
Official 307th Newsletter #3 2021 - USAF BIRTHDAY

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Welcome

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**The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Reunion
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USAF Birthday Party

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Air Force Birthday

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The U.S. Air Force was officially founded on 18 September 1947, and in the decades since it has established itself as an air force second-to-none.

Yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back the turn of the twentieth century.

Between 1909 -- when that the US military purchased its first aircraft -- and 1947, the U.S. Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926), and United States Army Air Forces (1941).

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation

of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.

The official Air Force birthday is Sept. 18, 1947.

Join the 307th Bombardment Group Association in saluting our country's Air Force!

Hope you enjoy this newsletter .

Historian's Corner September 18, 2021

See the video below:

USAF Birthday VIDEO

Timeline: Air Force Milestones

1949: The flight of the "Lucky Lady II" demonstrated the Air Force's capability to fly, non-stop round the world, showing it could take off from the U.S. and drop bombs anywhere in the world.

1950-1953: USAF engaged in the first completely jet aerial combat During the Korean War. The F-86 Saberjet scored impressive aerial victories against the enemy MiG-15.

1954: The first B-52 Stratofortress came into the USAF Inventory and has served in every conflict since its appearance.

1960s: The development and deployment of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) as a major component of the aerial defense capability of the United States.

1964-1973: War in Vietnam



1970s: The development of laser-guided bombs and TV-guided air to ground missiles. Air mobility took a major step forward with the introduction of the C-5 Galaxy in the Air Force Inventory. Other aircraft systems introduced in this decade were the F-15, A-10, AWACS, and F-16.

1980s: Stealth Technology was revealed advent of the F-117; strategic bomber capability was increased with the deployment of the B-1.

1990s: USAF played a major role in the swift defeat of the Iraqi military forces in the first Persian Gulf War: The Air Force underwent a major reorganization with the formation of Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, and Air Force Materiel Command. The USAF supported the war in the Balkans, and the US intervention Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

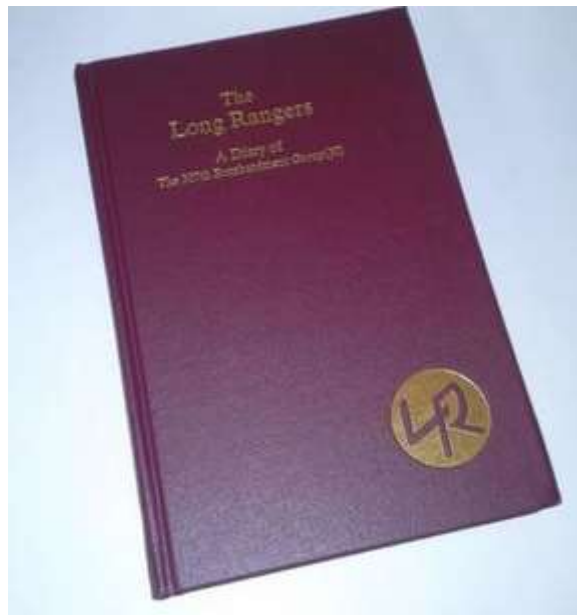
2000 -- Present: The Expeditionary Air Force concept was a major transition in how the Air Force employed forces. The Global War on Terrorism brought the USAF into Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

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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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