



## Hello 307th BG Veterans!



As time passes, we may not have the notion to say thank you enough for being who you are; for doing what you have done; and in most cases, for making our lives possible. From the bottom of our hearts, always know that you are loved, cherished, admired and honored by each and every one of us.

**The Families and Member's of the  
307th BG Veterans Association**

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Don Calarco and John Poggi  
The passing of the "Gong"





## Meeting Minutes

This year's member meeting was very exciting. Not only was it held after the culmination of a great trip to a wonderful city and an especially fine hotel, but it was filled with change, moving forward and lots of important new positions being filled. Below are the minutes taken by the new 307th Secretary, Laurie Kendall:

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBER'S  
OF THE  
307<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
September 20, 2014**

A regular meeting of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc. was held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 commencing at 2:00 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel, located at 228 E. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, pursuant to notice duly given.

The following officers and committee chairs of the Association ---conducted the meeting:

|           |         |                         |
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| Don       | Calarco | President               |
| Christine | Hoover  | Vice President          |
| Jim       | Walsh   | Secretary and Treasurer |
| Jim       | McCabe  | Historian               |
| Jack      | Palmer  | Parliamentarian         |

Mr. Calarco presided and Mr. Palmer served as parliamentarian. Minutes of the meeting were recorded by Laurie Kendall and John Poggi.

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Mr. Calarco welcomed the members, guests and friends of the Association. He then introduced the other officers and Board members, including committee chairs and key contributors who had been appointed since the last biennial meeting:

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| Carol | Bowers           | Assistant Treasurer                         |
| Beth  | Kendall          | Chair, Reunion Planning                     |
| Lisa  | Kreder           | Chair, Asset Management / PX Store          |
| Sonia | Garza            | Chair, IT and Publicity Committee           |
| Amy   | Kendall-Flanagan | Creative Director, Asst. to Publicity Chair |
| Cathy | Krieger          | Communications / Editor                     |

## 2. Resolution approving amendment of By-laws

The first order of business was approval of a resolution approving proposed amendments to the by-laws. Draft amendments had been reviewed and proposed by more than five officers and members. The proposed amendments were made available to the member's by email, postal mail and posting on the Association's website, no later than September 3, 2014, seventeen days before the meeting date.

Mr. Calarco summarized the primary objectives of the proposed amendments, including permitting future enrollment of extended family member's of 307<sup>th</sup> veterans; expanding the purposes of the Association to include charitable and educational activities consistent with the legacy and heritage of the World War II 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group; enabling action to be taken by the board and the Association more frequently than biennially; and liberalization of provisions affecting corporate democracy, such as permitting electronic participation in meetings and proxy voting.

Mr. Calarco introduced John Poggi, a member who had participated in preparing the proposed revisions, and engaged the Chicago office of a national law firm to provide drafting assistance and submit comments on a pro bono basis. During a lengthy discussion, Mr. Calarco and Mr. Poggi responded to questions and comments from the member's in attendance.

Pursuant to Article XII of the by-laws of the Association, as last amended March 17, 2005, amendments to the by-laws may be adopted by "a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at any duly organized meeting of the membership, provided that any amendment proposed for consideration has been made available to the membership at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting ...."

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

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**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Article XII of the By-laws of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc., as last amended March 17, 2005, the By-laws shall be amended to expand the membership to all descendants of those who have served in the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group; to include in the purposes of the Association the ability [to engage in charitable and educational activities consistent with the achievements and legacy of the](#) 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) and successor units; to permit proxy voting and participation in meetings by electronic means, and otherwise as set forth in the proposed amendments to the By-laws, as posted on the Association's website on or about September 2, 2014.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the President, with the approval of the Board, is authorized to correct any typographical or grammatical errors and make formatting changes in the draft amended by-laws prior to re-publication.

### 3. Selection of site for 2015 meeting and reunion

The president reported that the board had received a proposal for its next reunion from a hotel in Macon, Georgia, and also had a proposal to conduct the next reunion in New Orleans. The board favored the New Orleans site, due to a greater range of local activities (including [the World War II Museum, with the possibility of an interactive forum for our veterans, and the French Quarter](#)) and the possibility of a joint reunion with the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force Association.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

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**RESOLVED**, that the board of directors and officers of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc. are authorized to conduct negotiations and enter into reasonable and necessary contracts to enable the Association to hold a 2015 reunion and meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### 4. Tax-exempt status of Association:

##### Investigation of options to change specific filing status

The officers reported that while the Association's original purpose was limited to encourage and facilitate camaraderie among former member's of the World War II 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, there was significant interest in including related educational and charitable purposes among the group's purposes. Similarly, consistent with the revisions to the by-laws adopted earlier in the meeting, member's had recognized the value of permitting additional relatives of the World War II veterans, and other interested parties, to participate in the group.

In order to remain in continued compliance with applicable federal and state laws, the officers proposed that the Association be authorized to investigate the range of tax-exempt and non-profit filing categories under the Internal Revenue Code, and possibly change the Association's filing status if that would be consistent with facilitating new initiatives.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED**, that the board and officers of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Association, Inc. are authorized to investigate the availability of alternative tax-exempt filing categories under the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state statutes.

**RESOLVED**, that the board and officers of the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc. are authorized, in their discretion after due investigation, to file such applications or in corporation documents as may be reasonable and necessary to change the tax-filing status of the Association to an alternative tax-exempt, nonprofit status consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Association.

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## 5. Election of officers

Mr. Calarco reported that as provided in the bylaws, the Board had appointed a Nomination Committee to consider candidates to be elected as officers of the Association, and thereby also serve as board members. Mr. Calarco conducted the elections. After discussion, and brief remarks by the nominated persons who were present, elections were held by voice vote.

The following persons were elected by voice vote and show of hands, to serve as officers of the Association for a term until the next election by the Association at a meeting approximately two years hence, or until their earlier inability to serve, resignation, removal or the appointment or election of their successors.

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|----------------|------------------|
| President      | John Poggi       |
| Vice President | Christine Hoover |
| Secretary      | Laurie Kendall   |
| Treasurer      | Jim Walsh        |

Mr. Poggi stated that he was honored to join such a devoted leadership team, and expressed his gratitude that the other capable officers had agreed to continue on. Several member's of the leadership team expressed the shared appreciation for Don Calarco's accomplishments as president, and for his willingness to continue to be a part of the Association's core team going forward, not only as past president but also as the invaluable "Support Specialist."

At approximately 4:00 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Kendall  
Secretary



## Meet the \*New 307th BG Executive Team

Without a doubt, the 2014 Officers, Assistants and Chairpersons of the 307th BG Veterans Association represent the most responsive, cohesive and dedicated team ever.

And...here they are!



John Poggi  
President



Christine Hoover  
Vice-President



Laurie Kendall  
Secretary



Jim Walsh  
Treasurer



Carol Bowers  
Assistant Treasurer



Jack Palmer  
Parliamentarian



Jim McCabe  
Historian



Lisa Kreder  
Asset (PX) Manager



Beth Kendall  
Reunion Chair



Sonia Garza  
IT—Publicity Chair



Cathy Krieger  
Editor



Amy Kendall-  
Flanagan  
Creative Director

Don Calarco  
Team Support

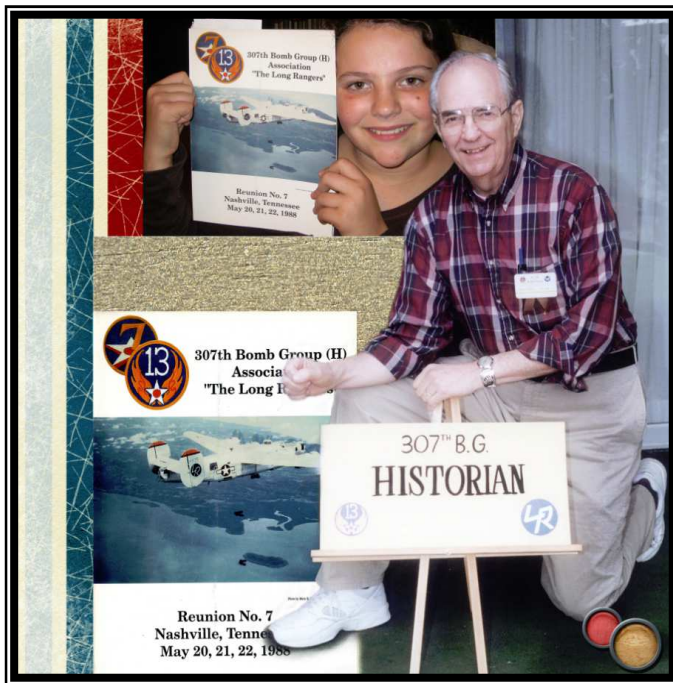


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## Something Very New

Most of the 307th member's who have been in the organization for more than a few years will remember the great photo collections and Reunion Memorabilia that Jim Kendall



created and produced following every reunion for over 25 years. Sadly, those days are gone, but Jim's memory and dedicated intentions will soon be resurrected by none other than his own daughter Amy Kendall-Flanagan.

Here, Jim is seen with his granddaughter, Erin, who is showing off her pride in Grampa's work. Now she'll get a chance to help her mom recreate the wonderful collections of photos and captions of our current and future reunions...starting with Santa Fe.







## Something Very New

So, we suppose you don't have to guess with whom Jim Kendall shared his passion and talent for working with photography and scrapbooks?



### Amy Kendall-Flanagan Digital Scrapbook Layout Artist

Amy has had a life-long love of photography, graphic arts, journaling, and preserving memories. It was her discovery of a website called Scrap Girls in 2007 and the realization of the beauty that could be created digitally that ignited her passion and drive to learn everything about digital scrapbooking.

Being on the Layout Artist Team has allowed her to grow creatively, while continuing to learn from the amazingly talented Scrap Girls team.

Married to her best friend and very supportive husband, Mark, the Flanagan's have two teenage daughters, and a houseful of pets. Amy has a full-time job, yet still manages to steal away time to scrap, relax, create and work on a project that her father spent 25 years perfecting.

Amy has been published in Somerset Digital Studio, Somerset Memories, and Australia's Scrapbooking Memories. See: <http://scrapgirls.com>

While you are on your computer, you can take a peek at Amy's work in progress.

This link is not open to the public yet, but you can at least see the first two pages:

Go to: [www.307bg.net/reunion/gallery](http://www.307bg.net/reunion/gallery) and take a look. (NOTE: any link that opens to an error page, is still under construction.). Then , click on the [Santa Fe] selection and see the cover page for the 2014 Reunion. It's a new start. We'll keep you posted on Amy's progress.

Note: If you have an electronic collection of photos (jpg) from a recent or past reunion and you wish to assist with completing the Galleries; Please contact Amy Kendall-Flanagan via email for instructions at: [alf4mjf@cox.net](mailto:alf4mjf@cox.net)

**Talk about talent—see the next two pages > >**



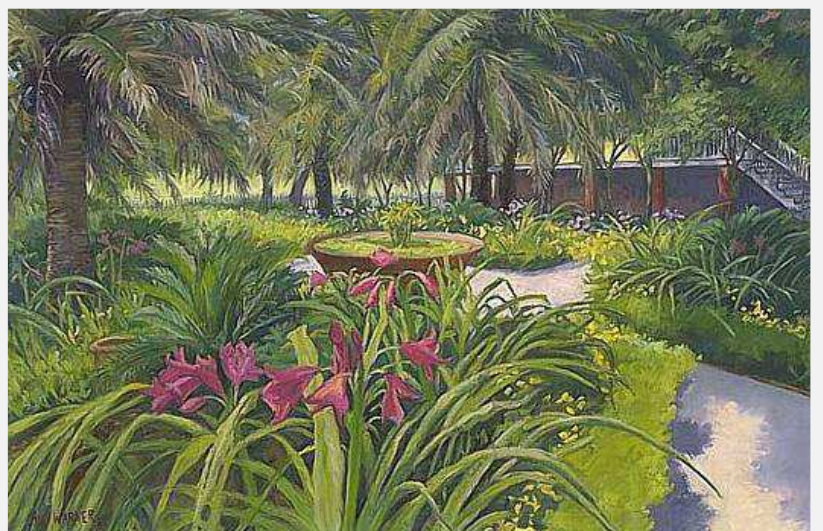
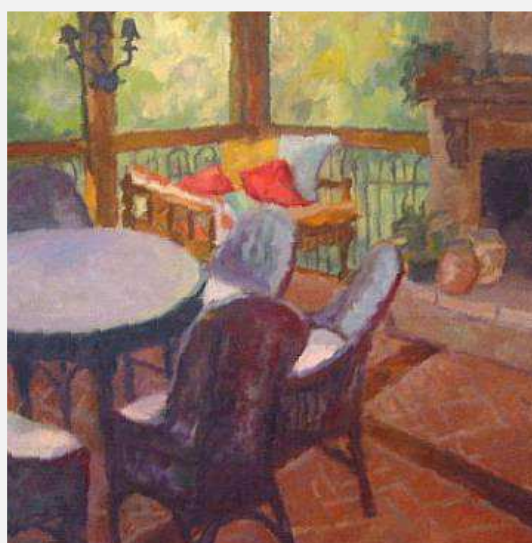
## Did You Know?

Our own Ann Williams-Warner is an award-winning oil painter? A native of Franklinton, Louisiana, Ann has exhibited in regional and national shows, museums and galleries, and her work can be found in corporate and private collections across the United States. [<http://annwarner.com/>]



Ann concentrates her work in the landscape, still life, and portraiture genre. She loves to travel, and painting *plein air* (on location) has inspired much of her work. From Maine to Santa Fe, the Bahamas to the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, and Italy, each trip affords her "the opportunity to vary, stretch, and grow" her work.

Ann has a Bachelor of Science degree from LSU, and was mentored by the late Carl Thorp, a noted oil colorist. Other artists who have influenced her development of artistic understanding and style are John Carlson, Charles Hawthorne, and Emile Gruppe. In past years, she has studied with such artists as Alfred Chadbourne, Charles Morvalli, Charles Sovek, John H. Sanden, Morgan Samuel Price, William White, Alice Williams, and Wolf Kahn. Favorite painters who have influenced Ann's work are Sorolla, Cezanne, Van Gogh, Monet,







## *And Did You Also Know?*

Another of our very own, Cathy Krieger, (Ben Waldo's daughter) married into the creative lifestyle in the 1980s. Contributing her art in the form of bronzes and painting, as well as clay, her textured platters are her contribution to the Worthington Gallery in Springdale, UT and other galleries across the country, including one of their very own.

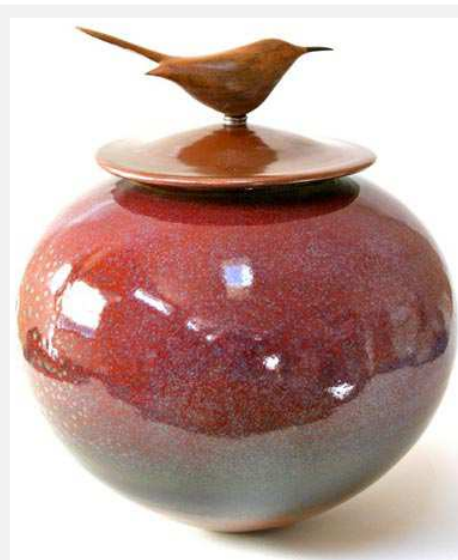


The Krieger-Marcusen Gallery, located inside the Hotel St. Michael Alley off Whiskey Row, in Prescott, AZ offers work by gallery artists Cathy Krieger, her husband, Heath Krieger and Richard Marcusen.

Heath and Cathy have raised two boys and live near the Granite Mountain Wilderness area of Prescott, AZ.



Among her work in landscapes and still life, Cathy paints pet portraits on commission, and many examples of them are on display in the gallery.





## *Funny what you'll find!*

No, not in a yard sale or a garage sale...well, I guess there too! No I'm talking about what you can find if you just spent some time on the 307th BG website.

Last week we were working on the huge inventory of photos that have been collected and stored on the website since the beginning of time. Many of the photos are old, scratched, folded or discolored. However, an incredible veteran named Jim Hough, a professional photo re-toucher, has volunteered to repair our aged and damaged photos. So far, after only four weeks of work, Jim has repaired over 100 photos. There are thousands, so we have our work cut out for us.

Well, as this reporter was rummaging through the pages and pages of photos, I came upon a photo of my father. A photo that neither I nor my siblings have ever seen. Imagine that! So I continued my search and I found another. What a great find...a treasure, in fact!

So, let me get to the point. We have thousands of photos of thousands of veterans stored on our server and accessible only from our website. They are not catalogued, so we really can't search for them.



## **BUT! Aha. You knew there would be a but, right?**

But, with your help we can rename them to make them searchable.

Winter's coming! So, the next time you find yourself searching for something interesting on TV or digging for a magazine you may have read twice, take a walk to your computer, get a nice cup of tea or a glass of wine and log in to the main photo section of the website. It's a bit old and admittedly a bit clunky, but once you get started, you may be as surprised as I was. Go to: <http://307bg.net/history>

**The next page has some tips on how to look for photos and how to order a filename change for a photo of your dad, grandfather or great-grandfather!**





# Instructions: Scanning for Photos.

If you are up for it, here are some tips on searching for photos on the website.

Start here: <http://307bg.net/history>

When you arrive, you will see a list in the center of the page:

**Tip:** The fifth selection (February 8, 2008) contains all "portrait" photos. These are the easiest to run through.

But rest assured, the rest of the photos are worth the search.

**Tip:** The most important tip to remember is to always select [Home] before returning to the list page or opening a new page. Otherwise you will get another error message screen (under construction)

Select One:

307th Bomb Group Pictures:

We are in the process of scanning the entire 307th Bomb Group archive of pictures and documents that were collected over the last 60 years. We will eventually have everything in a searchable database; however, until the database is available we will be posting the raw scans so others have access. Although it's hard to page through hundreds of thumbnails images, it is the best short term solution we can offer to provide others with access to the archived pictures.

- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted October 2007 (1130 Images)
- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted November 10, 2007 (620 Images)
- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted November 13, 2007 (768 Images)
- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted January 22, 2008 (1606 Images)
- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted February 8, 2008 (856 Images)
- 307th BG pictures scanned and posted March 1, 2008 (876 Images)
- 307th BG color pictures scanned from slides—Posted March 11, 2008 (36 Images)
- NEW** 307th BG pictures scanned and posted June 27, 2008 (700 Images)
- NEW** 307th BG pictures scanned and posted June 26, 2008 (1579 Images)
- NEW** 307th BG pictures scanned and posted June 23, 2008 (359 Images)

307th Bomb Group (HV) Histories:

- 13th Air Force, 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy)—Short History
- NEW** History of the 307th Bombardment Group (HV) from ACTIVATION to December 1943  
Large file size 15 MB pdf
- We'll Say Goodbye Song from the Story of the "Long Rangers"

307th BG Articles

307th BG Logos

We are in the process of combining the following areas to make one comprehensive source for 307th Bomb Group mission reports and targets.

- A Partial List of 307th BG Mission Reports & Historical Records
- A Partial List of 307th BG Targets



Hit the Home button when you want to select a different page to review.

Then click on 307th BGPictures to get to the list

The next page will show you how to order a name change for a photo, so it can be searched.



## Instructions: Renaming a Photo.

Once you have found a photo that you are sure is recognized

Make note of two things:

When you click on the photo and it opens against a black screen

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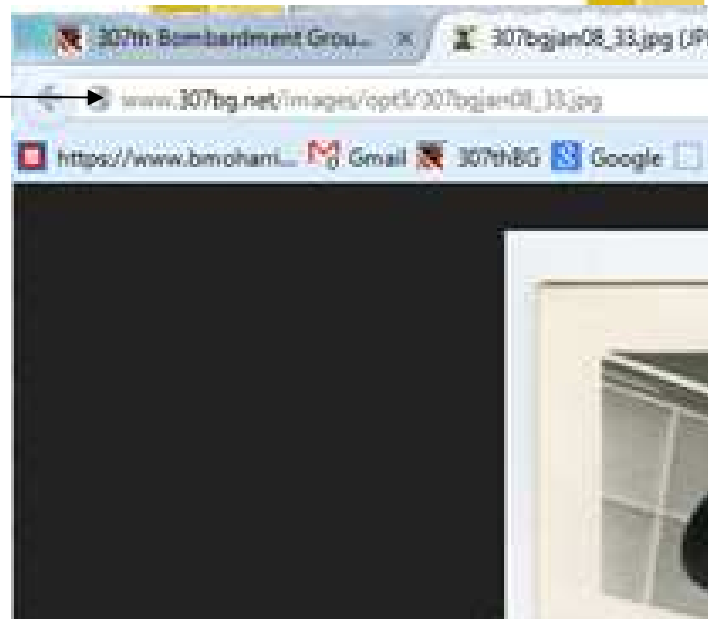
In this case it is:

[www.307bg.net/images/opt5/307bgjan08\\_33.jpg](http://www.307bg.net/images/opt5/307bgjan08_33.jpg)

To request a name change for a photo, send the [Link] to [dccalarco@gmail.com](mailto:dccalarco@gmail.com) with the following message:

Please change the following image: < link >

to: [ Your requested name]



As soon as the change is made you will be able to [Search] for your photo.

Give it a try. Search for my dad: Go to [www.307bg.net](http://www.307bg.net) and click on [Site Search]

In the search field, type [ d.calarco ] (That’s what I named the photo)

Click on the Search result and it will take you to the page, where I found my father’s photo by accident. But now that it is renamed I can find it easily.

Look in the second column, sixth photo down. Yep, that’s dad before the Army fixed his teeth. **HAVE FUN - GOOD LUCK!**



## **Everybody Get On Board..... .....Next Stop, New Orleans!**

Everything is still in the works.

Beth Kendall, Ann Williams-Warner, Christine Hoover and the rest of the Reunion Committee are tying up the loose ends and finalizing everything for our next reunion, September 16 - 20, 2015.

We will get the registration site up as soon as we have all the details covered.

Be prepared! We will need an early commitment, as rooms go very fast in the Crescent City. You won't want to miss this trip.

We'll keep you posted as negotiations progress. Until then, hug a veteran or two and have a great Veterans Day

See you soon!



## Just a few favorite candid's from Santa Fe



Christine Hoover, sharing some sweetness with Veteran Earl McGuire



It was late. You had to be there! Jim Walsh taking some comic abuse from wife Gretta in the after hours suite!

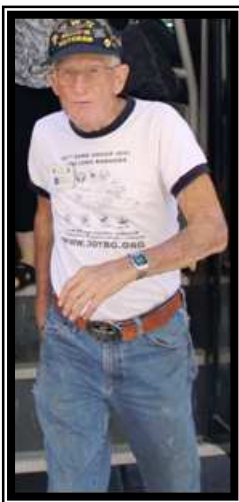


Betty and daughter Lisa Kreder on their way to see the Atomic Bomb

Artillery! Yeah!!!!



Ben Waldo has a grin that speaks a thousand words. Gotta love this guy!



He hopped, he skipped and he jumped. Dale Stickrath jumping out of the bus. 90 years young!



Don Calarco and Dottie Kendall, the cherished Matriarch of the 307th BG Association, sharing a hug. Yes, he was on his knees.