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High Lights

Crazy Horse

Crazy Horse Memorial, mankind's largest art project in progress (641 feet long and 563 feet high, carved in the round, with 219-foot high horse's head) is on U.S. Highway 16/385 between Hill City and Custer. Mount Rushmore National Memorial is just 17 miles from Crazy Horse.

Korczak, a noted New England sculptor, first came to the Black Hills in 1939 to help Gutzon Borglum on Mount Rushmore. Standing Bear read news reports of Korczak's artistic achievements and told him to create a mountainous tribute to the North American Indians.

After serving in the European theater during World War II, Korczak returned to the Black Hills to tackle Standing Bear's challenge. He started with chisels and hammers, doing back breaking work by hand. The first blast on the mountain was on June 3, 1948, dedicating a Memorial that South Dakota Gov. George T. Mickelson said "will serve to remind us of the debt we owe to these first Americans."



Deadwood



The entire city of Deadwood is a national historic landmark. In Deadwood you can ponder the truth at the foot of Wild Bill's grave in Mount Moriah cemetery, tour the Adams Museum and House, pan for gold at the Broken Boot Mine, choose from various guided tours, or take a self-guided walking tour into the past that puts the Wild West into perspective.

"Get a soda . . . Get a root beer . . . turn next corner . . . Just as near . . . To Highway 16 & 14 . . . Free Ice Water . . . Wall Drug."

From no customers in 1931, to as many as 20,000 per day now, a simple idea launched Ted & Dorothy Husted into a very successful future. It is now 2010 and there are people bustling all over the streets of Wall. If Ted & Dorothy can make it in the dustbowl days of the Dirty 30s then there is no such place as Godforsaken in this great country we live in...AMERICA. We are still here and gas prices are low. All signs lead to Wall Drug!



Wall Drug

Mt Rushmore

"The purpose of the memorial is to communicate the founding, expansion, preservation, and unification of the United States with colossal statues of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt." Gutzon Borglum



Mount Rushmore National Memorial is host to almost three million visitors a year from across the country and around the world. They come to marvel at the majestic beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota and to learn about the birth, growth, development and the preservation of our country. Over the decades, Mount Rushmore has grown in fame as a symbol of America—a symbol of freedom and a hope for people from all cultures and backgrounds.

Ellsworth AFB



On the 2 of January 1942, the U.S. War Department established Rapid City Army Air Base as a training location for B-17 Flying Fortress crews. From September 1942—when its military runways first opened—until mission needs changed in July 1945, the field's instructors taught thousands of pilots, navigators, radio operators and gunners from nine heavy bombardment groups and numerous smaller units. All training focused on the Allied drive to overthrow the Axis powers in Europe.

The Grand Gateway Hotel



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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

Comrades, I have entered a couple of sheets containing names of Lost Souls and Deceased. We have lost contact with the lost souls since they moved and left no forwarding address. If you are in contact with any of them, let me know so I can put them back into the regular roster.

I went through the entire roster and found that these men are deceased. They are Life Members

and deep inactive members which we had never heard from since having been found or through our existence these past 30 years. If you know that they are still above ground, let me know and I will resurrect them.

Take care and have a great Summer.

Guy

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

YOUR CHAPLAIN is sorely in need of a VA hearing aid to continue as your chaplain. In May 2010 I appealed the denial of my request to the VA for one. To support my appeal I need members who have received VA hearing aids to review my list of missions flown. Please check against your list of missions and advise me of those which match mine. Either mail me or e-mail me your missions that matches mine or bring your list to the reunion as well. My address and e-mail address is list on the last page under Chaplain. Maybe more 483rd veterans will be able to get VA hearing aids from this as well

Mission #	Date	Location	Mission #	Date	Location
101	10/07/44	Vienna	165	2/21	Vienna
103	10/10	Treviso	169	2/25	Linz
103	10/12	Bologna	172	3/1	Moosbierbaum
106	10/13	Blechhammer	174	3/4	Sopron
110	10/17	Blechhammer	178	3/12	Vienna
111	10/20	Brux	180	3/14	Almasfuzito
112	10/23	Pilsen	181	3/15	Ruhland
114	11/1	Graz	182	3/16	Vienna
117	11/4	Regensburg	183	3/19	Landshut
118	11/6	Moosbierbaum	184	3/20	Amstetten
119	11/7	Maribor	185	3/21	Vienna
129	11/20	Blechhammer	187	3/23	Ruhland
130	11/22	Munich	188	3/24	Berlin
135	12/11	Moosbierbaum	189	3/25	Prague
138	12/18	Odertal	190	3/26	Wiener Neustadt
139	12/19	Blechhammer	192	3/31	Linz
141	12/25	Brux	193	4/1	Maribor
143	12/27	Linz			

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.

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President's Message



It's getting closer - yes, the reunion is just a short time away. George Stoval has been working away in getting all the details taken care to help us have the best reunion in Rapid City as possible. In the last newsletters we have lined out some of the activities that will be a part of the reunion tours. A few more

details have been added to this newsletter. So - those of you who have not made arrangements for this years reunion - today is the day to get the date on the calendar and get your reservation form into George to reserve your room!! Lots of great activities and any excuse is a great excuse to have the opportunity to be reinvigorated by visiting Mount Rushmore. If it has been some time since you have been there - they have really upgraded this National Park. After years of seeing bumper stickers for Wall Drugs - I am excited to actually seeing this mid-America institution for myself. Looking forward to the trip and visting with all of our members in attendance. Also - for those of the 2nd generation, there will be a special session for all of us during the reunion as well.

Chaplain Corner

"A Meditation for our Members and Friends for the Sake of Our Country"



God, by whose grace thy people gain courage in the way of the hero of faith: we lift our hearts in gratitude for all who have lived valiantly, and for all who have died bravely for truth and liberty and righteousness. Especially do we thank thee for the heroes of common good, who suffered and made trial of bitter sacrifice in achieving the freedom of religious worship

and the measure of social and political and economic liberty we enjoy in this great land. Help us to prize very highly and to guard very carefully, the gifts which their loyalty and devotion have passed on to us. Grant unto us the gift of a living and vigorous faith, that we may be like the heroes: that we may be true as they were true, that we may be loyal as they were loyal, and that we may serve our country all the days of our lives, and grant that we with all those who depart hence may all wear our country's victory crown and bless our God. Amen

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 1-90

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: emailgstovall@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 PERSON 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,			
Friday am Sept 24	2nd Generation meeting and maybe dinner Ladies Brunch with entertainment	TBD \$15.00		
Friday pm September 24	Gold Factory, Crystal Cave, Fort Hays Chuck Wagon,	\$44.00		
Saturday Night Banquet	BBQ Dinner & entertainment Meal Choices 10oz Roast Prime Rib _____ Grilled Salmon Filet _____ Roasted Chicken Breast Poulette _____	\$30.00		
	Registration Fee Per Person	\$25.00		
		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.

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