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Rapid City And Mount Rushmore Next Reunion

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483rd Bomb Group 2010 Reunion



Reunion Events

This 33rd reunion for the 483rd Bomb Group is programmed to see and enjoy one of America's most Scenic, Historic, Vacation spots. —The Black Hill Country of South Dakota with Rapid City as our base and located nicely in the center of all our tours. We will visit Deadwood, the city that made Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity

Jane famous. Then former Air Force Base, Ellsworth where we did our 1st phase of training in December 1943, tour the well advertised Wall Drug and journey through the Badlands, spend a day admiring the great rock sculptures of Gustoph Borgland at Mount Rushmore and the works, and present day sculptor of Crazy Horse Memorial, Korzak Ziolkowski. We will also drive through Custer Park and marvel at various animals ambling about. Then visit the well know Black Hills Gold jewelry factory, see the Crystal Cave, and end the day touring Fort Hays and the "Dances with Wolves" movie set. There we will make a rope and, forge a tin plate and enjoy the BBQ Chuck Wagon dinner and western style entertainment.

Also the Ladies Punch will have entertainment for the ladies. On memories night we will have the arousing music of the 7th Cavalry Drum and Bugle corps. to command our attention.



Hotel Information and Getting There

Our Hotel for the 483rd Bomb Group is the Grand Gateway Hotel located at 1721 North Lacrosse ST Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701. Toll Free: 1-866-742-1300 Direct: 1-605-342-1300. For special needs or other information you may contact Bob Hodet, Sales Manager or his assistant Sandy Livingston, ext 624. The Grand Gateway Hotel is situated less than 1/4 mile off I-90 @ exit 59 in the center of everything the Black Hills has to offer, 11 miles from Rapid City Airport, served by United, Delta, Northwest, Frontier, and Allegiant Air Lines. State times of your arrivals and departures, free shuttle by hotel. You must register by August 21st to guarantee your room. Room rate is \$76.00+ taxes.

The Grand Gateway Hotel



1721 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

Web site: grandgatewayhotel.com

Just outside our doors American Heritage awaits you. The "cowboy way," legends of the famous Black Hills Gold Rush, Native American culture and nearly one million acres of breathtaking national parks that are teeming with wildlife are all nearby.

NEXT REUNION
Rapid City, S.D.
September 21-26
Make Reservations NOW!

Roster News



Guy Venier

Dear comrades,
It is the time of the year that I have to update my database and make changes to the members which had their membership lapse. 29 SI-08's are now inactive members. (I-08) and 38 members had their status changed from A-09 to SI-09. When you receive your newsletters, look at your mailing label for your status. If it is LM, H-LM, A-10 or higher, you are a member in good standing. If it is SI-09, next year it will become inactive. Try to stay current because we are losing a lot of members. Dues are still 25 for yearly dues and 100 dollars for Lifetime.

Have a great summer.

Guy

Volunteers Needed

The reunion chairman needs volunteers.

1. To help register starting September 21st in the Day Room around 10:00 am if you are not on the Early Bird Tour.
2. Help set-up the Day Room and get supplies
3. Coordinate the members taking the carnations to the vases and meeting the Honor Guard
4. Need members with cameras to take pictures of events and attendees. 483rd will pay immediate developing costs.

TAPS

Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

Ascani, Fred J	816	03-28-10
Bowen, William H	816	02-11-10
Deutsch, Wolfgang	FRD	03-09-10
Eads, Robert H	815	01-17-10
Elliott, Donad H	840	12-28-09
Gibbons, Francis J	817	10-05-09
Hoban, William M	816	02-20-10
Holden, Perry W	815	02-28-09
Horner, Robert A	840	12-17-09
Miller, Ramond G	817	12-05-09
Selden, Lee G Jr	815	08-18-09
Zelinski, Bernard J	816	03-10-10



President's Message

Much has been done by George Stoval over the past months to make the Rapid City Reunion a very memorable reunion. It had been our hopes that we would be able to join together with the 463rd Bombardment Group for this and future reunions to help bring the numbers of participants up so

more hotels would have an interest in booking our group. The 463rd bailed out early this month. George wrote to me and Art -mailed and I recieved a phone call. But it is as George wrote me, "I am extremely shocked and disappointed that Art Mendelson Jr., his President and his Vice President canceled our joint reunion". But that is exactly what happened, they cancelled. So, after great hopes of being able to join with another bomb group, we will be once again be hosting our own reunion.

I had a great time this past Saturday with some of the guys from the "Denver Squadron". After two years of trying I was able to get a Saturday off from work and was finally able to meet for lunch with Bob Fleshman (Gunner, POW) & Millie Fleshman, Fred Hicks (Navigator, POW) & Fay Hicks, Bill Gibson (Co-pilot) & Marie Glenn, George Swerer (Bombardier), and Guy Gross (Ground Crew - Gun Maintenance) & Vi Gross.



Bill Gibson's Crash in the Alps

Chaplain Corner



"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

In these economic times you ask me to count my blessings?? Perhaps this Invoice From Heaven -- God, Inc. will help you. Invoice items: 1--Heart keeps your body alive, 2--Hands and 10 fingers for daily living, 2 Eyes to relay commands to brain, 1 Wife for stable home environment, Children--

each unique & precious, 1 Best Friend--Confidante & Companion, 1--Sun providing warmth & Light, 4 Seasons for beauty and variety, 365 Days filled with all kinds of opportunities TOTAL CHARGE to you - absolutely \$ 0.00.

At first you may chuckle, but haven't we been given much, and not really deserved and we didn't pay for any of it. Keep counting your blessings all summer long and share them with 483rd Members & Friends in RapidCity, N.D. Lord willing, we'll see you there. Ken & Ruth

483rd Bomb Group Reunion Schedule

September 21-26 2010

Grand Gateway Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota

Schedule

Tuesday A.M September 21

9:00 am Load for Early Birds "Aces and 8's tour" to Deadwood. Arrive at 10:00 am for three hours to look this historical town over, have lunch, etc.

3:00 pm load for Mount Mariah Cemetery where Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickock have been laid to rest. This is a good tour to get the feeling of the "Old West"

Registration will be on going in the Hospitality room from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday P.M September 21-Welcome Reception

6:00 pm -7:00 pm- Mix your own libations: Compliments of 483rd

7:00 pm Deli Buffet

Wednesday A.M September 22

Registration in Hospitality room -9:00am -5:00pm

9:00 am Load and depart for Ellsworth Air Force Base Museum, spend about 2 hours

11:00 am head for well known Wall Drug on hwy I-90

12:00 noon arrive at Wall Drug, enjoy the ever famous Wall Drug Store, here about 2 hours and have lunch on your own

2:00 pm leave Wall Drug and head for the Badlands. Enjoy the Badlands and Scenic Byways, its something you don't see every day.

4:00 pm arrive back at the hotel

Wednesday P.M September 22-Memories Night

6:00-7:00 pm Conversation hour, mix your own drinks. We provide the stuff

7:00 pm Arousing music by the 7th Calvary Drum and Bugle corps. you don't want to miss this event.

Sit down dinner follows with open mike to those in the 483rd who have a story to tell.

Thursday A.M September 23

Continue registration in the Hospitality room. check times

9:00 am depart hotel and head for Mt. Rushmore

9:30 am arrive at Mt. Rushmore. Enjoy this spectacular master piece that symbols what our nation was founded on and stands for. Make sure and take the Mount Rushmore audio tour.

11:00 am Depart Mt. Rushmore and head for Custer State Park and the scenic highways through the Black Hills. Keep your camera ready and your eyes on the lookout for buffalo, Rocky mountain Big horn Sheep, prairie dogs, ect. and the famous pan-handling donkeys. We will stop if its safe

12:15 pm 1 hour State Game Lodge the summer white house of Calvin Coolidge, its also your lunch stop on your own from a menu or buffet, try the buffalo soup!

1:15 pm Needles Highway, we continue through Custer State Park up Needles Highway passing through scenic tunnels and scenic over-looks. Camera stops 15-20 minutes-Sylvan Lake, take pictures of this spectacular man made lake at bottom and Harney Peak.

3:00 pm Crazy Horse Memorial, stay at least 1 hour and visit the largest carving in the world, visit the museum and learn much about the sculpture Korzak Ziolkowski in his home studio museum

4:15 Depart for Hotel

5:15-5:30 arrive back at hotel

Thursday P.M September 23

Free evening to most - EXCEPT for POW/Escapes meeting and C/W meeting in conference rooms at 7:00 pm maybe with something to eat and drink TBD

Also: there has been a suggestion we have a time and meeting place for the "2nd Generation" in attendance. If you want one please advise Laurie West (303) 477-1702 Email: lwest@klp.com or me and we will set up one on Thursday evening, with or without a meal. Let your reunion chairman know your thoughts on this and I will work it out for you

Friday September 24

8:00-11:00 am Ladies Brunch. You ladies will have entertainment this year-2 Wicked Ladies with their own piano are coming to give you a hysterical, humorous, naughty and nice program. Don't miss it!!

8:00-9:00 am Squadron meeting and pictures

9:01-10:00 am squadron meeting and pictures

11:00 am-12:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting held in Conference room

1:00 pm Load for Gold Factory

1:30 arrive at Rushmore Gold Factory, take a fascinating free tour and watch up-close and learn the details of how gold jewelry is made. Its Black Hills Gold jewelry- you will see the ancient process of lost-wax casting and how diamonds are cast in molten gold

3:30 pm arrive at Crystal cave. Enjoy the wilderness nestled back in the hills of South Dakota. Enjoy the Uniqueness of Crystal cave, walk the nature trails and sit in one of the teepees. Enjoy the petrified garden and other memorial displays. The cave is located in a tributary of Rapid Creek. Hence the name Rapid City?

5:30 pm Arrive at Fort Hays Chuck Wagon and "Dances with Wolves" movie set. See the set, then take a walk through time along the Boardwalk, stop in the Rope Shop and make a rope from 1907. Watch the Black Smith make a tin plate from 100 plus year old lathe. You can help make your own tin plate and at it engraved by the tinsmith. Maybe one made for the 483rd! Gift shops along the Boardwalk, of course.

6:30-8:30 pm its time to sit down and enjoy the Fort Hays Chuck Wagon supper and Cowboy music show, line up for a hardy BBQ roast beef or chicken in gravy sauce, baked beans, chunky applesauce, biscuits and honey, old fashioned spice cake, coffee and lemonade. The entire meal is served on a tin plate and crafted in the Fort Hays Tin Shop. The show will follow the dinner. You will have a hand clapping, toe tapping, belly shaking good time.

8:15 pm head for the bar - the Grand Gateway Hotel

Saturday September 25-Saturday Night Banquet

9:00-11:00 am Business meeting

1:00-2:30 pm Memorial service

5:30-6:45 Cash Bar/ Happy hour

7:00 pm Banquet Dinner with a ceremony of 2 cadets and a Commander from South Dakota State University. Speaker and entertainment

TBD, if any.

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: gstovall@peak.org

PX PRICE LIST

483 rd Logo Desk Clock with two photo frames and folds into triangles.....	\$ 5.00
483 rd Logo Canvas tote bag.....	\$ 3.00
483 rd Logo Flashlight, powerful LED 12 bulb light, batteries and wrist strap included	\$10.00
483 rd Bumper sticker.....	\$ 1.00
Tee Shirt, white, B-17 on front, sizes left 19-sm 7-lg 6-XL 9-XXL 1-XXXL.....	\$10.00
SWEATSHIRTS:	
Dark grey only size left 1-XXL.....	\$10.00
Light Grey only size left 1-M.....	\$10.00
White only size left 1-Sm.....	\$10.00
Blue only size left 2-XL.....	\$10.00
Red Most sizes available.....	\$10.00
Blue Bomber Jacket Sizes left: 2-Sm 2-M 5-XL 3-XXL 1-XXXXL.....	\$25.00
White Polo Shirt, B-17, 15 th Air Force above pocket: 4-Sm 5-M 4-Lg 1-XL 4-XXL 2-XXXL	\$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.....	\$ 1.00
483 rd License plate, plastic, blue with white letters.....	\$ 3.00
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
MEDALS:	
Victory Medal w/bar and bar holder	\$10.00
Good Conduct Medal w/bar and bar holder	\$10.00

483rd Bomb Group Registration Form

Listed below are all registration, tours and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total amount. Make check payable to "483rd Bombardment Group Rapid City Reunion 2010" and send to George F Stovall Reunion Chairman, 825 NE Lawndale Place, Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nick Name _____
 Squadron (or friend) _____ Spouse name (if attending) _____
 Guest Names _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____
 Disability/Diet Restrictions _____
 Arrival Time Departure Time _____

REGISTRATION FEE PER FORM IS \$25.00

Date	Event	Price	No. Attending	Total
Tuesday am Sept 21	Early Bird Tour, Deadwood & Vicinity	\$22.00		
Tuesday pm Sept 21	Reception, Deli Buffet	\$22.00		
Wednesday am Sept 22	Ellsworth Air Force Base/Wall Drug/Badlands	\$22.00		
Wednesday pm Sept 22	Memories Night 483rd Meal Choices Apple Almond Chicken _____ Roast Pork loin _____ 5 oz Charbroiled Beef Tenderloin _____	\$26.00		
Thursday am Sept 23	Mt Rushmore, Custer Park & Crazy Horse Memorial	\$36.00		
Thursday pm Sept 23	Free time/ POW & C/W Meetings, 2nd Generation meeting and maybe dinner	TBD		
Friday am Sept 24	Ladies Brunch with entertainment	\$15.00		
Friday pm September 24	Gold Factory, Crystal Cave, Fort Hays Chuck Wagon, BBQ Dinner & entertainment	\$44.00		
Saturday Night Banquet	Meal Choices 10oz Roast Prime Rib _____ Grilled Salmon Filet _____ Roasted Chicken Breast Poulette _____	\$30.00		
			TOTAL	

Publicity Directors Report

By George Stovall

Naturally our main focus will be on Rapid City and the Black Hills of South Dakota and to provide our members with an interesting and enjoyable reunion. There will be extra focus on the 2nd Generation, our off spring and soon theirs. Look for something planned for the 2nd generation for the 483rd on Thursday evening September 23rd.

We plan on providing water, apples or oranges, candy bars or cookies on the busses on every tour to snack on (or feed the donkeys). Also some of your favorite libations in the day room—called mix your own. Early Bird tour signees will be sent a brochure on Deadwood City.

To contact Rapid City, South Dakota Visitors Bureau for their information packet call 1-800-487-3223 ext. 8311 or

www.visitrapidcity.com



