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Radisson Hotel Cincinnati October 15-21, 2007



RADISSON HOTEL NORTHERN KENTUCKY
668 WEST FIFTH ST.
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY 41011
Phone (859) 491-1200
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REDUCED ROOM RATE IF BOOKED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13th, 2007.

\$84.00 plus tax for October 14 thru the 21st.
Reduced Room Rate good 3 days before
and 3 days after reunion.

*See March & June News Letter
for Additional Hotel Information*

483rd Tour Descriptions



SHAKER VILLAGE is a historical and family pleasurable experience. It is the largest Shaker Community in America, with 34 Pristinely Restored buildings. Artisans demonstrate their crafts while visitors watch. The Shaker life exhibit is accessible to the physically challenged and offers a comprehensive video about the Shaker experience.



DAYTON AF MUSEUM at Wright Patterson Air Force Base is a user friendly museum. It has been greatly expanded with lots of new airplanes and other attractions since our 2000 reunion, including a NEW B-17 exhibit. There are over 300 airplanes and missiles under 1,000,000 square feet of covered hangars. Eight separate galleries provide a variety of interests for all visitors. Admission is Free. Documentary films in the Carney Auditorium, wheelchair and baby strollers available on a limited basis. Tours are self guided and exhibits are well marked. There is an IMAX theater showing interesting films. The museum encourages photography and video taping. LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN in the reasonably priced cafe. CREDIT CARDS are NOT accepted in the cafe. The B-29 that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki along with P-51's and Japanese Zeros are in the museum. In the Memorial Park section you will find our own 483rd Memorial Monument along with 500 others. Ours was about the fifth one placed in the park.



THE NEWPORT AQUARIUM is a family owned 1,000,000 gallon facility featuring 60 exhibits with over 11,000 aquatic animals. Meet the ONLY SHARK RAY "Sweet Pea" in this hemisphere. Look all the sea life straight in the eye as you pass through a 200 foot long seamless acrylic tunnel. KIDS - visit the tidal pool filled with curious creatures waiting to meet you. If needed, wheel chairs are available with refundable security deposit and photo ID.



HOFBRAUHAS NEWPORT is a German restaurant and Bier Garden patterned after the 400 year old original in Munich Germany. When you enter, German Visitors tell us they are astounded by its decorations making it look like the original in Munich. The accordions are

pumping with OOM-PAA-PAA and polka music. You suddenly feel swept up from Bavaria and plunked down in the Bluegrass of Northern Kentucky. This is the first authorized American Franchise dating back to 1828 - the beer brewing is much older --- 400+ years back to 1580. Beer is brewed on site by a brewmaster from Germany. He even brews a new light Hofbrau, especially for the American palate. If desired German music can be arranged for lunch time groups. They offer both German and American cuisine. It is so arranged that you can enjoy the Cincinnati Skyline and the Ohio River view while dining. This is combined with the tour to the Aquarium in Newport about a block away. The Aquarium first and lunch at the Hofbrauhaus.



LACOMEDIA DINNER THEATRE your reunion chairman has personally enjoyed this beautiful theatre and the wonderful food. The play will be "The Fantasticks" which has been performed over 17,000 times. It is the longest running musical in the world and the longest running stage production of any kind in American History. Send in your registration early -- this is a don't miss evening.



THE NEW FREEDOM CENTER & UNDERGROUND RR. On arrival at the museum LUNCH "On Your Own" in the North Star cafe. Enjoy friendly prices and overlook the beautiful Ohio river. Then see this world class museum. Begin with the introductory film "Suite For Freedom" followed by a self guided tour. The museum is senior friendly but wheelchairs and strollers are available with a refundable deposit and there are elevators to the second & third floors. For your further enjoyment and knowledge you may watch three more 12-15 minute films as you tour "Freedom Heroes", "Slavery to Freedom", and "The Struggle Continues". Kids of all ages enjoy the hands on escape. A must see -- The Slave Pen, a two story log building found in Kentucky, restored and moved to the museum which was used to hold slaves on their way south to be sold.



B&B RIVERBOAT DINNER CRUISE. We will board one of the B&B Riverboats for a THREE HOUR dinner cruise. The charge for this evening cruise includes your bus transport, tour escort, entertainment, and a great buffet with two entrees and all the trimmings. In addition your eyes may feast on the Beautiful scenery on both sides of the Ohio River

Other Interesting Things in Northern Kentucky

- ❖ October Fest at Maine Strasse
- ❖ Shop Newport on the Levee
- ❖ Tour on Trolley
- ❖ City by horse drawn carriage
- ❖ Ventriloquism Museum (See Mortimer Snerd & Charley McCarthy)
- ❖ Cathedral Basilica -- Second largest Stained Glass Window in The World.
- ❖ Rabbit Hash General Store 170 years old
- ❖ Horse Racing at Turfway Park
- ❖ Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden
- ❖ Behringer Crawford Museum -- Northern Kentucky's Heritage
- ❖ World Peace Bell (All 66,000 lbs. of it)
- ❖ Grand Victoria Casino
- ❖ Krohn Conservatory Worlds unusual plants and flowers -- Paradise under glass.
- ❖ Drive/Ride in a NASCAR racer
- ❖ Great American Ball Park Cincinnati Reds and Bengals Football Stadium
- ❖ Climb the Purple Bridge - Closed May 2007

Details and a synopsis of each venue can be seen in the June newsletter.

483rd PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to bring your CAMERA to the 2007 Reunion! We are going to have a photo contest with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place Ribbons and Prizes. The complete rules are in the June 2007 Newsletter. Each contestant can submit no more than eight (8) pictures made up of the following categories. (A) One (1) picture each from 3 different tours with at least 1 to 3 persons attending our reunion in the picture. (B) One (1) picture of family or friends who came to the reunion together. (C) One (1) picture each from the following categories that you participated in: 1. Taken in the Hospitality Room 2. Saturday Night Banquet 3. Memorial Service 4. Friday evening dinner cruise (B&B) 5. Revolving Restaurant on the 18th floor of the Hotel. Remember each contestant can submit NO MORE THAN eight (8) total 4 x 6 glossy color prints-- select your best focused prints for contest submission. Enter the contest and have memory pictures you can keep for yourself. Selected pictures will be included in the 483rd 2007 Memory Book. To participate, register in the hospitality day room by October 15th at the reunion. Thank you for helping us make memories of our 2007 Reunion.

What Each Tour Offers

Tour Includes	Shaker Village	Wright Patterson AFB	LaComedia Dinner Theater	Aquarium Hofbrauhaus	Freedom Underground Rail Road	B & B Dinner Cruise
Door to Door Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lunch/Dinner	L	OYO	D	L	OYO	D
Trip Escort	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Admission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FREE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	NO	You View	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Video about Tour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	No	x --3	No
Elevators	NN*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NN	NN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NN
Wheelchairs	A	A	NN	A	A	
Gift Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

☒ == Yes at Toursight Destination
 A == Available
 NN == Not Needed

L == Lunch
 D == Dinner
 OYO == On your own

483rd Tour Times

Leave Hotel	Back at Hotel	Tour Name	Date
8 a.m.	3 p.m.	Shaker Village	Tuesday 10/16
9:30 a.m.	5 p.m.*	WPAFB-Museum	Wednesday 10/17
9:30 a.m.	3 p.m.	Newport Aquarium / Hofbrauhaus - Lunch	Thursday 10/18
4:15 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	La Comedia Dinner Theater	Thursday 10/18
5:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.m	840 Squadron Party	Thursday 10/18
12:00 Noon	4:30 p.m.	National Underground RR Freedom Center	Friday 10/19
6 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	BB Dinner Cruise	

Board buses 5 to 10 minutes before departure time

* This includes one hour tour of My Gal Sal hangar in Blue Ash Ohio on the way home from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

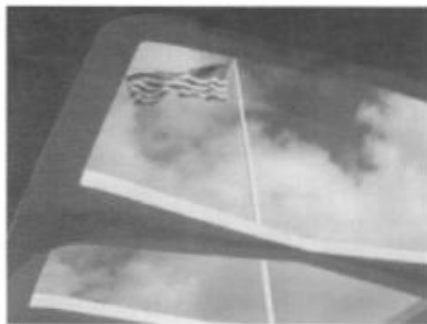


Photo by Dennis West

Visit our 483rd Web Site
 —www.483rd.com—
 for additional 2007
 Reunion information.



President's Message

Final preparations are underway for our upcoming reunion in Covington, Kentucky. The tireless two year long efforts of our Reunion Chairman Ken Davis promise stimulating entertainment and a memorable experience for all attendees. But our annual reunion is more than that. It provides an opportunity for 483rd VETERANS to rekindle memories of their wartime experiences and share these stories with a younger generation of FRIENDS – our children and grandchildren who have been accompanying us old geezers to recent reunions in ever increasing numbers.

We meet because it is an inspirational experience to reunite with comrades that share the common bond of WW II service. We meet to renew connections and old friendships and talk about the sad times and the glad times at Sterparone. Aircrew members swap stories about the rigors of combat and air battles in a cold and unforgiving rarified atmosphere high above enemy territory. Some may relate tales of a harrowing experience as POW's in German Stalags, and the jubilation of liberation at war's end.

We meet to discuss our post-war careers and family development which by now covers two or even three generations of descendants. At the 483rd Reunion rank no longer separates us into the boxes prevalent in WW II. At the reunion the playing field is leveled to allow us to meet as decent responsible citizens, who share an undying love for the country we fought for and the recognition of an inseparable brotherhood.

We also meet to honor our fallen comrades. This year our Memorial Service will pay tribute to the largest number of deceased 483rd members ever recorded at a single reunion. Indications are that family members of those that have passed on will also be attending. Thus affording an opportunity to express our condolences directly to survivors of our departed buddies.

— STANTON "MIKE" RICKEY

The All Squadron Party

Hosted by the 840th Squadron

By George Stovall

Please note: The annual 840th Squadron Party is open to all. It will be at Florence Elks Lodge, just a short bus ride from the hotel. We were there in 2000. Youngsters under 18 are welcome, if we know who they are 30 days in advance. (Kentucky law) There will be lots of food, beverages of choice, fun and games. Prizes (if you win) will be worth more than the price of admission – October 18 from 5:30 to 10:30. Be sure to bone up on your local history and geography!

Roster News

Dear Members

For the past several years we have lost contact with many of our members due to their not letting me know their change of address. Their newsletters and mail have been returned to us with no forwarding address and the forwarding order has expired.

I have tried to find them using the Internet tools at my disposal with no avail so, I put them in our Lost Soul file. When I last checked that file, I had 175 members that we did not know their whereabouts. Using a search engine, I found, "Rootsweb" I was able to check on the names in my Lost Souls database. When the names, age brackets and zip matched the names exactly in my database, I found that they had died. This web site gave me their date of demise and I am 99.9% sure that the in this list are our deceased members. If there was doubt, I did not take any action.

If anyone knows of any of these members, be sure to let me know.

As usual, please pay your dues for we are falling way behind even with our new "Friends" membership. I still have 129 charter members and 29 Friends who have not paid their 2006 dues and have not renewed their dues for this year. There are 31 charter members and 29 Friends, who turned inactive this year.

Thank you and take care — Guy



Guy Venier

More 483rd E-Mail Addresses

The following E-Mail Addresses are published to facilitate correspondence between 483rd members. These are in addition to those published in prior 2006 and 2007 newsletters. Changes or corrections are indicated by **. Members are encouraged to communicate by this means. If you have E-Mail, please contact President STANTON "MIKE" RICKEY at Rickeyroot@aol.com for inclusion or updating of this E-roster.

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 Gerald Smith.....smijet@oburg.net
 Laurie West.....lwest@klp.com
 Velma West.....velmawest613@sbcglobal.net

Rickey B-17 Rebuild ???

Mike Rickey reports that he is slowly accumulating original parts from his B-17, which was shot down west of Kempten, Bavaria on the ill fated Memminger Raid of 18 July 1944. For the past 18 months he has engaged in E-mail correspondence and telephone calls with Ludwig Hauber, an amateur "battlefield archaeologist", who resides in Bad Tolz about halfway between Munich and the Austrian border. Ludwig's interesting hobby led him to devote considerable time to researching the Memminger air battle and unearthing artifacts from crash sites of both 483rd bombers and Luftwaffe FW-190's and ME-109's shot down that day. Seen below are some parts in his personal home museum.



Ludwig located the actual crash site of Mike's aircraft and has mailed several packages to Mike with bits and pieces of that old warbird. The latest contained an engine valve stem in fair condition. He also has identified crash sites of other B-17s and Luftwaffe fighters lost on that raid and plotted their locations on topographical maps. In a previous article in our March 2006 issue, survivors were invited to communicate with Ludwig to tell their stories, and several did so. You can contact him at: LUDWIG HAUBER, AUSTRASSE 33, 83646 BAD TOLZ, BAVARIA, GERMANY; E-mail: 2002tii@freenet.de; Telephone: 0049804172636.

And now for the rest of the story! Last March, Ludwig



visited the Rickeys and spent a week with Addie & Mike at their winter home in Arizona. In his checked baggage, he brought another 40 pounds of artifacts from Rickey's downed aircraft. Included were 50 caliber shells with links, bomb fragment, bomb shackle, radio compass, starter assembly, oil hose, flak vest inserts, and assorted twisted pieces of aluminum. Also a metal fragment from a Messerschmitt 109-E. *If this keeps up, Mike may soon have acquired enough pieces to rebuild his B-17!*

During his weeklong stay Mike and Ludwig toured the Pima Air Museum near Davis Monthan AFB at Tucson. The 390th Bomb Group of 8th AF has one building there, which has indisputably the finest and most complete display of B-17 activities in the world. They spent nearly one entire day at this single facility. Ludwig presented the Museum Director with photos of one of the 390th Aircraft that had crash landed in Switzerland during WW II. Then both were given special permission to go inside of the displayed aircraft, where Ludwig took over 200 photos of individual parts. He was like a kid in a candy store for this was the first time he had ever seen an intact B-17. His only prior experiences were limited to photos and engineering drawings gleaned from the internet, and of course those bits and pieces unearthed from crash sites.

Publicity Directors Report

By George Stovall

Numbers count – just like knowing your ABCs and knowing your numbers – those coming to the upcoming reunion – the count is very important, not just for making this year's reunion a great event, but the numbers bear heavily on what is in store for the next year's reunion. We are watching very, very closely, the hotel and registrations signups. If you are out there in our vast hinterland, want earnestly to keep this great organization going, if you haven't got your hotel registration set and your reunion registration forms filled out — do it now! For me, I don't NEED to sign up for any event, but just the camaraderie of being in the hotel for the week of October 15-20 is enough for me. Can it be the same for you? Don't let us be disappointed.

Military Records Now On Line

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 form on line. Go to: <http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov> NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and next of kin of deceased former military members may now use this new online military personnel record system to request documents. Click on the REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS Button to START. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from this website. The new web-based application is designed to expedite service by minimizing the record center's mailroom processing time.

RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT, COVINGTON, KY**(859) 491-1200**

The Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront is located at 668 West Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41011. The hotel sets on the banks of the Ohio River placing guests at the center of all the excitement. Call the hotel for accurate driving directions. Nearby you will find the Newport Aquarium, Newport On The Levee Shopping & Entertainment Complex, Paul Browne Stadium, Great American Ballpark, US Bank Arena and the Historic Mainstrasse Village. There are also family attractions such as the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Cincinnati Museum Center, and Paramount's Kings Island just a short drive away.

The Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront has 236 guest rooms. Handicapped and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Each room features complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access, coffee maker, refrigerator, iron, ironing board, hairdryer, AM/FM alarm clock, and color TV with cable channels. Guests can also enjoy the hotel's indoor pool with retractable roof, fitness center, and gift shop.

The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Once you have retrieved your luggage from the baggage claim area call the hotel for pickup. You may want to consider other transportation, as space is limited on courtesy services. Parking at the hotel is free. Check-in is at 3:00pm and check-out is at 11:00am.

The Riverview Revolving Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner featuring an eclectic American fare. The restaurant slowly revolves to offer breathtaking views of downtown Cincinnati, the Wooded Hills of Northern Kentucky and the majestic Ohio River. Hotel will provide 10% discount coupons to be used at the Revolving Restaurant. Room service is also available.

The hotel does allow RV's to park at the hotel. Should hook-ups be required, please call Americas Best Value Inn at (513) 771-5252 or Big Bone Lick State Park at (859) 384-3522. Ask for information, reservations, and directions to determine which is best for you. The parks recommend you make reservations immediately due to limited space and availability. Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, please call Roberts Hospital Equipment at (859) 431-5900.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

***** CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL *****

483rd BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION - HOTEL RESERVATIONS
REUNION: OCTOBER 15-21, 2007

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if available) _____ TELEPHONE # () _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM DEP. DATE _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS NEEDED _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH ROOM _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Wheelchair accessible room _____ Nonsmoking room _____ King Bed _____

Two Double Beds _____ Bed types are not guaranteed

RATE: \$84 + tax (currently 11.24%) Single/Double occupancy. Rate will be honored 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 09/13/07. Reservations received after this date will be processed on a space available basis, at the prevailing public rate.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 24 hrs in advance of arrival date. Record your cancellation number. Call (859) 491-1200.

GUARANTEE: Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

MC _____ VISA _____ AM. EXPRESS _____ CARTE BLANCHE/DINERS _____ DISCOVER _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront, 668 West Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41011

Attn: Reservations

483rd BOMB GROUP ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13, 2007.** After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. All new registrations accepted **AT THE REUNION** will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee. Please copy this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
PO BOX 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 483rd Bomb Group

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/13/07		Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS				
TUESDAY: SHAKER VILLAGE TOUR		\$ 68		\$
WEDNESDAY: WRIGHT PATTERSON / AIR FORCE MUSEUM		\$ 42		\$
THURSDAY: NEWPORT AQUARIUM / HOFBRAUHAUS LUNCH		\$ 67		\$
THURSDAY: LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATER		\$ 88		\$
THURSDAY: 840 th SQDN PARTY		\$ 40		\$
FRIDAY: UNDERGROUND RAILROAD/FREEDOM CENTER		\$ 42		\$
FRIDAY: DINNER CRUISE		\$ 78		\$
MEALS				
TUESDAY DINNER (Please select your entrée)				
ROAST BEEF WITH GRAVY		\$ 24		\$
BAKED HALIBUT		\$ 28		\$
WEDNESDAY DINNER - BAKED CHICKEN		\$ 24		\$
FRIDAY LADIES' BRUNCH		\$ 17		
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)				
SLICED SIRLOIN		\$ 30		\$
GRILLED SALMON		\$ 28		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE				
Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses.		\$ 25		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.				\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME

FIRST _____ LAST _____ NICKNAME _____

SQUADRON _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES ☐ NO ☐ ARE YOU FLYING? ☐ DRIVING? ☐ RV? ☐

Please call (757) 825-6401 or email cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

Taps

Deceased Members not previously Noted in Newsletters

Taken From The Social Security web Site and believed to be accurate

Name	Squadron	Date	Name	Squadron	Date
Adrean, Mandle C	815	08-31-00	McKinney, Sidney E	840	06-04-02
Aho, Milton M	817	09-02-95	McMillan, William D	816	07-28-04
Ally, Milton M	817	09-02-95	Michaels, Norman R	817	08-16-04
Arnold, William R	483	04-03-80	Milhorn, John	816	08-27-96
Ashe, Charles J	817	05-25-96	Muller, Alfred S	840	01-05-98
Aucoin, Byron J	817	06-09-02	Munn, Robert A	483	10-29-92
Barnola, Lucas A	840	12-13-00	Murray, Raymond E	816	09-15-03
Batholomew, John G	816	06-09-06	Nicks, Carl R	840	11-17-01
Binnicker, Oscar B	815	04-21-98	Moble, Norman R	840	04-08-03
Bonifati, Leonard J	816	02-15-00	Noll, Harold C	840	06-03-01
Boxenbaum, Ralph	840	02-11-01	Norton, Richard G	815	07-30-96
Brady, Allen J	840	09-01-03	Norton, William H	815	06-24-01
Breslow, Albert	840	05-03-00	Oliveri, Nicholas A	HQ	01-09-97
Brock, Russell E	483	06-18-02	Palmer, Douglas H	817	06-28-04
Brown, Louis E	840	12-12-95	Pate, Rufus F	566	07-31-89
Brunner, Walter R	840	01-28-06	Perlman, Stanley	816	08-28-05
Conte, William T	817	07-13-02	Poe, Donald C	815	04-29-04
Cotelesse, Joseph A	817	08-28-05	Ragland, Leonard O	816	04-25-02
Current, Harold M	817	05-07-06	Randolph, Herbert L	817	01-25-03
Cyran, Stanley J	815	07-20-05	Register, Wade A	840	02-06-00
Dalzin, Robert J	815	09-01-94	Richardson, Willis J	815	10-10-99
Daniels, Duane W	815	12-09-00	Rieke, Raymond W	817	05-08-98
Elderkin, James k	817	11-06-05	Schellie, James L	815	10-06-03
Finnegan, William D	815	03-09-02	Schrader, Kenneth H	816	03-01-99
Fleming, Horace W	817	04-09-06	Schwartz, Lawrence D	840	06-01-03
Foon, Henry Y	483	07-09-01	Seefuth, Walter A	817	11-11-00
Foster, Jack M	816	02-24-02	Simpson, Vernon L	817	12-04-03
Fulwider, Richard B	840	05-22-89	Smith, Donald S	840	04-14-00
Gedney, John F	840	04-23-03	Smith, Marvin B	840	10-05-03
Gessler, Paul V	816	05-19-96	Spencer, Robert W	816	03-08-98
Goethel, John D	483	04-16-03	Stagg, William J	817	12-25-03
Griffin, Kenneth E	816	08-13-03	Stewart, Theodore C	817	10-12-00
Haase, Charles L	840	04-29-01	Seefuth, Walter A	817	11-11-00
Harclerode, Robert C	816	04-29-03	Simpson, Vernon L	817	12-04-03
Hugill, Donald E	483	02-09-95	Smith, Donald S	840	04-14-00
Irwin, Raymond J	815	06-27-06	Smith, Marvin B	840	10-05-03
Jackson, Radford E	816	06-26-02	Spencer, Robert W	816	03-08-98
Johnson, Willie O	815	01-06-05	Stagg, William J	817	12-25-03
Kern, Lloyd E	816	10-02-02	Stewart, Theodore C	817	10-12-00
Kerns, Warren L	816	01-02-02	Taormina, Sam P	483	01-19-96
Kint, Warren L	816	07-12-98	Teasel, Richard C	HQ	03-16-04
Kirkland, Otis D Jr	840	04-30-05	Townsend, Thomas L	HQ	09-26-04
Kupitz, Charles C	816	03-11-98	Vaughn, Lee B	816	06-28-02
Kutina, Edward J	840	10-31-00	Vige, Raleigh	817	09-02-98
Lafoon, Delbert N	815	12-30-97	Wagner, Clarence P	483	03-27-00
Lawson, Joseph H	840	04-06-01	Walker, Robert J	817	04-01-06
Loudon, Robert H	815	09-25-01	Weinman, Morton	483	12-28-99
Lovas, Andrew T	816	06-16-98	Weisker, George W	840	06-04-00
Ludwig, Seymour	483	12-23-98	Whitehead, Lawrence A	816	02-11-01
Makinney, Fred W III	816	09-01-05	Wilson, Kennerd	815	09-13-04
Marchant, Ralph	817	07-00-81	Wolford, Otto C	840	01-27-03
Marcus, Lloyd G	816	06-22-05	Wroblewski, Frank J	840	07-09--2
McKee, Samuel W	816	11-15-02	Zink, Eugene C	817	05-09-05
			Zoeller, Gordon	815	11-13-01

Military Funeral Honors

Family Members of deceased military veterans can request special honors at the funeral of their loved ones. The **Military Funeral Honors Program**, which is available across the nation, provides honorably discharged veterans with a military send-off. The program provides at least two military members as an honor guard to fold and present the flag to the veteran's next of kin. Taps is also played, although it may be a CD recording if a live bugler is not available. The recently passed **National Defense Act** funds a partnership between military-based honors program providers and local veteran service organizations. The result is that a family request for both a firing detail and a color guard for the veteran can be

honored.

To arrange for these honors, family members should inform the funeral home director on their first visit. They should present the funeral home director with a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 or other proof of service, as well as the veteran's name, date of birth and Social Security Number. Other needed information includes the deceased's branch of service, dates of service and any special military awards. Each branch of the services has their own version of the Honors program, and will be the first point of contact by the funeral director. For more information visit the national website at: www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil

New PX Price Items

➤	B-17 Ceramic Mugs, 12 oz. wraparound B-17	\$15.00
➤	B-17 Plane spotter Mugs with stats & b-17 silhouette	\$8.00
➤	Flying Fortress & RAF Lancaster gliders, 17" Styrofoam	\$1.00
➤	USA Cotton Bucket Hats, adult sizes	\$3.00
➤	Stars & Stripes Cotton Bandanas, 21" x 21"	\$2.00
➤	Leis, Red, White & Blue, 34", soft plastic	\$1.00
➤	Balloons, 11", 6 assorted colors, imprinted 483rd Bomb Group B-17 Flying Fortress	
	Italy 1944-1945 - order them all	\$.50
➤	<i>We now have Blue sweatshirts, as well as red, white, dark and light grey</i>	

PX Price List

➤	Canvas Tote Bag with 483rd logo	\$5.00
➤	Flashlight with 483rd logo, powerful 12-bulb light, batteries & wrist strap included	\$10.00
➤	Bumper Sticker --	\$ 3.00
➤	Mouse Pad with Calculator and 483rd logo in center	\$10.00
➤	Mouse Pad with metric conversion table, 483rd logo in center	\$ 6.00
➤	Tee Shirt, white, with B-17 on front, sizes S through XL	\$10.00
➤	Sweat Shirt, 483rd, 15th Air Force, Italy 1944-1945 on front	
	o White, light or dark gray, or red - sizes S through XL	\$20.00
➤	Jacket, blue, 483rd logo on left front, B-17 on back	\$50.00
➤	Shirt, white knit, B-17 and 15th Air Force above pocket	\$20.00
➤	Cap, B-17 15th Air Force, Italy 1944-1945 on front	\$ 5.00
➤	483rd History Book by Donald Stern (only 8 left in print)	\$40.00
➤	Wall Clock, 483rd logo in center, black, gold, silver or wood trim	\$12.00
➤	Wristwatch, 483rd logo on face, men's or ladies'	\$15.00
➤	Portfolio, 483rd logo on cover, calculator & calendar inside	\$10.00
➤	483rd License Plate Holder, white with blue letters	\$ 2.00
➤	483rd License Plate, plastic, blue with white letters	\$ 5.00
➤	Pins:	
	o Wings, Navigator (small \$4.00)	\$ 5.00
	o Wings, Bombardier (small \$4.00)	\$ 5.00
	o Wings, Pilot (small \$4.00)	\$ 5.00
	o Wings, Gunner (small \$4.00)	\$ 5.00
	o Wings, 15th Air Force in middle	\$ 5.00
	o 15th Air Force Pin	\$ 5.00
	o Unit Citation, large (small \$4.00)	\$5.00
	o B-17 Hat Pin, large (small \$4.00)	\$ 5.00
	o U. S. Flag Pin, large	\$ 5.00
	o U. S. A. Map & Statue of Liberty Pin	\$ 3.00
➤	Patches:	
	o 15th Air Force Shoulder Patch	\$ 4.00
	o U. S. Flag Shoulder Patch	\$ 4.00
➤	Medals:	
	o Victory Medal w/bar	\$10.00
	o Good Conduct Medal w/bar	\$10.00
➤	CDs (prices include shipping and handling)	
	o "Heroes of the 483rd"	\$20.00
	o Archives Binder No. 1 (orders)	\$10.00
	o Archives Binder No. 10 (photos of groups of 5 or more)	\$10.00
	o Archives Binder No. 11 (crew pictures)	\$10.00
	o Archives Binder No. 17 (loading lists and missions)	\$10.00

PX Order Form

Item (be sure to indicate size when applicable)

Price

Prices do NOT include shipping and handling, unless otherwise noted

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Total \$ _____

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Taps

Deceased Members not previously Noted in Newsletters

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Aho, Milton M	817	09-02-95
Anton, Leslie	817	02-18-07
Barton, Neil J	815	12-24-05
Carter, Thomas	840	12-21-03
Darnell, Joseph W	817	11-10-05
Essmeier, Guy K	817	02-16-07
Hamilton, Charles R	817	12-09-06
Heflin, James R	816	06-24-07
Hobart, Gordon M	840	04-14-06
Lancaster, Buel L	840	04-10-07
Lowenstein, John W	840	09-26-06
Mason, James H	817	10-19-99
McLean, Gene R	815	06-19-07
Milhorn, John	816	08-27-96
Morgan, Harding	840	06-08-07
O'Gara, Charles	815	11-04-06
Phillips, Milford D	840	04-19-06
Raymond, James D	815	04-19-99
Rosales, Henry	815	04-18-06
Seith, Louis T	840	03-06-07
Smith, Donald S	840	04-14-00
Smithers, Howard B	816	09-29-06
Swift, Thomas B	815	01-02-07
Thompson, Vernon K	817	07-07-97
Trofholz, Kenneth D	816	11-20-06
Varischetti, Amore G	817	06-03-99
Whitman, Jules I	817	10-25-05

PX Report

By George Stovall



The PX is a big undertaking. It's something to look forward to. The entire operation and inventory is programmed at least two years ahead. We add items to keep up interest and to involve new members as well as old times. Check the PX List to see what's new. We plan to unpack on Sunday, October 14 and get everything ready to set up. We will be open for business Monday, the 15th. Come in early and get your Secret Number! We will have a surprise for the A.M. and one for the P.M. The 483rd PX is one of our best messengers to put out the word about the 483rd and to keep the Association alive.



Air Force Memorial - Washington DC

483rd By Law Changes

The Constitution and By Laws of the 483rd Bombardment Group Association require the following changes for the reasons stated below. The Board of Directors has unanimously approved these changes, and they will be presented to the General Membership for final consideration at our Business Meeting on 20 Oct 2007 at the Covington, KY Reunion.

1. To confirm language approved by vote of the 483rd Board and General Membership at the Sep 2006 Washington, DC Reunion, to remove Inactive Members delinquent 5 years or more from the newsletter mail list.
2. To reflect the impact of modern technology in streamlining Board proceedings during the interim between reunions.
3. To recognize and amplify the increasing role of FRIENDS as vital to the continuity of the 483rd Association, by authorizing them to vote and hold office while assisting their elder VETERAN comrades in the conduct of our affairs.

The following summarizes proposed changes approved by the Board. A detailed handout with line-by-line changes will be made available at the Covington Reunion.

1. In Constitution, wherever the phrase **Regular Members** appears, it will be changed to read: **Qualified Members**. A Qualified Member is defined as either a FRIEND or VETERAN member.
2. In Constitution Article V, para 2, strike out the words: **30 days**.
3. Throughout the By Laws references to original 483rd members will be changed to read **Veteran Members**; where applicable the phrase **Qualified Members** (both FRIENDS and VETERANS) will be substituted for existing language.
4. In By Laws, Sec I, para 4, ... **Remove Inactive Members from newsletter mail list after 5 years delinquency**.
5. In By Laws, Sec III, C, Add **Parliamentarian** as an Appointed Officer to insure meeting decorum.
6. In By Laws, Sec III, D, Committees, correct existing by adding new para 3 stating: **The President shall appoint a Reunion Selection Committee to plan...**
7. In By Laws, Sec IV, B, Add language authorizing **Board Meetings to be conducted by E-Mail or telephone conference**.



This is a book about heroes, hundreds of them, who went off to war in the heavy bombers known as B-17's. They formed the air crews of the 483rd Bombardment Group (H) which in slightly more than one year in Europe during World War II established an enviable record of success against the Nazi war machine.* The book is out of print now, but AVAILABLE ON CD. This is the stories of our fathers, grandfathers, uncles or brothers, their heroic efforts in the war are right here. Many times it is the stories they never told you as you were growing up. If you don't have this on your shelf - get one - support the 483rd, the memory, and help maintain the proud efforts of these fine men with your family.

*Taken from the forward as written by Verne Cole.

Reunion And Hotel count

Shaker Village	14
Tuesday Dinner	32
WPAFB Museum	20
Wednesday Dinner	40
Newport Aquarium/Hofbrauhaus	28
La Comedia Dinner Theater	17
840 Squadron Party 28 Ladies Brunch	15
Underground RR Museum	12
Friday Dinner Cruise	32
Saturday Banquet/Dinner	46
Total people registered	52
Hotel Rooms Booked Number Rooms	44
Number people Represented	74

Reunion Attendees: It is still a little early for reservations, but it does take a minimum of 30 people per function to avoid Armed Forces Reunions Inc. cancelling that tour. As the numbers above show, there are several tours that will be cancelled because of lack of attendance. So... if you have not sent in your reservations yet, please finalize your plans and send in your reservations so we do not have to cancel some of these tours. It certainly helps planning the reunion if we get the reservations taken care of. Don't forget the hotel discount that will be available to reunion attendees if booked by September 13th. It would be great to have all the tours reach their minimum number of 30 people and be guaranteed.

A Matter of Time !

Time has no limitations,
But, has control of all situations.
Try as you may, it cannot be controlled,
Subjugated by it, numbers untold !
Good or bad, righteous will prevail
Always takes care, of most minute details.
Right or wrong, if you are in doubt,
Do not despair, time will win out.
Always do the best you can,
You'll never be an also ran.
Every minute of every day,
Time in control, will not go away.
If time is the winner at the very end,
Acquiesce, certainly, we must contend.

Wilfrid E. Hebert

Ed Note: Congratulations to Wil - His poem is a National Award Winner. He received a silver bowl - cash - and National Recognition. Thanks for the submission Wil



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