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Saint Charles Wrap-up

George Stovall

The 65th Anniversary and 30th reunion of the 483rd Bombardment Group is now in the history books. Looking back now on this reunion I believe we can sum up this near final reunion as a success. All in all the weeks activities measured up to all of our expectations. There were some disappointments, mainly in the cancellation by the Busch family of week day tours of the popular Grants Farm, which left us going to Forest Park two days in a row, plus the disturbance caused by the bikers who took over the hotel on Saturday - an unfortunate episode that could have been avoided by us coming a week later. Poor communication by the Holiday Inn Sales Staff! Otherwise the week's events of the Boones Farm and Montelle Winery - a pleasant surprise to all and very enjoyable; the long and exhausting Busch Brewery Tour but well worth the time going through one of St. Louis's and America's brewing icons (even though the recent take over by INBEV leaves a craw in some throats); the symbol of the west - the Gateway Arch hugging grandly the mighty Mississippi, it is one engineering marvel all should experience - plus the Friday evening experience of the River Boat Cruise, all nicely embellished with the glow of the city of St. Louis lights as we floated up and down this great water course. The in hotel evening meals and entertainment seemed to please those in attendance. We tried to keep it entertaining and patriotic. I believe that was accomplished by the success of the Comedy Theatre, The Squadron Party, The Eagles Drill Team on Memories Night with the "Salute to Veterans" by Pat Holt's local group. All hit the mark.

There is one negative and some disappointment - low attendance. We set our sights on 200 and I was somewhat surprised that only 111 officially registered, plus 3 guests, the University of Missouri AFROTC Colonel and the two Cadets, only 5 registered parties cancelled for a total of 11 who did not show. Now we mark our calendar for Branson October 5-11, 2009

BRANSON, MISSOURI Next Reunion

By John Nobel

The 2009 Reunion will be held October 5th, 2009 - October 11th, 2009 at Settle Inn in



Branson, Missouri. We have signed an agreement for 100 rooms at \$62.00 per night plus the current tax rates. A continental

breakfast will also be included in the room rate. If the 483rd is able to fill all 100 rooms or more, we will be given one entire section of the hotel for our use. We plan to have buses for group trips and if approved by the board, several small minivans available to transport smaller groups to individual attractions through out the week. At the hotel there is a hotel staff member

available with lists of attractions and tickets etc that can be purchased by our individual members.



The new Branson airport is scheduled to open in May 2009 and is on schedule. They will have regular airline flights after May. You can check the airport progress by going to flybranson.com. John Nobel plans to fly to Branson after the first of the year (recovery from two surgeries permitting) to finalize plans. If all who plan to attend the reunion would e-mail him at jpn23v@gmail.com or send a letter to John P Nobel, 4555 E. Hillsdale Lane, Inverness, FL 34452-9057 it would help in making the our reunion plans.

John apologized for not being able to give more information on the reunion at this time, but he has just had two surgeries and is just now able to do some work.



MORE THAN A TERMINAL

Branson Airport is poised to redefine the airport experience in the United States as the nation's first privately developed and operated commercial airport. More than just a terminal, the airport will be an extension of the Branson



experience and a new front porch to one of the fastest-growing destination resort communities in the world.

Branson is renowned for its warmth, hospitality, and ease. The airport will be no different. Concierges will help travelers find their way. The car rental return facility will be integrated with check-in services. And, excellent customer service will be the expectation rather than the exception.



The vision will soon be reality. Set to open in May 2009, Branson Airport has already moved 11 million cubic yards of dirt for the terminal and runway on a 1,000-acre plot of land in the Ozark foothills near the Missouri-Arkansas state line. The volume of dirt moved is the equivalent of a building with the footprint of an NFL football field and 660 stories tall.



President's Message

Thank you, President Emeritus, Ellis Maxey, for a successful year. The 30th Anniversary Reunion was successfully completed at St. Charles, Missouri. The Reunion was planned and presented by George and Marion Stovall. George, a triple threat, was not only Reunion chairman, but also

PX Chairman and Publicity Director. A vast array of volunteers provided a smooth presentation of an exciting program. The Day Room operation provided a location for food and conversation. The exhibit of artifacts by Dale Jensen was memorable.

Of note, at the Saturday evening banquet, Harry Millnamow was awarded a plaque in honor of his attendance at all thirty reunions of the 483rd.

A Friend, Dennis West, is our President-elect for 2010. Dennis is presently our Newsletter Editor and has assumed responsibility as the prime contact for the 483rd continuing effort to join other groups in a 5th wing organization. He assumed this responsibility from Norma Flaherty. This effort may result in a 5th Wing reunion of several of the six 5th Wing Groups. A current proposal provides for individual Group meetings, but joint general activities for the Wing.

John Nobel and his 31st Reunion Committee, continues preparation for the 66th anniversary celebration of the 483rd at Branson, Missouri, October 5-10, 2009. He is working hard to present a memorable event.

Jim Ashley

TAPS

Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

Abernathy, Edward F	840	09/10/95	Hendrick, James H	817	05/29/08	Mills, Frederick L	840	01/13/04
Andrews, Robert R	840	02/03/07	Hish, Dale R	840	09/01/08	Moran, Sheridan J	816	05/05/01
Brant, Clark E	816	05/04/08	Jarnot, John J	816	07/13/50	Northrup, Albert I	816	08/26/07
Broyhill, Lincoln F	840	11/18/08	Jewell, Mike	FRD	07/14/08	Oligney, Kenneth E	816	02/12/00
Bisson, Ivan P	816	11/14/08	Jones, W Earl	816	11/19/08	Oliver, Dell W	817	04/20/08
Burdick, Clifford L	HQ	12/20/05	Kavanaugh, Dudley L	483	04/15/96	O'Roak, James R	816	02/17/08
Butters, Raymond O	815	01/23/08	Kellenberger, Robert P	816	02/15/08	Payne, Norman E	840	01/02/90
Carpenter, Lee L	815	10/04/08	LeSage, Verne E	816	02/10/08	Price, Raymond L	815	10/22/04
Cave, William M	815	05/11/08	Leutke, Philip A	817	07/13/08	Rogers, Bruce F	816	09/07/08
Debolt, Forrest E	840	04/24/08	Linn, Robert F	815	11/02/03	Segers, Edward L	816	08/02/06
Dewa, Alexander J	815	09/00/08	Loll, Robert C	816	03/04/02	Szteliga, Stanley W	840	06/23/08
Ferman, Julius H	817	05/09/08	Mahan, Robert R	817	05/09/08	Vander, Seymore A	840	07/20/04
Finn, Willard E	840	03/03/07	Maurer, Francis J	815	09/10/07	Yales, Gus R	815	04/20/07
Fruend, Dean H	840	08/10/07	Micelli, Charles V	840	05/01/07	Weston, Kenneth T	840	03/25/06
Gonnella, Nick	817	07/10/08				Williams, Ocie G	840	04/26/08
Gramenzi, Frank V	840	06/02/93				Zimmerman, Edward M	817	06/07/99

PX Report

By George Stovall

The PX is downsizing even though business can be brisk at the reunions. At St. Charles we weren't able to schedule good PX open hours because Marion and I had double duty supervising the reunion. But even then we reduced our inventory, gave away some slow sellers and overstocked items. Starting in this newsletter issue we will aggressively reduce inventory. Please note two important details, #1: we ordered 150 excellent and useful 2009 Date Planning booklets. These dated materials must be moved early in 2009. The calendar features scenic America and both calendars and date booklet have our 483rd logo. Get one for yourself or we will send one to a friend for you. The calendars are \$3.00 (plus S&H \$1.50) and the planning date booklet is \$3.00, both for \$8.00, plus \$1.50 S&H. All members for the C/W list get one free from us.

Also note #2: all wearing items except caps will be priced at 1/2 off old list. **JUST THINK** the great blue jacket bomber wind breaker jacket will be only \$25.00 - Sweat shirts only \$10.00 - tee shirts only \$5.00. Supplies, color and sizes limited; so get your order in early! We have several new items we thought would sell but we just did not have space or another reunion to get them displayed properly, promoted and sold. These are great also to give as gifts.

1 - The attache case. Being priced at cost only \$10.00

2 - The photo clock - 2 sides for pix's and of course the

clock with 483rd logo and inside for pens and pencils. Great gift item at cost \$5.00

We hope you can help reduce this inventory, get something you can use or surprise a friend with a gift. We don't want to see these great 483rd PX items go to waste..

P.S. on a positive. The PX handles the sales of The Heroes CD's at \$20.00 each. This last year we turned over to our treasurer, Leon Waldman a check for \$1900.00. The PX pays the S&H on these sales.

Publicity Report

By George Stovall



The publicity report this issue will be sweet and short - maybe not so sweet, but short! Our next gig is Branson. Our reunion chairman for 2009, Jack Nobel will fill you in on the important details. My task will be to tell you about the Ozarks and southwest Missouri, why Branson became the entertainment center of the U.S. some years ago and why you all should mark your calendars for the fall of 2009 and make plans to see what's going on down in the Ozarks. The Ozarks and Branson write ups will start in the March Newsletter

Roster News

Greetings

I know many members are in touch with others so when you get your new roster, check your listing and the listings of the people you are in contact with, if they are in the 483rd Association. I had a member who had been lost since 1992 one of our members was in contact with him all these years and I did not know he was still with us. As usual, check your address label and check what status you are carrying. An SI-07 means that you have not paid your dues for 2008 and will be in the inactive list next year. Dues can be paid in advance at any time. I have a couple of members who have paid their 2010 dues. An envelope has been provided with this newsletter for you to send in your dues payment.

Take care,
Guy



Guy Venier

A New Find

Guy Venier has located a member of the 483rd who has not appeared on our roster before. His name and address follows. Those of you who remember George may reconnect with him at the following phone number and address.

Simonelli, George J 840
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(732) 521-4877



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

483RD BOMB GROUP (H)

30TH ANNUAL REUNION

9:00 AM -11:00 AM, SATURDAY, 13 SEPT 2008

ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

Meeting was called to order by President Ellis Maxey at 8:54 AM. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chaplain Pro-Tem Ben Adams gave the Invocation. President Maxey gave his opening remarks welcoming everyone. Pictures of all Present and Past President were taken -Ben Adams, Fred Davis, Harry Millnamow, Jack Nobel, Mike Rickey, and George Stovall.

Minutes of the General Business Meeting, Covington, Kentucky were approved as published in the Newsletter.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (GUÝ VENIER) - of the Members, 9 are honorary, 102 are widows, 359 are life, 162 are active, 120 semi-inactive, 446 are inactive and 0 are new finds, for a total of 1,198; of the Friends, 0 are honorary, 116 are life, 25 are active, 26 are semi-inactive and 39 are inactive, for a total of 206; of the deceased members 220 were killed in action, and 2,748 are post-war for a total of 2,969. There are no new friends. Total roster of members is 4,373. Member Roster will be sent to membership shortly following this reunion.

INCOME

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,648.78
Life Member Dues	\$ 2,800.00
Regular Member Dues	\$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 520.00
Grand Total	\$10,968.78

EXPENSES

Stamps	\$ 126.00
Postage	\$ 46.67
Supplies	\$ 214.33
Printer	\$ 45.00
Roster Printing	\$ 1,785.00
Bulk Mail Permit Fee	\$ 180.00
Bulk Mail Postage	\$ 538.45
Grand Total	\$ 2,835.45.

\$4,525 was transferred to Treasurer.

TREASURER (LEON WALDMAN) - The organization has a total of \$70,440 in assets as of 1 Sept 2007 and these assets are distributed as follows:

Vanguard Money Market Fund	\$ 1,408
Vanguard Mutual Funds	\$56,282
Treasurers Account	\$ 1,009
Membership Account	\$ 3,400
PX Account	\$ 718
PX Inventory	\$ 5,395
Archives Accountant	\$ 1,900
Clipped Wings Account	\$ 328

CLIPPED WING (NORMA FLAHERTY) -

There are 12 correspondents although two (2) have been moved to Clipped Wings due to family health issues. They hope to begin writing soon. There were an estimated 3900 letters sent this year although this number

may be over optimistic because life situations are reducing the ability to write every month. Currently 57 Members are being served and the roster ranged from 50 to 57. VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME and Norma could stress enough how much the letters are appreciated by the Clipped Wings Recipients. Stamps and envelopes on hand was \$1,476.13 Norma did state that many of the writers do not submit requests for their expenses so the true cost of this program is not reflected.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (DENNIS WEST) -

There were four (4) newsletters sent out this year. There are 900 on the mailing list. He suggested that people could opt for an email version of the newsletter and it would save money. Presently there are 3 people that do this. He also encouraged anyone that wanted to submit articles to the newsletter email them to him at ironman8x@yahoo.com.

PX and PUBLICITY (GEORGE STOVALL) -

There were 94 CD's sold for a total of \$1,900 which goes to Treasurer.

2009 REUNION (JACK NOBEL) -

Next reunion will be in Branson, MO from 21 September to 27 September and will be held in the Settle Inn which has been renovated. The cost will be \$62 per night including continental breakfast. The Branson West Airport will be complete in 2009. There have been 3 tours set up with buses and there is a concierge that will assist with show reservations. There is a shuttle proposed. There will be a baggage handler at a cost of \$4 per person which may possibly covered by the 483rd organization. Jack will try to change the date of the Reunion to avoid conflicts with Rosh Hashanah.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO

BY-LAWS - Mike Rickey reported that Veterans are now called Veteran Members and non-veteran members are called "Friends." Votes are now be taken via email. He also stated that the 2/3 majority remains.

NEW BUSINESS:

JOINT REUNIONS - President Maxie stated that the idea of joint meetings with the 5th Wing of the 15th Air Force is still being explored. The business meetings would be conducted separately however the tours and social events would be combined. It was moved by Mike Rickey and seconded by Jack Noble that the talks with these other organizations continue with the idea that the 2010 reunion would be Joint. Approved unanimously

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS - Dennis West was nominated for President for 2010 by Mike Rickey, seconded by Jack Noble. Dennis was elected by acclamation.

SELECTION OF 2010 REUNION SITE: There were two sites proposed as follows:

(1) Kansas City with nearby Whiteman AFB, Truman Library, Harley Davidson, Leavenworth Prison and Overland Park was presented by Don Robinson and Iona Sweers. (2) Rapid City with nearby Ellsworth AFB, Badlands, Deadwood, Mt. Rushmore and a chuck wagon was presented by George Stovall. By a vote of 25 to 21 the 2010 Reunion will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee West Maeda

PX Order Form

Prices DO NOT include shipping and handling, unless otherwise noted

Item(s) (be sure to indicate size when applicable)

Price

Postage \$

Total \$

Name

Address

Phone and email address

Please make check(s) payable to: 483rd Bomb Group and send with order to: George Stovall, 825 NE Lawndale Pl.,
Corvallis, OR 97330 Phone: 541-758-0009 – Email: emailgstovall@peak.org

PX PRICE LIST

NEW ITEMS

483rd Logo Attache Case	Only \$ 10.00
483rd Logo Desk Clock with two photo frames and folds into triangle that can be used as a pencil/pen holder	Just \$ 5.00
483rd Logo Address Book with Calendar and Daily Planner	\$ 3.00
483rd 2009 Calendar with scenic pictures of America	\$ 3.00
Balloons, 11", imprinted 483 rd Bomb Group B-17 Flying Fortress Italy 1944-45	\$.50
483rd Logo Canvas Tote Bag	\$ 5.00
483rd Logo Flashlight, powerful LED 12-bulb light, batteries & wrist strap included,	\$10.00
483 rd Bumper Sticker	\$ 3.00
Tee Shirt, white, B-17 on front, sizes S through XXL	\$ 10.00
Sweatshirt, 483 rd , 15 th Air Force, Italy 1944-45 on front, white, light or dark gray, red or blue, sizes S through XXL	\$ 10.00
Jacket, blue, 483 rd logo on left front, B-17 on back, sizes S-XXL	\$ 25.00
Shirt, white knit, B-17 and 15 th Air Force above pocket, sizes S-XXL	\$ 10.00
Cap, B-17 15 th Air Force, Italy 1944-45 on front, adjustable	\$ 5.00
483 rd License Plate Holder, white with blue letters	\$ 2.00
483 rd License Plate, plastic, blue with white letters	\$ 5.00

PINS:

Wings, Small, Pilot, Navigator, Bombardier or Gunner	\$ 4.00
Wings, Large, Pilot, Navigator, Bombardier or Gunner	\$ 5.00
Wings, 15 th Air Force in middle,	\$ 5.00
15 th Air Force Pin,	\$ 5.00
Unit Citation, Small	\$ 4.00
Unit Citation, Large	\$ 5.00
B-17 Hat Pin, Small	\$ 4.00
B-17 Hat Pin, Large	\$ 5.00
U. S. Flag Pin, large,	\$ 5.00

PATCHES:

15 TH Air Force Shoulder Patch	\$ 4.00
U. S. Flag Shoulder Patch, Right or Left	\$ 4.00
Heroes Book on CD (includes S&H)	\$20.00

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