

# Hello 307th BG Veterans and Members!



# The Indianapolis Report

Well, if you didn't make the Indianapolis reunion trip, we missed you dearly!
And you sure missed a good one. We can report that we all had a lot of laughs, learned a few things from our veterans and everyone had a great time. We met some old friends and made some new ones and we all got a whole lot closer. But, isn't that what it's all about?

A special thanks go out to our Youth Ambassadors, Luke 'Sky' Warner and Bella Rotella, for hosting the reunion. They were seen scurrying about recording interviews and video recording everything that you may have missed. Be sure to visit the 307th BG webpage to view all the videos.

http://www.307bg.net/reunion/index.asp





There's no question that Jim McCabe stole the show, by showing some of the veterans, family members and guests how easy it is to search the 307th BG Historic Archives. There wasn't a moment that the wide screen monitor didn't display a video or a lost mission report, as they worked together to search for personal detail. We can use your help getting a message out about the 307th Archives. Be sure to see the last page of this newsletter.

The debut of the Long Ranger's Show was a sure hit. Jim interviewed Jack Palmer, Lewis Smith and Ben Waldo as they told a few stories that haven't been heard before.

Ben Waldo encountered about 100 young cadets who were participating in a discipline exercise at the Indiana State Museum and he was invited to speak to them as they ate their lunch. We sure wish we could have filmed it. Ben was a hit and he looked like he had fun doing it as his daughter looked on.



## Visit the new PX Store

There are a few new items posted in the new 307th Bombardment Group PX Store Log on to the 307th BG website at [ 307bg.net ] and click on PX Store!

Here you can browse our collection of 307th Bombardment Group memorabilia like books, hats, jackets, pins, patches, bumper stickers and special services for members and guests.

You can even apply for membership or renew your membership. Do it NOW!



# Watch for some important news

About the re-activation of the 307th Bomb Group.

A trip is being planned in the spring of 2014 to Shreveport LA.

We will send more details as soon as they are available.

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## Please help us promote the 307th BG Historic Archives

As we get closer to Veteran's Day, more and more elementary and high school teachers will be focusing on Veterans and their activities during the war.

We have something that can be an exciting project for any history class, studying WWII, especially the Pacific Theater.

We need to get an email campaign out to elementary and high schools and with only a month to get it done, we can do it only with your help.

Please copy and forward the email that is posted on the next page to your children, grandchildren and great grand children, friends and associates.

Have them send the email to their school's history department, or just take a copy with them to school and deliver it personally.

If you will take just a few minutes to look up the email addresses of the schools in your community, please forward the email to as many elementary and high schools as possible.

Proceeds from this promotion will help us build a communication platform that will allow the veterans to get together as frequently as they may wish.



### Veteran's Day is soon Approaching!

#### **Greetings**

As a family member of a veteran of WWII, I am sending this email as an invitation to your school's history department to take advantage of some of the most treasured historic data about the Pacific Theater of WWII; some of which has only recently been released for public viewing

The 307th Bombardment Group was one of the first group of bomber squadrons activated in 1942 by the Army Air Corps, which later became the US Air Force.

Today the veterans of this remarkable group are proud to be in possession of an archive filled with previously [Secret] documents, mission reports, photos, videos, personal memoirs and much, much more.

Your students will have full access to explore the site and research the assets of this incredible archive.

For an annual fee of only \$75 your school and all of your students will have access to an unlimited amount of historic data, which can be read, copied and downloaded for their WWII history assignments. The Archive took thousands of hours to compile and is the only one of its kind available.

Proceeds from the subscription of our 307th Archives will benefit the remaining members of the 307th Bombardment Group and their efforts to provide as much detail about their part of WWII as possible.

Please Subscribe today— https://www.wepay.com/stores/307th-bomb-group-px-store/item/archive-full-access-annual-subscription-962771

Or visit: http://www.307bg.net

Thank you,

The Veterans of the 307th Bombardment Group - WWII



## Here's what's in the works!

#### But it is going to take some help from you!

Grand-dad or great-grand dad was surely one of our heroes, and he may not be the most computer savvy member of the family, but with a little help from you or one of your own, he can have one heck of a time visiting face-to-face with other veteran members of the 307th, 13th Air Force and more.

The proceeds from our campaign to promote the 307th Historic Archives will help us to build and maintain the first ever:

### 307th BG Video Chat Room

### Some vets will need assistance, but here's how it will work!

A Scheduler will be posted on the 307th Site. A vet will mark a few days that he will be available. As a few more vets select the same date and time, the "chat" is set.

Then, with a little help from a techie offspring to assist with logging in, they will be "On-Screen" in a live conversation. Sharing stories and keeping company, without ever leaving the comfort of their easy chair.

As we develop the site, our veterans will be able to use the Chat Service with family members and even chat with students in a classroom setting, studying WWII.