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Welcome

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**The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Reunion
Association****REUNION NEWS UPDATE Corona Virus DELTA VARIANT Edition****3rd Quarter 2021 Newsletter**

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Corrections to the cancellation of our Reunion in 2021 as well as our
GO-FUND-ME for our Sam Britt "Diary of the Long Rangers" book.

Hope you enjoy this newsletter .

Hello 307th Family!

Welcome to the Corona Virus Delta Variant Reunion update edition (Revised).

I would like to start by sending apologies as we are just now getting this out. This has been a very difficult year. With all our venues not opening due to the CV-19, the Board has been meeting regularly to track the progression of the virus and trying to decide about how and if to move forward with our scheduled reunion in Colorado Springs.

This has been a very difficult decision to make but we (the board) feel the decision to postpone our schedule October 10-14, 2021, reunion is the best decision for all our members considering the virus is still potent and has reinvented itself. If you have already made your hotel reservations, you will

NOT need to do anything as all the current reservations have been transferred to our new dates. Most of the airlines have been working with folks during this time to cancel or reschedule flights with refunds and/or credits.

We were able to work with the Hotel Elegante' to plan our next reunion for 2022. We will be at the same location and with the same accommodations. We will keep you posted as we go along with the planning process, but plan for it to be June 8-12, 2022.

For those of you who would like to attend the 307th Bomb Wing Reunion in Shreveport Louisiana, it is tentatively rescheduled for April 6-10, 2022, at the Margaritaville Resort Casino, Bossier City, LA. The families, friends, and ALL elements of the 307th including veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, and more recent conflicts are invited. Please let us know if you have any questions about this reunion. We are excited about going back to Shreveport, LA next year (2022) and hope you will join the 307th Bombardment Group Association for a semi-reunion here. Many of us attended a similar reunion there in 2017 when they honored our 307th BG veterans and there were about 450 people at the banquet! This coming year's 307th Bomb Wing Reunion will be honoring our 307th BG Korean War veterans. As soon as I get the registration link for this event, I will be sending it out.

Also, as soon as I get all the details for our own 307th BG 2022 Colorado Springs reunion nailed down (which should be quick as I will simply contact the folks we were going to use for this year's venture), I will put out the details for all.

We appreciate your patience as we all work through this unprecedented time in our lives and pray you all are staying safe.

Jim Walsh, President
307th Bombardment Group Association



Reunion Update !!!!!!!!!

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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Update: All

So our reunion was all planned and I was prepared to put out the registration form when this Delta Variant of the virus hit us.

We have some really nice plans for the June 2022 upcoming date. I have already started working with all of the venues and transportation companies to make this one a GO GO GO!!!

Our plans are to arrive on Wednesday, then take a nice trip to the World War II museum. There we will be having a guided tour through the hangers where many vintage aircraft are being worked on in a live environment. At this museum they manufacture 99% of all the parts required to restore the aircraft. In the Museum there are just so many vintage (all functioning) aircraft that it will just take your breath away. This is going to be a very exciting time.

We have plans to drive through the Garden of the Gods park which is absolutely beautiful. We also have plans to make it to the new home of the SPACE FORCE at Peterson Air Force Base. Provided our contacts can make that happen for us.

Jim McCabe has lined up several speakers for us during the reunion as well as for the banquet.

DON'T FORGET THAT THE THEME WILL BE THE WILD WILD WEST!!!!
BRING YOUR COWBOY HAT!!!

There will be an awesome secret auction as well happening.

We will have a wheel chair waiting for anyone who needs them. In the registration form there will be a option to select for a needed wheelchair.

Historian's Corner August 18, 2021

Some of you may wonder just how vibrant is an association whose living veterans range from 96 to 103 years old? Well, I'm pleased to report that we couldn't be doing much better, and it is all because of you! As we have suffered through this pandemic for the past 17 months, many were unemployed, under-employed or working from home. Over fifty of our current members took this opportunity to find us and join our 307th BG Assoc. I am not talking about membership renewals.

These are new members who like the rest of us paid dues, purchased books, patches, hats, etc. and contributed to our GoFundMe to help raise the funds needed to reprint The Long Rangers A Diary of the 307th Bombardment Group (H), by Sam Britt. It was the least they could do as it was all these new members that completely depleted our supply of this book in the first place! LOL Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-our-307th-WWII-veterans>. With having postponed both our July and October 2021 307th BG Assoc. Reunions, many memberships have lapsed as most of us utilized the reunion registration forms to renew our annual memberships. Please utilize the form or website at the bottom of this page to renew your membership as it is our primary source of income. If you are uncertain as to your status, you can inquire with Greta Walsh at treasurer@307bg.net.



Related to our association's long history of encouraging the involvement of family and friends in addition to 307th BG veteran membership, we have not only endured, we have grown. Of the hundreds of WWII units, there are only 4 remaining Army Air Corps organizations still having reunions. Thanks to all of you, we comprise the largest membership of any WWII bombardment or fighter group association in the USA!

In recent years, we nurtured and cemented a bond with the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana where they fly B-52 Bombers as part of Global Strike Command. Since we 1st became acquainted with one another they have supported us every step of the way-attending our 307th Bomb Group reunions, hosting us at 307th Bomb Wing reunions, and flying a B-52 Bomber to our San Diego reunion in 2019. They had planned to fly a B-52 Bomber to Colorado Springs for our postponed reunion this October and I'm sure, if possible, they will do their very best to fly one to our rescheduled reunion June 8-12, 2022. After supplying the necessary documentation, it was the 307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office who secured the revision to the 307th Bombardment Group's Lineage and Honors History to include the October 26, 1944, strike on the Japanese Naval Fleet. A 307th BG Assoc. member, Michael Protiva, provided possibly the ultimate record of the success of the 307th BG strike on the IJN (Imperial Japanese Navy) Fleet, 441026 - the records of the CinCPac (Commander in Chief Pacific) Admiral Chester W. Nimitz himself.

Just a few years ago, another member, Paul Halagan, provided us the only original copy of the 307th BG's Distinguished Unit Citation for the October 3, 1944, strike on the Japanese oil installations at Balikpapan, Borneo.

When I became 307th BG Assoc. Historian just over a decade ago I was getting way too many inquiries regarding lost airmen for whom I had no information. This was unacceptable to me. I worked closely with Dan Odenweller who has since passed and others who had compiled the original data and have expanded our listings. In recent weeks this project has now grown from about 50 to over 300 serialized bombers, and from 200 307th BG airmen KIA to 808 airmen KIA. We have added the numbers for all our MACR's (Missing Air Crew Reports) and these reports are available to our members. Of course, there is a corresponding increase in known survivors and B-24 Bomber nose art also listed in the History links on our website, www.307bg.net

If you desire any historical information regarding a 307th Bombardment Group veteran, please contact me through our website or my email address below. I can provide you any available Combat Mission Reports, Crew Loading Lists, Letters of Commendation, Distinguished Unit Citations, Photos, Combat Videos, etc. I should add that you should not assume your beloved 307th BG veteran fully informed you of their service. This can range from having told you nothing

to possibly misinforming you so you would not inquire about their deployment in WWII. In this, they protected themselves and you from the horrors they experienced.

More recently, we have been contacted by the 370th FLTS (Flight Test Squadron) at Edwards Air Force Base as they learned their roots go back to our 307th Bombardment Group's 370th Bombardment Squadron. Like the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, the 370th FLTS was planning to attend and speak at our rescheduled October 2021 reunion. I'm sure they will make every effort to join us in Colorado Springs June 8-12, 2022.

None of the above and so much more would have been possible without your support. I would also like to thank our 307th BG Assoc. Board members. Like myself, they are all volunteers who work tirelessly to make my efforts possible. It is with solemn pride and great anticipation that I look forward to our June 8-12, 2022, 307th Bombardment Group Reunion in Colorado Springs. Trust me, you don't want to miss this one!

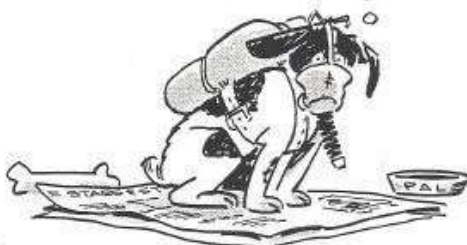
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Bob Stevens'

"There I was..."

THE MAJORITY OF CANINES ADOPTED BY FLYING UNITS HAD THEIR OWN GEAR-

NOT FULLY TRAINED
and THEY GOT ME
FLYIN' MISSIONS!



(IT HAPPENED TO A LOT OF TROOPS, PAL)

342ND FTR SQ REUNION
FT. WORTH 2-5 OCT 1986

IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT,
THERE WAS A '17 OUTFIT THAT HAD
A SMALL DONKEY AS ITS MASCOT-



HEY!
WHO'S GONNA
CLEAN UP
THIS MESS
IN HERE?

(IT WENT O'SEAS WITH 'EM!)

THEY WERE CALLED "NIPPER," "PIDDLER,"
"LIGHTNING," "BARNEY," and, MORE OFTEN
THAN NOT, "SAD SACK." THESE ARE THE
NAMES GIVEN TO MASCOTS BY AIRMEN
IN VIRTUALLY EVERY UNIT SINCE THE
FIRST AERO SQ WAS FORMED IN 1913.
MASCOT POPULATION REACHED ITS
ZENITH DURING WWII.

MOST EMs DOGS HATED OFFICERS.



MUST BE
MY PINKS...

"NIPPER" OF THE
20th FTR GP.

GREATEST MASCOT STORY: THE C47
THAT BELLIED DEEP IN EAST GERMANY
AFTER THE CREW HAD BAILED OUT
LEAVING JUST THE MASCOT ABOARD*



ARE!

* SEE AIR FORCE DEC 1985 p.98

Bob Stevens

World War II in Retrospect

From front page headlines of the Stars and Stripes

The Month of April

April 15, 1943

**Knox Tells Press of Jap Threat to Alaska
8th Army drive threatens Rommel's flank
Summer Vacations For War Workers
Rome Underground Reports Anti-Fascist
Revolt Brewing**



April 24, 1943

**Tokyo Raid Fliers Slain, U.S. Reveals
63 Nazi Planes Downed by U.S. at Bremen
Allies Advance—Rommel Contests every yard
AEF Observes 2nd Easter in Britain
Tomorrow**



April 1, 1944

**Navy Strikes 500 Miles from Philippines
Twin Peril To Odessa Developing
Nuremberg hit hard by RAF; 94 Planes Lost**



April 18, 1942

**President Roosevelt begins 10th year
U.S. Winning in the Battle of Production
"Sat. Eve. Post" and Colliers raise prices from
5 to 10 cents
General Marshall inspects U.S. troops in
British Isles**



April 25, 1942

Tokyo Raid Upsets Japs

**Pay Boost from \$21 a month to \$42 for Pvts.
near**

Next 3 weeks may seal Burma's fate

U.S. Rations Gas in 17 East Coast States

April 9, 1943

Yanks, British 8th Army Meet in Tunisia

Allies Swing North After Rommel

White House Cancels its egg rolling

Women MDs Now in Army

Nazis believed to be quitting southern Greece

April 11, 1944

**Soviets Capture Odessa, Greatest Black Sea
Port**

Yanks, Nazis Pause for Easter Services

France, Belgium Heavily Attacked

Liberators of 7th AAF Softening up Truk Atoll

April 21, 1944

**Allied Bombers Batter Railroad Yards in
France**

Naval Forces hit Sumatra Shipping

Partisans attack in Western Serbia

U.S. Bread Rationing called "inevitable"

April 28, 1944

**Govt Seizes Montgomery Ward Mail Order
Stores**

Nazis Wait Invasion as Air Blitz Mounts

Lack of War Spirit Ires Undersec. Patterson

**Japs Flee into Jungles as Yanks Expand New
Guinea Beachheads**

April 2, 1945
Yanks invade Ryukyus
10 Nazi Divisions Trapped
B-29s hit Tokyo by 20th AF
Soviets Capture Sopron, 33 miles E. of Vienna

QUOTES OF NOTE:

A man's real possession is his memory. In nothing else is he rich, in nothing else is he poor.

-- Alexander Smith

After you have sought over the wide world, you learn that happiness is to be found only in your own home.

-- Voltaire

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by God's grace I will do.

-- Anonymous

There are two days in the week about which and upon which I never worry. Two carefree days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is "Yesterday: and the other is "Tomorrow."

-- Robert Jones Burdette

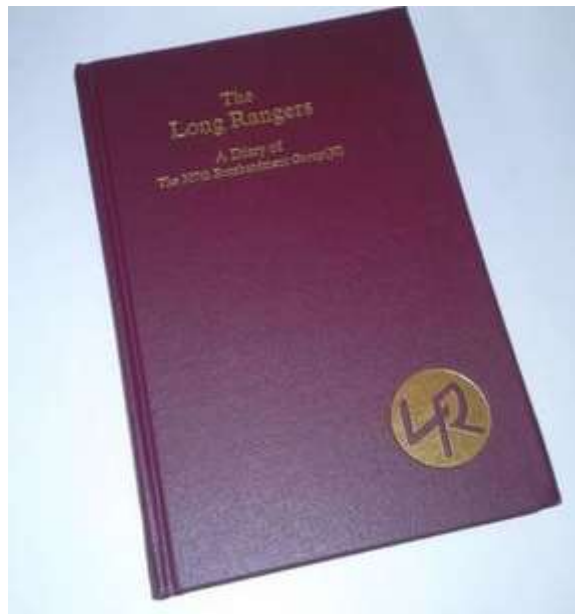
The man who cannot forgive any mortal thing is life is a green hand at living.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

**THE LONG RANGERS a DIARY
OF THE 307th.**

The 307th Bombardment Reunion Group is trying to raise the funds to defray the cost of the reprinting of The Long Rangers A Diary of The 307th Bombardment Group (H) by Sam Britt.

This book is comprehensive, covering the 307th BG from its formation in 1942 through the end of WWII. It has been an invaluable resource, assisting countless 307th BG veterans, family members and friends. The book outlines the combat missions and stories of our 307th BG pilots and aircrew, ground crew, HQ officers and other personnel during their deployment to the Southwest



Pacific Theater of WWII. Please help us reach our \$7500. goal for the reprinting of this outstanding and unique book. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

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The Long Rangers**

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\$95.00 - Family Membership - Family Membership now includes up to 5 immediate family members.

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Membership renewal fees are due on January 1st each year. Enroll the whole family for one low price!

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Please mail this back to the following address:

307th Bombardment Group

C/O Greta Hughes Walsh - Treasurer

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