



483RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSOCIATION

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Review of the Kansas City Reunion

There were 107 attendees at this year's reunion of which 28 were veterans. The tours kept us busy every day and included the Harley Davidson factory, The Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank, Hallmark's museum, the National World War I Museum, the Jesse James farm and museum, the Harry Truman Presidential Library, Steamboat Arabia museum, Jazz Museum, and Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

On Thursday evening the 2nd & 3rd generation held a mixer and determined to have a more formal presence within the 483rd association. This enthusiastic group named themselves "YounGuns of the 483rd". Showing their resolve to get involved, three of these - Carrie Davis, Bryan Jones, and Bruce Coogler - became new officers of the association. We hope to have more communications from the YounGuns in future newsletters and to have more mixers and activities at future reunions.

Some of the folks that attended the Memorial Service on Saturday said they had a difficult time hearing all of Ken Davis' remarks. Therefore, a copy of his message is included as a supplement to this newsletter.

Two Air Force ROTC cadets from University of Missouri - Cadet Konrad Hughes and Cadet Kaitlin Nelson - along with Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Doherty, USAF joined us for the Saturday evening banquet. The cadets were each awarded a scholarship to be used toward their education.



President's Message

Time is sure getting away. Here it is after Thanksgiving already and heading for Christmas. The best thing is having time for family and gathering together.

We have just completed another great reunion in Kansas City. The hotel was good and tours were really good and being with everyone is just so very special. We have had some changes in people on the 483rd Board and other positions as well. For the past several years I have been occupying four positions on the Board, so I wanted to get more involvement from other people. What is great is that many of these Board positions have been taken on by more of our 2nd generation or as they have named themselves, the YounGuns. Bruce Coogler has been elected as our new newsletter editor and this is his first issue. Sandee West Maeda has stepped down as Secretary and has been elected as our President Elect. Carrie Davis has been elected to take over the Secretary duties left vacant by Sandee. Norma Flaherty has resigned as Clipped Wings Chairman and Sheryl Norton (Stovall) volunteered to head this important position. Ken Davis has had to step down as Chaplain for health reasons and Bryan Jones has accepted the appointment as Chaplain.

I want to thank Norma Flaherty for her many years of dedicated effort on behalf of the clipped wings. She has done a superb job in having her troops writing and keeping in touch with those on the Clipped Wings mailing list. Ken Davis for his counsel and calming manner and dedication in support of the 483rd as Chaplain. Great job Ken.



Sandee West Maeda, who has been our Secretary since 2005, has really been a tremendous help to me for the past several years as I have taken on more responsibility within the 483rd. A very heartfelt thanks goes to these individuals for the effort they have expended on behalf of all of us in the 483rd Association.

We are already working on the details of the next reunion in Detroit. The final negotiations for the hotel are being completed now and will be announced in the next newsletter. The reunion will be held the first week of October - the 1st thru the 6th.

Have a very happy, safe holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year.

Dennis

Publicity Director's Report

Here is a listing of the 28 original 483rd vets who attended the 33rd reunion at Kansas City, Missouri: Adams, Ashley, Carrillo, Chubbs, Church, Coogler, Clark, Davis, Flaherty, Hicks, Hoffman, Joy, Kastendieck, Leveridge, Macnerland, Magee, Naumann, Pong, Rickey, Robinson, Stern, Stovall, Strang, Suhling, Venier, Wagner, Waibel, and Waldman.

Of the above vets 15 had spouses attending, five were widowers, 6 brought a companion, 12 brought along offspring, 5 held 483rd offices.

Four were shot down, including Hicks, Rickey, Ashley, and Suhling. Hicks and Rickey at Memmingen and became POW's, Ashley over Brux, Evaded for a while, captured, then POW and freed by Patton's 3rd army, Suhling went down over Poland on 9/13/44 and escaped and made it back on the 28th of March 1945.

Leveridge, Hoffman, and Ashley were wounded.

Strang in ordinance was the 1st 483rd member to arrive at McDill Field, Tampa, Florida on 23rd November 1943.

Stovall, Waldman, Rickey, Hicks, were the 1st to arrive at the 483rd 1st phase training, 29th November 1943 at Rapid City, South Dakota.



Pong, and Kastendieck were on the same Crew - Cagney Crew. Also Leveridge and Flaherty were on the same Crew - Earl Jones - what a coincidence.

Davis, Joy, Magee, and Waibel made the long Berlin Mission.

First to finish 50 missions were Stovall, on August 6th 1944, still 19, followed by Waldman on August 16th 1944.

Still flying when war ended in Europe were Adams, Flaherty, Magee, and Waibel.

Stern, our SNL nominee, is our group Historian, editing the History of the 483rd.

Chaplain Corner

NEV 1 Corinthians 1:4-10

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way-- in all your speaking and in all your knowledge-- because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Hello! To all the members and families of the 483rd. I want to introduce myself: I am Bryan Jones, son-in-law of Forrest DeBolt (840th) (deceased) and have been selected to be the Bomb Group's new Chaplain. I am an ordained pastor, Lutheran (Missouri Synod, for those to whom that means anything) and serve a small rural congregation in Wathena, KS. I have been here 7 years. I am married to the beautiful Pennie, (Forrest & Freida's daughter) who writes for the Clipped Wings. Many of you may already know her. As for myself, I have a special place in my heart for military families, being the son of a WWII Marine (Guadalcanal) and having lived my own career in the Marine Corps (22 years active service, retired 1997, Viet Nam-era through Desert Storm, though I never saw any combat time). I have two grown



sons (Kris lives in Seattle, Mike (and wife Abby) live in Chicago), and two grown step-children with Pennie (Craig, retired from USAF, in Panama city, FL, and Stacy in Fort Wayne, IN) and five grandchildren (ages 21-9) so far.

Pennie and I have attended 4 reunions so far – St. Louis, Branson, Rapid City, and Kansas City. I guess we'll be at many more, so maybe I'll get to know some of you better there. They are lots of fun, but I mostly enjoy hearing the stories so many of the men have to tell of their war-time life.

One of the tasks of the Chaplain is to communicate the Bomb Groups condolences when a member passes away. This is both a sad duty, and a high honor, and I will try to be faithful on your behalf in this and in all duties I am called to do. If I can be of any assistance to any Group member or family, please feel free to contact me: e-mail is: indybdj@hotmail.com (I know that doesn't sound very pastoral, but my name is 'Jones', and when I went to seminary in Indiana, the moniker 'Indiana Jones' stuck at my home church.) you may also contact me by regular mail at 1194 Mineral Point Rd., Troy KS 66087, and even by phone: 816-244-7342 (AT&T cell) and 785-985-2891 (home).

Well, guess that's enough introduction for now. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday, and I want to wish you all a very blessed and happy Christmas celebration and a happy Hanukkah, too! Until next month,

Blessings to you always,
Pastor Bryan Jones

Membership News

Dear comrades, I have taken upon myself to screen the recipients of the rosters due to the expense incurred with the printing and distribution. I went through the roster and found that many of our members who are entitled to a roster are both living in the same domicile. I felt that one roster for both members would be sufficient and the members that I contacted agreed. This also holds true with the newsletter which has always been mailed first class. If you feel as though you should have gotten a roster, let me know.

I always have a few extra copies printed in the event that a delinquent member pays his dues and becomes an active member of the Association again. This year's printing expenses totaled \$1480.00 for 610 rosters and postage is estimated at approximately \$320.00.

Take care
Guy Venier



TAPS - Deceased Members not Previously Noted in Newsletters

Name	Squad	Date	Reported By
BULLAR, EARL D	840	05-23-11	CAROL BULLARD
HOUGHTLIN, GEORGE JR	815	09-20-11	ROBIN TRAILL
KLINE, CALVIN	840	09-25-11	SALLY J HAMMONS
KROSCEWSKI, GUS J	817	09-21-11	ALOYS C SUHLING
VONSTROM, ALBERT	817	00-00-07	ALOYS C SUHLING
BARRETT, RALPH	840	06-07-10	GORDON BARRETT
JENSEN, HERMAN O	840	11-15-11	KAREN BARRETT
ROWE, HUGH M JR	817	10-25-11	NORMAN BLACK

PX Give—A—Way

The PX is pretty much closed because of a lack of customers. Therefore, we are giving away the following items to those who attend the Kansas City Reunion this fall or want PX items mailed to you. If you have items mailed to you, please send the postage fee back to me. Picked up in Kansas City, items are just \$1.00 each or a donation to the 483rd. You can email me at gstovall@peak.org, call (541) 758-0009 or snail mail me at 825 NE Lawndale Place, Corvallis, OR 97330

PX Price List

Ball point Pens.....	Free
483 rd Logo bumper Stickers.....	Free
483 rd Logo Canvas tote bag.....	Free
483 rd License plate holder, white with blue letters.....	Free
Reunion Note Pads (22).....	\$1.00
Washington DC Reunion Books 4 Left (Rare).....	\$1.00
483 rd Logo Desk Clock with two photo frames and folds into triangles (16).....	\$1.00
483 rd Caps.....	\$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

MEDALS:

Victory Medal w/bar and bar holder.....	\$10.00
Good Conduct Medal w/bar and bar holder.....	\$10.00

<u>HEROES BOOK ON CD (includes S&H)</u>	\$22.00
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**483rd Bomb Group 33rd Annual Reunion
Minutes of the Business Meeting
October 15, 2011
Kansas City, Kansas**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis West at 9:01 A. M.

II. Invocation

Chaplain Ken Davis gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Treasurer's Report

Leon Waldman presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

As of September 15, 2010

Vanguard Mutual Fund	\$36,831.00
Vanguard Money Market Fund	1,609.00
Treasurer's Checking Account	3,349.00
Membership Checking Account	1,938.00
Clipped Wings Account	<u>605.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$45,732.00*

*The above does not include the reunion account.

V. Approval of the Minutes of 2009 meeting

Minutes approved as published in January, 2011 Newsletter

VI. Committee Reports

A. Chaplaincy

Chaplain, Ken Davis reported as follows:

Cash received from Treasurer	\$300.00
Postage Costs	102.99
Office Supplies	56.75
Note Cards	54.27
Copies Made	2.58
Shipping	<u>20.05</u>
Total On Hand	\$ 63.56

In addition Ken reported 58 members passed and there were some sent back as undeliverable.

B. Membership

Chairman Guy Venier reported as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$1,379.53
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Income:

Life Member Dues	\$200.00
Regular Member Dues	3,150.00
Account Interest	00.00
Misc. Donations	1,340.00
Misc. Sales	1,200.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$5,890.00
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<u>Expenses:</u>		
Stamps	(\$94.80)	
Postage	(407.94)	
Supplies	(0.00)	
Misc	(117.28)	
Roster Printing	(1,617.00)	
Bulk Mail Permit Fee	(190.00)	
Bulk Mail Postage	(358.68)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$2, 785.00)
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Transfer to Treasurer 4.2010	(\$3,000.00)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(\$3,000.00)
ENDING BALANCE		\$1,483.83

Guy also reported that there are 6 honorary members, 116 life – honorary members, 264 life members, 80 active members, 18 semi-active members, and 401 inactive members; of the Friends Members there are 0 honorary members, 140 life members, 8 active members, 5 semi-active and 78 inactive members.

C. PUBLICITY, PX, ARCHIVES

Chairman George Stovall reported as follows:

PUBLICITY		
One set of Colored Ink Cartridges	\$77.97	
One set of Black Ink Cartridges	35.99	
100 Stamps at \$0.44 cents	44.00	
Copy Paper	20.00	
Long Distance Phone Charges	79.84	
New Standard 7 ft flag poles	290.50	
FedEx all banners and flags to Rapid City	78.54	
Internet connection Expenses for email & attachments	<u>82.20</u>	
TOTAL PUBLICITY EXPENSES		\$709.04
PX		
Beginning Balance	\$ 959.62	
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,406.79</u>	
Gain	\$ 447.17	

George further stated that the PX is officially closed however, there are a few items left as listed below.

Ball point pens (Free)
 483rd Logo bumper stickers (Free)
 483rd Logo Canvas tote bags (Free)
 16 - 483rd Logo Desk Clock with two photo frames (\$1.00)
 483rd License plate holder, white with blue letters (Free)
 22 Reunion Note Pads (\$1.00)
 4 (Rare) Washington DC Reunion Books (\$1.00)
 40 - 483rd Caps (\$5.00)

George also stated he has medals, wings and pins available. In addition there are 30 cd's remaining and he will continue to order them when we wear out because they are the best publicity we have presently. There is a new website: 483rd.org and it is being built right now.

D. Clipped Wings

Chairman Norma Flaherty reported as follows:

It has been her pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Clipped Wings Committee for all these years and she introduced the new Chairman, Sheryl Norton. She also stated that about 45 letters were sent and there are approximately 10 writers.

E. Newsletter

Chairman Dennis West reported as follows:

There were 4 newsletters this year and there were 678 labels on the last run.

F. 2011 Reunion

Co-Chairman Sandee West Maeda reported that there are 107 attendees at this year's reunion of which 27 are veterans, 23 wives/honorary members, 15 friends and 44 guests. She said she anticipates this reunion will end in the black and will give an accounting for the reunion funds to Treasurer.

G. 2012 Reunion

Co-Chairman Sandee West Maeda reported a contract for the hotel in Detroit will be executed as soon as Dennis West visits the selected potential sites immediately following this reunion. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. New Clipped Wings Chairman

Sheryl Norton (Friend) will take over these duties from Norma Flaherty.

B. Proposed By-Law Change

It was moved by Fred Hicks and Seconded by Harold Chubbs that inactive members will be removed from the newsletter list after 3 years.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of President-Elect

Mike Rickey nominated Sandee West Maeda as president-elect. The nomination was seconded by Fred Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Search for new Newsletter Chairman

It was moved by Mike Rickey and Seconded by Harold Chubbs that Bruce Coogler (Friend) become our next Newsletter Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Selection of 2013 Reunion Location

President Dennis West stated San Antonio had been suggested as a potential reunion site in the Board Meeting. There was discussion about timing of the reunion due to weather. It was moved by Ken Davis and seconded by Harold Chubbs that San Antonio be designated as our 2013 Reunion location. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Other

Ted Magee asked if our money should be moved from Bank of America. Through discussion it was determined because our account is insured by the FDIC, no movement would be necessary.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Dennis West at 10:25 A.M.

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Joseph W. Gawthrop (Deceased) 1984
M.L. "Bob" Hottman 1985 (Deceased)
Harry K. Keller (Deceased) 1986
Donald R. Speegle (Deceased) 1987
James "Russ" Heflin 1988
Evan M. "Jack" Edwards (Deceased) 1989
Ralph H. Simpson 1990
Harry P. Millnamow 1991
William P. Dunn (Deceased) 1992
Edward T. Cotton (Deceased) 1993
Harry D. Whye 1994
Ray H. Whitaker 1995
Harold D. Leveridge, D.D. 1996
William I. Jeffs (Deceased) 1997
George F. Stovall 1998
John A. Campbell 1999
Verne H. Cole 2000
Benjamin H. Adams Jr. 2001
Robert W. Mitchell 2002
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Curtis B. Clark 2004
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