



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

November, 2016 Newsletter

Our Association grew out of the initial meeting of eight former World War II members who got together in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie in Reno, Nevada, on September 11-12, 1972. The goal and hope was for continued growth and expanded interest in the Nation's finest heroes.

The members attending the initial meeting were: Carl Whitesell, Dan Cauffiel, George Jaffe, Ed Jurkens, M.P. Nelson, Arthur Downs, and C. Scott.

Since then, our organization has grown, and we have expanded to include the children of the 307th and their families and friends. Our mission is to insure that future generations never forget the sacrifices that these men made for them and for our country. Each year we hold a reunion in a different part of the country to celebrate and reminisce, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

WE ARE THE FAMILY! WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF HEROES





November, 2016

Honoring Our Beloved Veterans

A very dear friend and WWII veteran once confided in me that he felt uncomfortable searching for a response when a stranger offers a handshake and says, "Thank you for your service."

"Why is that?" I inquired.

I was told that he felt the phrase was so common, he wasn't sure if the greeter was sincere, or just following a custom.

I could not help but feel that he was in need of some sincere reassurance.

On behalf of the entire 307th BG Association Membership, I want to extend our most sincere thank you, from the depths of our hearts, to all veterans, young and old, men and women, and especially to the men who are most meaningful in our lives, the veterans of the 307th Bombardment Group (HV).

You are loved and cherished! Every Day is Veterans Day.

Thank You for Your Service!

Don Calarco



307th Bomb Group Association

**It just keeps getting
better and better!**



The holidays are approaching and our members, veterans and supporters will be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more.

Now you can shop on line, pay a lower price for brand named items, get free shipping**AND**.... Amazon.com will credit the 307th Bombardment Group with a donation.

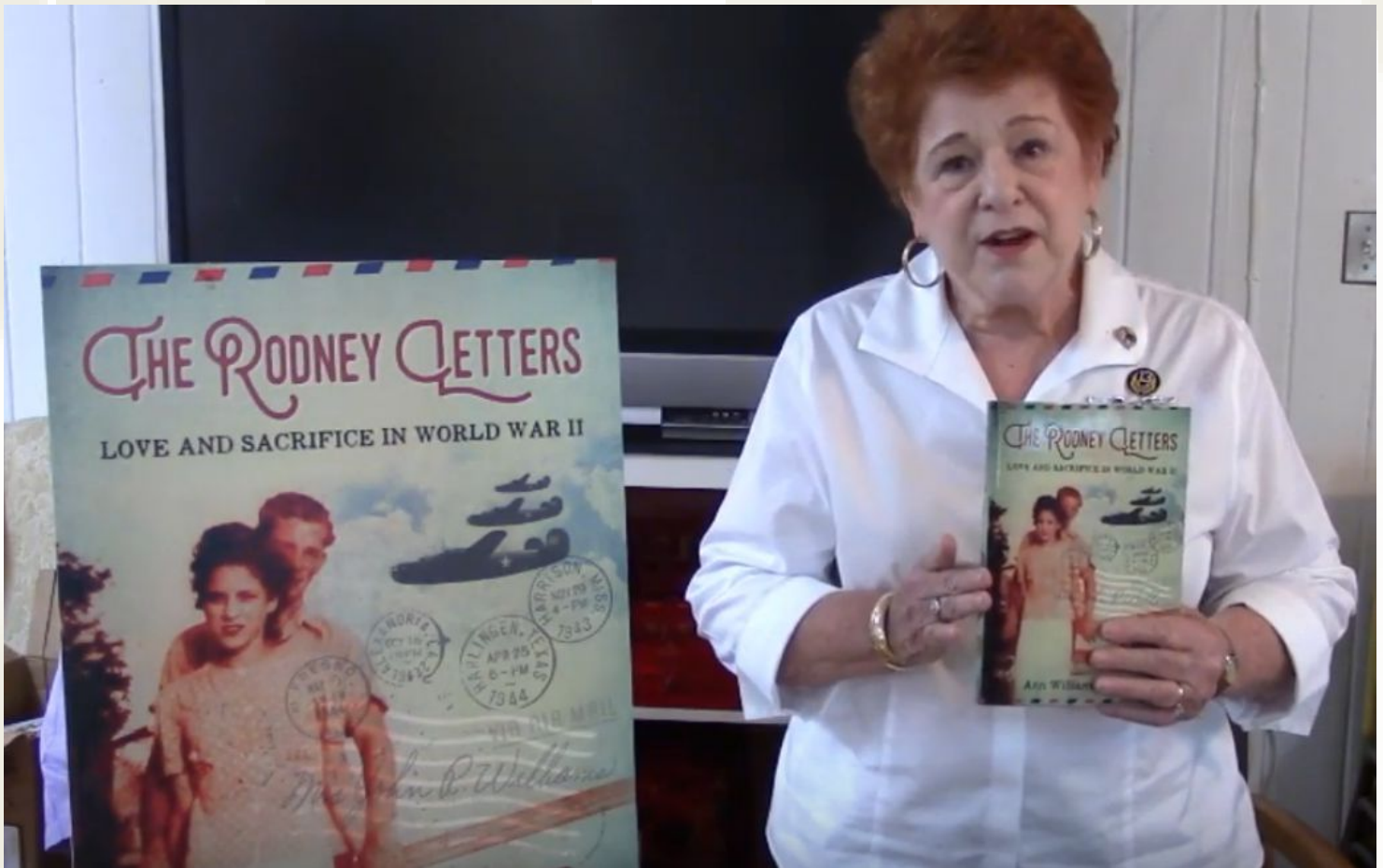
Tell your Friends and Family! Give them the Donation Link, below.

Start with a Smile [**CLICK RIGHT HERE TRY IT NOW**](#)



Jim Walsh

Available in the PX



Ann Williams-Warner Makes the News That's our girl!

We are so proud of Ann.

She has been diligently promoting *The Rodney Letters*.

[See Ann on the News HERE](#)

Her book is a true testimony to love and sacrifice in World War II

[Watch Ann's You-Tube video HERE:](#)

[Then CLICK HERE to visit the PX to purchase an autographed copy,](#)

while supplies last!



Fellow American,

One of the greatest gifts God has given Americans is our freedom. Even with all the turmoil and oppression we see in the world around us, we still too often take these freedoms for granted.

In our great country, the Constitution is the document that protects it. After the Bible, it is the single most important document in the world. Most Americans think they know it well, since they learned about it in school.

But far too few Americans truly understand the Constitution and the freedoms it protects.

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In the fight to preserve our freedoms, our greatest enemy is ignorance. Become an expert on the document that secures and preserves your freedom -- the U.S. Constitution.

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Thank you,

Larry P. Arnn
President, Hillsdale College
Pursuing Truth—Defending Liberty since 1844



**An insert from Bill Grisaitis,
our 100 yr. old Veteran Member and Patriot.**



Rush Limbaugh and Mark Levin agree:

**"Hillsdale College is the
authority on teaching the
Constitution."**

A Story Worth Repeating!

A Re-print from <http://307bg.net/news6.asp>

As much as we try, we will never hear or learn of all the stories held in the minds and hearts of military veterans. Some stories have been made famous through published books and motion pictures. Others have been told in person and will remain as memories for those who were lucky enough to hear, first hand. The 307th BG Veteran's Association has a determined effort to store as many personal stories of our veterans as possible.

How proud can we possibly be, seeing our next adult generation accepting the honor and responsibility to procure, store and present the historic memories of Military Veterans, starting with WWII.

This is the story of a Kickstarter Project
Presented by ParadeRest of Virginia.

**A Remarkable Effort to Keep
the Memories of our Veterans
Alive Forever and Always!**



A Nickel For Your Story

Click to view these
touching stories

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▶ NPR "With Good Reason" Interview (Short)
NPR - Dr. Gregory Saathoff

▶ NPR "With Good Reason" Interview (Full-Start at 38:30)
NPR - Dr. Gregory Saathoff

US ARMY SIGNAL CORP TEC-4 ELVIN HARLEY RECEIVING A KISS FROM A FRENCH CHILD, WHILE LISTENING TO THE US 9TH ARMORED DIVISION BAND NEAR ABONCOURT IN THE MOSELLE DEPARTMENT OF LORRAINE IN THE NORTHEAST. PHOTO TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 1945.

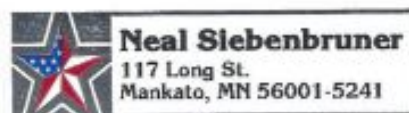
Photo taken by Tec-5 L.G. Crabtree, U.S. Signal Corps

[Click HERE to visit the ParadeRest Website](#)

A Memorable Veteran Story

To The members of the 307th Bomb Group (H).

My name is Neal Siebenbruner, I was with the 7th Air Force , 11th Bomb Group (H). 431st BS, Pilots name Lt Don Meyer. Flew in he western and central Pacific. I want to telll you a little bit about our group. My traveling days are over as well as the two older vets Doyle Ebel, Bud Jung who were at our last reunion at Shriver Air Force base in Colorado Springs Col. We ad a wonderful run of reunions but faded out as there were only 26 in attendance so w had to call it quits. We started out with 4 sqdns 26-42-98- and 431st. I was in the 431st. Our crew joined them at Kuajalein in the Marshals in 1944 and the transferred to Guam in late 44 and hit Iwo Jima and Japan. We started our reunions in 1960. Our Bombadier purchased a Teddy Bear which stood about 2 ft high. We received him at Tonopah, Nevada during our crew training. We named him Roger X111 and gave him the serial number of our plane we flew all our missions in. After our last mission we had a party in the offices tent and put all our names in a hat. My name was drawn and I have had the bear in my custody for 70 years. I took him along to the reunion in Rapid City, S.D. Col. Robert Rysvay (Retired)saw him and went back home to Colorado and told Col. Dan Bourque commander of the 26th Space aggressor Squadron(which was our old 26th BS). They decided they wanted to adopt Roger and history of th 11th BG. So I agreed and sent them Roger and the history. On June 4th They invited my wife and I to a ceremony to adopt roger legally. On June 6th they held the ceremony at Shriver Air Force Base. So that's why our last reunion was there just to see Roger again. Will send you pictures concerning the above. The 26 th will be celebrating 100 years October 2017. It started in WW1 in 1917. Keep em flying and hope you have many more reunions



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A Personal Appeal for Prayers and Positive Affirmations

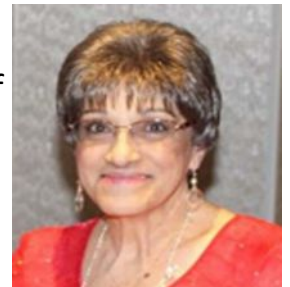
I know that my sister would be very upset with me if she knew I was writing this appeal. But every once in a while an angel needs to have a few prayers said on their behalf.

I have lived my life surrounded by love. Lots of love. From my parents, my siblings, aunts and uncles, hundreds of cousins, my wife, children and grandchildren and so many dear friends.

Nearly everyone who is close to my family knows that my sister Diane is truly a living angel. She draws her mysterious power from my mother and my sister Debbie, who have both passed on in the most peaceful and spiritual way, while enduring the incredible pain of incurable cancer to the last moment of life, and with smiles on their faces.

You would know Diane as a 30yr+ member and supporter of the 307th Bombardment Group Association. She was also the one who, prompted by my father (Nose gunner Dominic Calarco) coerced Christine Hoover, against my will, to nominate me to take Jim Walsh's place as President of the Association at the Baltimore reunion of 2012.

Diane is currently in Stage Four of a life-threatening battle with Cancer. She has claimed many battles over the years and has always credited the grace of God for her victories. Each day she prepares herself for battle with prayers and reflection, which has been her only ammunition for several years.



I hope that this does not sound too self-serving, but I respectfully ask for your prayers and kind words to bring her some joy as she continues her fight.

The best place to communicate with Diane is through her husband and Caregiver, Jim Grochowski, who is at her side each day. Jim's Facebook page is where he and their children often write updates on Diane's condition.

[**CLICK HERE for a great place to post your well wishes.**](#)

I know it will bring her much joy and encouragement to see messages from the members and friends of the 307th. This means a great deal to me and to my entire family.

Thank you for your support!

Don Calarco



Hello everyone,

Last month Hurricane Matthew devastated several countries before turning towards Florida, and we all prayed it would lessen and turn away. It did but a little too late for some areas. Our hearts ache for the lives lost and property destroyed.

I live in a community hit hard by Matthew, but in the aftermath I witnessed a great thing. Neighbors working together to clean up. Whole communities pitching in to help each other and organizing volunteer groups to provide food, manual labor, and beach clean up.

So in this month of Thanksgiving I have found I have a lot to be thankful for. My wonderful friends of the 307th that offered prayers and help during our time of evacuation and clean up. You are all more like family than friends. To my outstanding husband, Marshall Drake, who kept me from falling apart during all of it. My dad, Dale Stickrath Sr., my energizer bunny who got busy with clean up. And the rest of my awesome family and friends that helped.

May we all be blessed, and remember all that we are thankful for.

With grateful appreciation,

Debbie Drake

Vice President

307th BG Association

Words and Thoughts from the Past



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BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION
"THE LONG RANGERS"

NEWSLETTER NO. 90-2

September 1, 1990



James Valentine Jay Walsh
1919-2015

While sifting through my dad's memoirs and keepsakes, Greta and I found a Newsletter from 1990. It was the year that my

dad, Jay Walsh, joined the association. Dad saved quite a bit and more than I ever knew about the 307th is contained in these old newsletters. There's a great section on the "Early Days" that is sure worth reading.

I hope you enjoy this memorable keepsake as much as we did.

Click below to open the 1990 Newsletter

<http://www.307bg.net/Newsletters/PDF/1990Newsletter.pdf>

Jim Walsh



Judge Barnard F. Jennings Passed away peacefully at his home on September 24, 2016 at the age of 91. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 67 years, Nancy Lee; his daughter, Tricia Kincheloe and her husband John of Clifton, VA.; sister, Adelaide J. Smith and her husband Frisby of Wytheville, VA.; sister Evelyn J. Taylor of Baltimore, MD.; sister-in-law, Roberta H. Hunt of Wytheville, VA.; brother-in-law, A. Courtney Guild of Louisville, KY.; five nephews; one niece; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. Judge Jennings was born August 2, 1925 in Johnson City, TN. He grew up in Southwest Virginia, and graduated from Richlands High School in 1942. He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps one summer during the Depression. He enrolled in Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he was a member of the undefeated freshman football squad. He left V. P. I. at the beginning of his junior year and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was a top turret gunner on a B-24 "Liberator" bomber as a member of the 13th Air Force, 424th Bombardment Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group and was stationed in Morotai in the Dutch East Indies. He flew 44 missions in the Pacific theater over the Bismarck Archipelago, China, the Philippines and New Guinea. He was awarded an Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 5 bronze stars, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon, an Air Medal with 3 clusters, a good conduct medal and clasp and an Overseas Bar. He was discharged in October, 1945 as a Staff Sergeant. Upon returning home, he enrolled at the University of Virginia, where he played football. He graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. He graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1950. He was an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for three years beginning in 1952 and then joined the law firm which eventually became Kelly, Jennings, Louk and Farley. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Fairfax Town Council and then elected to continue filling that seat. On April 1, 1964 he was recommended by the Fairfax County Bar and elected by the Virginia State Legislature to serve as a Circuit Court Judge.



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Barney was appointed as Chief Circuit Court Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit in 1975. He was instrumental in the planning, design and building of the Fairfax County Judicial Center. The building was dedicated on September 11, 1982 and named the Jennings Building in his honor. Judge Jennings retired from the bench on December 31, 1987, but continued to serve as a Substitute Judge and presided over cases throughout the state. He hoped to hear a case in every county in



Virginia. Even though he did not achieve this goal, he did try cases in the vast majority of the jurisdictions within Virginia. He was an early member of the Shillelagh's Travel Club, a member of the Country Club of Fairfax since the late 1950s, a Past President and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Fairfax Rotary Club, a member of the VFW Post #8469, the Fairfax Bar Association, Virginia State Bar, the American Bar Association and Fairfax United Methodist Church. At various times he served on the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Fairfax, George Mason Bank and the Virginia portion of United Bank. In his spare time he enjoyed working in his vegetable garden, traveling to foreign countries, flying small planes, riding his Harley-Davidson, spending evenings by the fireplace with family and friends and having a very dry martini. A visitation was held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 pm. at Demaine Funeral Home, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax, VA . 22030. Funeral Services were held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030 with interment at the Fairfax Cemetery.



Elvin Dale Reamey

June 29, 1919 - September 14, 2016

To my friends of the 307th,



It is with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes that I am reporting the Final Flight of my dad's friend & crew mate. Milton Potee phoned in September to let us know that their pilot and dear friend, Elvin Reamey, had passed away. He had received the news from Elvin's wife, Lois.

I shared the news with my brother and husband feeling so grateful that along with me, they too, had had the opportunity to spend time with Elvin and the Reamey crew during reunions since 1998. Brief though those reunions were, we all had the chance to interact with, learn from, and watch that incredible bond of friendship and respect that remained between the crew members. We still view the crew and their descendants as proud representatives of the "Reamey Crew". Were it not for them...

Grateful thanks,
Christine Hoover





Elvin Dale Reamey

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June 29, 1919 - September 14, 2016

Elvin Dale Reamey, Lt. Col., USAF, ret., aged 97, of Saratoga, CA passed away from natural causes on September 14, 2016. He was born in Tulsa, OK on June 29, 1919 to Nora Ethel Reamey, and Jesse Elmer Reamey. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lois Jean Reamey, of Saratoga, CA and his children Sally Wilcox of Eugene, OR, Barbara Tafe of Pompey, NY, Elvin Reamey of Ramona, CA and Susan Riley of Las Vegas, NV. He is also survived by his sister Ruby Potter, and his brother Roy Reamey, both of Tulsa, OK. Elvin also has eight grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren. Colonel Reamey was a 22 year United States Air Force veteran who served as a Command Pilot with the 307th Bomb Group during World War II in the South Pacific. He also did tours of duty in North Africa and Europe after the war. After retiring from the Air Force in 1960, he went on to engineering positions with Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation in Sunnyvale, CA, Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco, CA, and Ralph M. Parsons Corporation in Pasadena, CA, with whom he worked for ten years in Saudi Arabia. After retirement from Parsons, Elvin returned home to Saratoga to spend a semi retired life, spending his time between working as a Security Supervisor for Applied Materials, Inc. and tearing up golf courses, and most likely fudging the score a bit, with his buddies. He was a beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.



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The 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated on 15 April 1942. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of our founding, our successor unit, the 307th Bomb Wing, based at Barksdale Air Force Base, will be hosting a Gala Celebration this coming Spring, from March 28 to April 2, 2017, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Senior leadership of the Wing participated in our Nashville reunion in August of this year, and our World War II veterans unanimously agreed we should join the 75th Anniversary celebration in Shreveport.

So, “y’all come, now!”

Announcing the 75th Anniversary Reunion of the 307th Bomb Wing

Shreveport, LA March 29 to April 02, 2017

**Save these dates
as this is also our**

2017 Reunion Event

**Full details to follow in our
December Newsletter.**



and The Newsletter / Video Archive

**Come LIKE US on Facebook! Post photos! Ask Questions!
Share some stories! Ask the Historian!**



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? Behind on your reading? Click below!**

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

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.**

