005 visit to Palau

Tommy Doyle is the son of Jimmy Doyle, tail gunner on the 307th B-24 shot down over Palau on September 1, 1944. As he grew older Tommy felt the need to learn about his father whom he never knew. Eventually he found the 307th BG Association and through the Association, Pat Scannon and the BentProp Project. Excerpts of recent letters from Tommy and Nancy Doyle follow which describe an unexpected chain of events sure to give you "goose bumps".

Those who attended the Nashville Reunion will remember Dr. Pat Scannon's report on his 2004 trip to Palau where he located the wreckage of a B-24 bomber later proven to be the aircraft on which Tommy's father met his death. As is his custom, Dr. Scannon held a brief memorial service over the crash site during which an American flag was flown. He brought that flag home and presented it to Tommy Doyle in an emotional ceremony at the Nashville reunion. And that turned out to be only "the beginning of the story".

**Nancy Doyle's letter in February states:** *We have been so busy since Nashville. The 307th Reunion was such an awesome experience for both Tommy and me. We are so indebted to Pat and to the 307th. When we came to Nashville we were in the thick of the high school football season (Tommy is the coach) and it seemed to go on forever...all the way to the state semi-finals during the weekend before Christmas. Our son came home from the Marines for 10 days; then moved to Pensacola for flight school. We have hardly had time to catch our breath. We are looking forward to a meeting for the families of MIAs from WWII, Korea and Vietnam the end of this month. Officials from JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command) will be there to talk with families individually. Then we will meet Pat and the Bent Prop team in Palau in early March. They are going to take Tommy down to the wreckage...diving! This will be a new experience for him...what a way to begin. He is now taking SCUBA lessons.*

**And a letter in March:** *Tommy and I just returned from the trip of a lifetime. We went to Palau while Pat Scannon and the BentProp team was there. Before going, Tommy got certified in SCUBA diving. Pat and the team took Tommy diving down to his dad's B-24. It was an awe-*



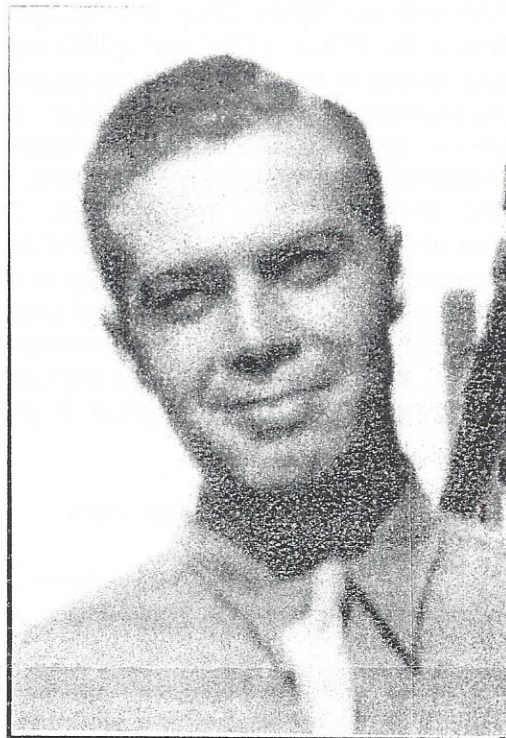
As usual there are several requests by relatives seeking information on overseas deaths of 307th personnel or similar information on relatives who returned home but never spoke about their wartime experiences.

### **S/Sgt Walter C Beaty**

We have been unable to learn more about Walter C. Beaty beyond what is covered in Newsletter 2003-2. He appears to have joined the 307th in Hawaii and later moved to the 11th Bomb Group when the 307th ground personnel moved to the South Pacific. Most flight personnel and aircraft in the 371st and 372nd transferred to the 11th BG and remained in Hawaii. Hopefully the pictures on this page will jog some memories. At right is a wartime photo of Walter Beaty. Below is a snapshot Beaty sent from overseas to his family. The family thinks it was taken in Hawaii between November '42 and May '43. They hope someone will recognize the locale of the picture and identify the three men. Perhaps one of the three men was Beaty's crew pilot or co-pilot at the time?

If you recognize Walter Beaty or any of the three men pictured below, and are able to provide any information, please notify your historian and contact grandson, Colin Beaty, via email in Australia at:

**colin123@iprimus.com.au**





## S/Sgt Sidney Cohen

A letter from Debbie Collins asks for help in locating air crew members who served in the AAF with her father, S/Sgt Sidney Cohen. He flew in the 371st, 372nd and 424th squadrons and seems to have flown as tail gunner on the Holmes crew for part of his tour. Debbie names several possible crew members:

Kettenbach, Weilbacher, Tom White, Zderco, Bird, Marshall, Dowie and Camden. Cohen died of a heart attack at age 42 and his daughter would like to contact any of the crew members. We have a blurry photo of the Holmes crew naming the crewmen listed above, which is why we are so confident her Dad was a member of that crew. If you can help, contact Debbie at:

[debbie.collins@ngc.com](mailto:debbie.collins@ngc.com).

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## Homer W. Faucett

We surely all remember and miss Homer W. Faucett, association member who passed away in 1997. A letter was received from Homer's grandson, Homer W. Faucett III. He writes "I am lucky that my grandmother kept an incredible scrapbook and she used to sit down with me regularly (as a young child) and tell me what she remembered. I would like to obtain more information, particularly regarding any surviving crew members. I thank you for your time and would appreciate any information you can provide me."

So, would any surviving members of the Faucett crew please contact Homer's grandson, Homer W. Faucett III. He is anxious to learn all you can remember about your WWII travels and exploits. I'm sure he would also welcome word from *anyone* who remembers the Faucett crew. Homer III's email is:

[Homer.Faucett@icemiller.com](mailto:Homer.Faucett@icemiller.com)

## Sgt. Oscar Hagen

*"My uncle, Sgt. Oscar Hagen, served with the 371st Bomb Squadron of the 307th as a radio operator for a time until he was transferred to the 11th Bomb Group. He was overseas from October 26, 1942 until June 29, 1945. I am particularly interested in what planes he may have served on and in which engagements he may have been a participant. Do you know when personnel from the 307th were transferred to the 11th BG?"*

*"In 1943 my uncle wrote to my older brother and sister that they had been named 'Mascots' of his plane and that their names (Donnie and Billie) had been painted on the plane". Thank you. Nick Hagen*

Has anyone ever seen or heard of a plane with those names on it? Any help you might provide would be greatly appreciated.

For a time early in the war two 307th squadrons were attached to the 7th AAF in Hawaii while the other two squadrons moved to the 13th AAF in the South Pacific. In early 1943 the decision was made to move the two 307th squadrons to the South Pacific to join the other two already there. This was done by redesignating the two squadrons in Hawaii as 11th Bomb Group squadrons. The flight personnel and aircraft from the two former 307th remained in Hawaii as part of the 11th Bomb Group. Only the ground personnel from these two squadrons joined the rest of the 307th in the South Pacific. It may have been logical back in 1943 but is hard to explain the move today.

We hope we can help Mr. Hagen with information regarding both his 307/11 questions and the Donnie and Billie aircraft names.

Email: [nshagen42@msn.com](mailto:nshagen42@msn.com)

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We miss you!*



## **Lt. Robert McKenzie**

*"I am trying to locate my Dad's crew from his WWII days as a bomber pilot with the 371st squadron of the 307th BG. His name is Lt. Robert McKenzie. Please let me know how I can find out about surviving members of his crew. He is such a hero daily and he loves talking about his days in the war. He will turn 80 soon and is a very proud soldier. He went on to become an Air Force Veteran, retiring as a Major after opening NORAD. Thanks for any info you can send me. My email address appears below. Sincerely, Kandace Hill*

**Kandyhill@yahoo.com**

Ed. Note: Some of us should remember Lt. McKenzie. My personal memories place a pilot named McKenzie in the 372nd squadron. Was there another pilot named McKenzie in the 371st?

## **Kenneth Dean Smith**

Steve Reynolds writes hoping for help in locating information concerning his cousin, Kenneth Dean Smith who was co-pilot of the 371st Rice crew which was shot down near Yap Island on July 5, 1944 with the loss of the entire crew. Steve has collected considerable information regarding this incident. The July 5th mission was made in two waves with the 371st and 424th squadrons bombing at about 0600 and the 370th and 372nd squadrons following at about 0800. It was hoped that this would catch Japanese interceptors on the ground. The plan was not too successful. The Rice aircraft was shot down.

Reynolds asks now if we can help locate the names of the 307th personnel who were on that mission who would correspond with him. Steve will greatly appreciate any help you can offer. Contact Steve Reynolds at:

**Floydsplace@aol.com**

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## **2nd Lt. James H. Scholl**

*"My father, James H. Scholl was a navigator stationed at Guadalcanal. He was a member of the Littlepage crew which failed to return from the mission of July 6, 1943. The plane they regularly flew, the Billie B, was grounded for repairs so they flew their final mission in a different plane which has never been found. I have been researching details about their time on Guadalcanal and also looking for details on the crew which was assigned to the Billie B in August, 1943. I have been able to locate several family members from each of the above aircrews." Jimmie Lynn Scholl Avery*

Ed Note: Other members on the Littlepage crew were: Goddard, Scholl, Conway, Justus, Dennison, Cluff, Muhlhausen, Brady and Poslandi. If you can add to this story please contact Jimmie Lynn at:

**PO Box 1066, Athens, IN 37371-1066**

**Ph: 423-745-2724**

**Email: billie.b.crew@earthlink.net**



**Greg Babinski**  
**2006 Reunion Committee: Seattle Washington**  
307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association  
May 31, 2005

**Dear 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association Members:**

Mark your calendars....the dates and hotel for the 2006 reunion of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association in Seattle, Washington are now set. We will be meeting August 23 - 27, 2006. Our location will be the beautiful Bellevue Hyatt Regency Hotel, where we have secured spacious meeting rooms, an exciting and convenient location, and an exceptional room rate for 307<sup>th</sup> BG members and their guests.

What can you expect when you come to Seattle for the Reunion in 2006? Seattle has a number of attractions that will be of particular interest to our membership. These include:

- The Museum of Flight at Boeing Field: We'll see aircraft from WWI to the Concorde, plus Air Force One and a new 'Personal Courage Wing' that focuses on the human element, like those who served with the 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group and won the war in the air from 1941 to 1945. The Museum includes a special exhibit of particular interest to all veterans of the Thirteenth Air Force.
- The Boeing Company's Everett Factory Tour: We'll tour the world's largest building and see the Boeing 747, 767, and 777 being built. Boeing of course manufactured two of the three major bomber types flown by the 307<sup>th</sup> BG during and after WWII.
- McChord Air Force Base: Home of the USAF's 62<sup>nd</sup> and 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wings, flying the giant C-17 Globemaster Transport. Our tour of the base will include a visit to their museum, lunch in the Officers' Club, and an address by the Base Public Information Office.

Seattle has a wealth of other family-oriented tourist attractions as well. A visit to the Space Needle and the adjacent Experience Music Project (Rock & Roll Museum) and the new Science Fiction Museum are key attractions. We also have Pike Place Market (see the flying fish!) and the Pioneer Square Historic District and Shopping Area, and cruises on Puget Sound or through the Chittenden Locks (busiest in the U.S.) to Lake Union (home of the house boat communities made famous by 'Sleepless in Seattle'). Mount Rainier National Park and beautiful Snoqualmie Falls are convenient day trips for those who would like to sample the best of the natural beauty of the Evergreen State.

I will be arranging convenient tours to a selection of these attractions that will make your stay in Seattle interesting and fun for your whole family. The reunion itself will of course feature the events that you all look forward to every two years: the Memorabilia Room, convenient and comfortable places to sit and talk with old friends, the Membership Meeting, Photo Session, and the Banquette on Saturday evening. And there may be one or two new features as well that will add to the experience.

**Dick Reis**, who many of you know from past reunions, lives here in Washington State as well. (My dad flew a couple missions in late '44 early '45 along with Dick from Morotai.) He has graciously volunteered to help promote the 2006 Reunion. Dick sends out his personal encouragement to you to attend along with your 307<sup>th</sup> comrades and friends here in Seattle next year.

The 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group had its World War II origins here in Washington State, at a little town called Ephrata out in the desert on the east side of the Cascade Mountains. As you and your family plan to attend the 2006 reunion, remember that the 307<sup>th</sup> will be coming home to its origins here in Washington. I guarantee that Seattle and Washington State will make you feel at home in 2006!

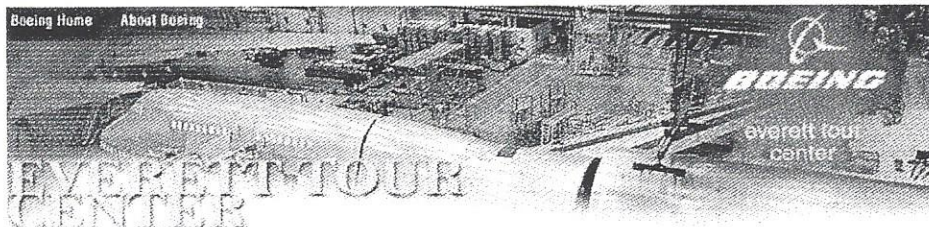
Sincerely,

**Greg Babinski**  
**2006 Reunion Chairman**  
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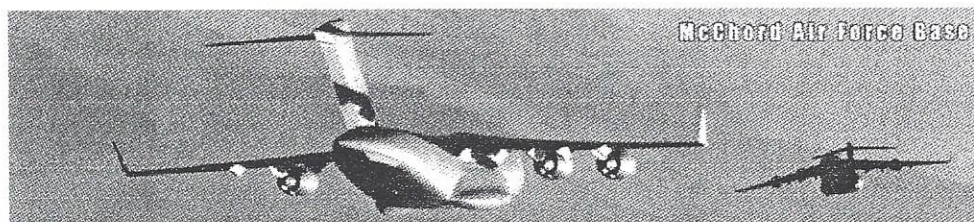




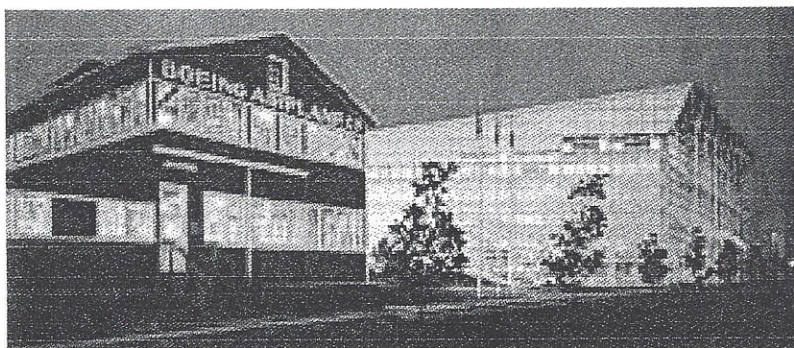
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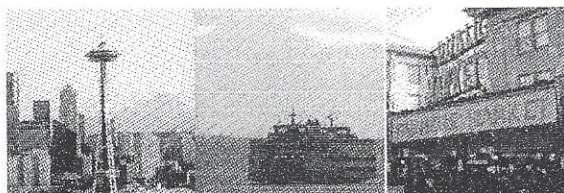
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Dear 307<sup>th</sup> BG Members:

Here is something to look for at your local post office – The USPS is to include two of the aircraft flown by the 307<sup>th</sup> BG in a new set of commemorative stamps to be issued this summer! One source I have indicates these will be issued on July 29 (to coincide with the Annual Oshkosh Air Celebration\_. See: [http://www.usps.com/communications/news/stamps/2004/sr04\\_076.htm?from=paniercommunications&page=stamps](http://www.usps.com/communications/news/stamps/2004/sr04_076.htm?from=paniercommunications&page=stamps) then scroll down.

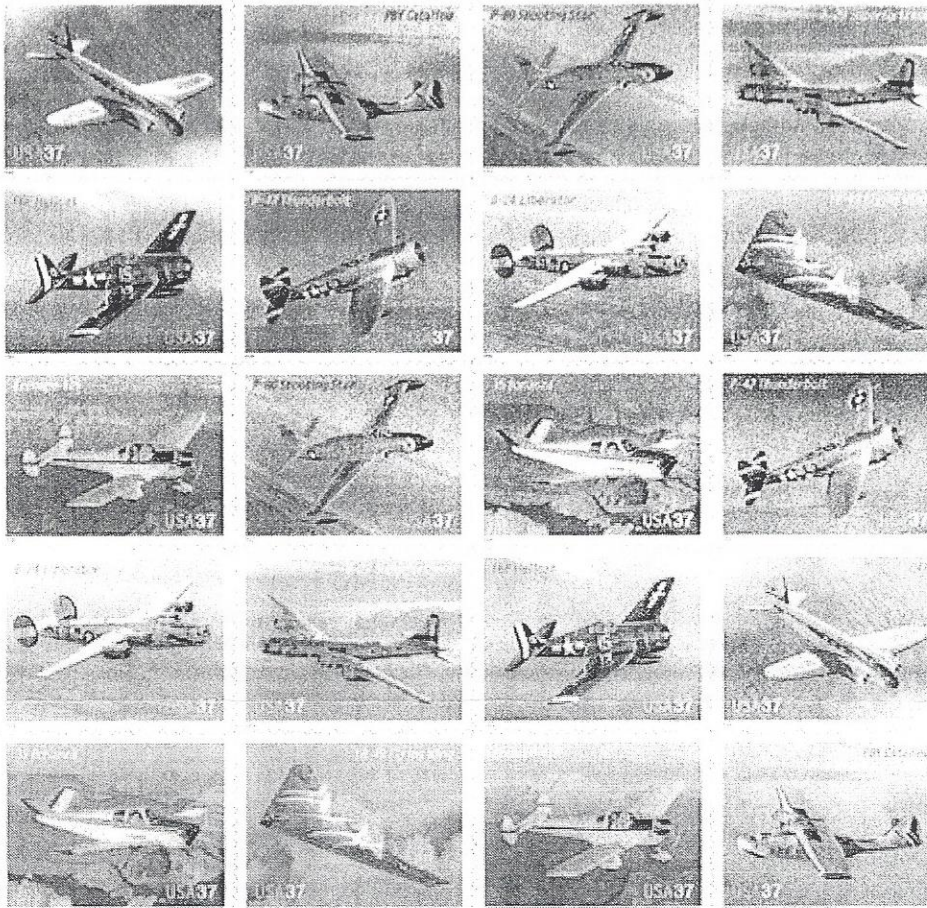
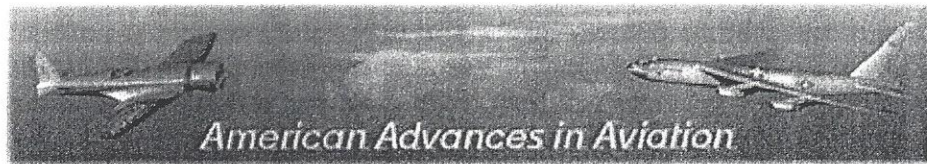
The USPS describes the set as:  
**American Advances in Aviation (10)**

A pane of twenty stamps (ten designs) entitled American Advances in Aviation build on the popular Classic American Aircraft collection issued in 1997. Aircraft chosen for this new stamp pane illustrate American innovations and technological contributions to military, commercial, and general aviation during the 1930s, '40s and '50s. The following ten aircraft are featured on stamps:

- Boeing's 247 and B-29 Superfortress;
  - Consolidated's PBY Catalina and B-24 Liberator;
  - Lockheed's P-80 Shooting Star;
  - Grumman's F6F Hellcat;
  - Republic's P-47 Thunderbolt;
  - Northrop's YB-49 Flying Wing;
  - Engineering and Research Corporation's Ercoupe 415; and
  - Beechcraft's 35 Bonanza.
- Depicted in the header illustration are the Hughes H-1 racer and Boeing's YB-52 Stratofortress.

The stamp illustrations and header design were painted by William S. Phillips, an award-winning historical aviation and landscape artist who also created the artwork for the 1997 Classic American Aircraft collection. Phillips was honored in 1986 with a one-man show of his work at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. In 1988 he was selected to be a U.S. Navy combat artist.

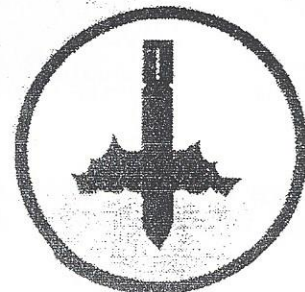
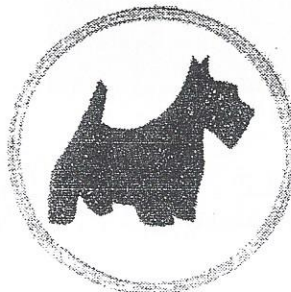
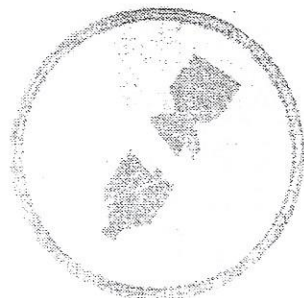








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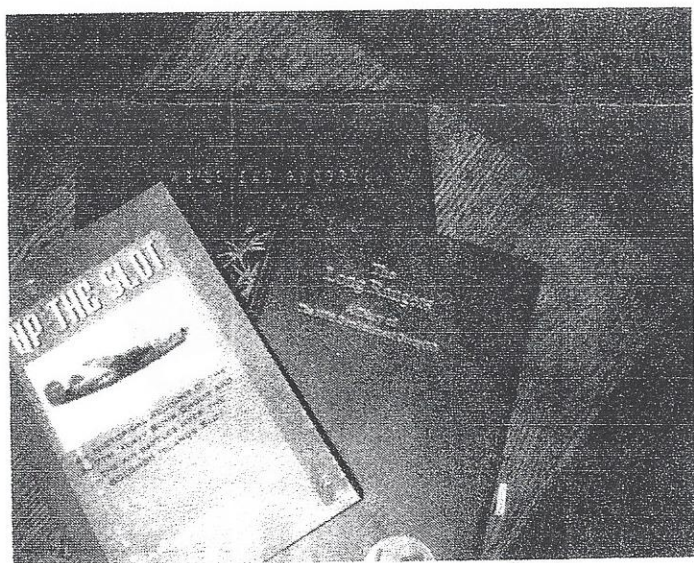
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**307th BOOKS AVAILABLE**  
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