

483RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSOCIATION

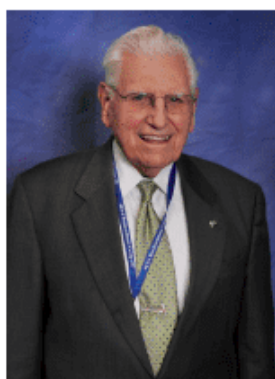
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President's Message



Well, this is the issue of the annual newsletters where we find out the details for our next reunion. There is a lot to see and experience in Denver and I am sure our Reunion Committee has created a wonderful reunion for us. We will be in the Mile

High City and that means the air will be a bit "thin" for many of us. Altitude sickness can occur. When air is "thinner" your body cannot get as much oxygen as it needs so you need to breathe faster. This can then cause a variety of symptoms...headache, not feeling like eating, feeling sick to your stomach, feeling weak and tired, feeling dizzy and waking up during the night. A couple of things you can do to combat these symptoms is to make sure that you keep warm and that you are hydrated. Most of us will be flying in and being in an airplane is dehydrating so it will be good for us to remember to drink water during our flight as well as when we get into the airport after we have deplaned. It will also be important for us to continue to keep ourselves hydrated during our entire stay in Denver.

On another note, Col. Pat Bartness(Ret) retired as President and COO of the Museum of Aviation Foundation at Warner Robbins, effective December 31, 2015 and his successor is Chrissy

Miner. Her tenure began on January 1, 2016. Although Col. Bartness (Ret) is no longer at the helm of the foundation he will be on the Board of Directors and will continue fundraising efforts for the Museum. We look forward to continuing to work with Pat and now Chrissy.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite all you veterans that are still able to travel to consider joining us in Denver this year. There may be some of you that have lost the ones that you knew and feel why should I go anymore. Our group is getting smaller and therefore much more intimate which means it is very easy to get to know everyone that is in attendance. It's a good time to be with those that have had similar experiences even if you didn't know them "back then." Some of you might be thinking that you don't want to travel alone. Well, then, I encourage you to bring along family members because we have quite a group of second and third generation attendees now. The opportunity for us to meet together each year won't be available to us forever, so we would love to see as many veterans at this reunion as possible.

Harold Chubbs

Note from the Editor:

If you are receiving the printed version of the newsletter but would rather receive the email version which contains color pictures rather than the black & white printed version, please send an email to me requesting the email version. My email address is bcoogler@comcast.net

TAPS – Deceased Members Not Previously Reported in Newsletter			
Name	Squad	Date	Reported By
ANGLE, PERCY H	840	11-05-15	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
BATTIN, MAURICE L	483	05-28-15	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
BLANK, JONAS L	815	07-16-15	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
BROWN, HAROLD W	840	08-26-11	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
HUTCHINSON, EARL O	816	12-30-14	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
MADEJ, WILLIAM S	815	11-04-14	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
MACNERLAND, ROBERT W	817	01-15-16	JILL WOLFSKILL
MOORE, SELBERT	840	07-24-14	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
POTTER, SEYMOUR L	817	11-23-09	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
REINEKE, EDWARD E	816	02-23-16	VALERIE REINEKE
ROBERTSON, KENNETH L	817	06-18-14	GUY VENIER (OBIT)
SMITH, GERALD W	817	02-28-16	WISHAU MELLIGEN
SUHLING, ALOYS C	817	09-29-15	JAN MYERS

Membership News

Dear Comrades:

Since the TAPS names are no longer being printed in the roster and are now being printed in our newsletters, there might come a time when someone would like to check on a member who might have passed quite some time ago. Please feel free to contact me and I will give you all the information I have on our members who have passed. I also have listing of 347 obituaries which I have located on the internet which is also available. In the very near future, I will be dialing all of the phone numbers in our roster to see if it is still a valid number. I have located in the past a name similar like one of our members in the roster and there is no phone number or the number has been disconnected and I have no way to verify the name as being one of ours.

Take care and think of Denver.

Guy



Did You Know?

VE Day at Sterparone

By Warren E. C. Wacker

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VE Day for me came sometime in late April 1945 when it was announced that combat operations of the 15th Air Force had ceased, this was not an occasion for wild celebration; rather, there was a great sense of release and liberation, coupled with sadness for those who had not lived to see this day.

The next several weeks before the real VE Day were like a long holiday. The weather was ideal, there were minimal duties, and there was an almost unending softball game. I felt like a boy again. In retrospect of 56 years, I was a boy. I had had my 21st birthday at the end of February. It was a rare time to shake off the burdens of combat and contemplate a more certain future.

On VE Day itself, the Group had a parade formation in the field west of Group Headquarters. I do not remember the details, but it was a solemn occasion: a prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and the reading of Field Marshal Alexander's proclamation of thanks to all of the allied military in the Mediterranean Theatre.

After the parade we had a late lunch with special additions - drinks before and wine with the meal. It was a festive time and the libations continued, for some, through the afternoon until dinner.

In the early evening, someone realized we no longer needed the stoves we had made to heat our tents with 100 octane aviation fuel (the commonest commodity at Sterparone). So why not gather up all of the fuel tanks from the tents (50-gallon drums, fighter belly tanks and so on), stack them and have a humungous bonfire.

When we finished the pile, it stood about 20 feet and had a diameter of about 30 feet at the base. The bonfire stood behind the 840th tents at the brow of the hill overlooking San Severo and would be visible for miles down and across the Candelero valley to the Gargano. By now it was dusk and time to start the fire. This was done by firing multiple pistol shots into the containers so that they would leak and then to fire flares from Very pistols to set off the bonfire. It was magnificent, flames shooting over a hundred feet in the air.

It attracted a large crowd from the 483rd and also a Wellington bomber (a Wimpy) from the Royal South African Air Force squadron whose airfield was between Sterparone and San Severo. The Wimpy circled the fire at about 300 feet, blinking V for Victory in Morse code with its

running lights. We responded with a salute of multi-colored flares.

Suddenly, a jeep occupied by one awed driver and an angry high-ranking Group officer, roared up from the direction of Group Headquarters. (Colonel Barton had already left for home.) The officer demanded to know who had started the fire. This was met with silence and a few snickers. He then said we should put it out. This was met with wild, uncontrollable shouts and laughter. He finally realized the futility of his position and made a dignified retreat to Group Headquarters.

At about nine o'clock I went with four other people in a Jeep to join many more airmen from the 483rd and the neighboring airfields to say a prayer at the ancient church in Lucera.



483rd Headquarters

2016 Reunion – Denver, Colorado

September 27 through October 1, 2016

Mark your calendars now for our 2016 reunion and send in your registration form now! Don't wait to make your hotel reservations – do it before the block of rooms fills up.



Holiday Inn Denver East - Stapleton
3333 East Quebec Street - Denver, Colorado 80207
Front Desk 1-303-321-3500
Hotel Fax 1-303-327-7343
Reservations: 1-888-HOLIDAY (1-888-465-4329)

The Denver hotel has 298 guest rooms and more than 20,000 square feet of meeting space and is ideal for our reunion. There is also complimentary airport shuttle, 24/7 business center, high-speed internet and Fitness Center also available.



The hotel is located between downtown and the airport. The airport pick up is on Level 5 (Baggage Claim) outside the airport on Island 3, just outside and across the driveway from door 510 (West side). Shuttles run every 30 minutes between 4:30 am to 12:30 am. Hotel to airport starts at 4:30 am. Airport to hotel starts at 7:35 am. Make sure you get the Holiday Inn Stapleton shuttle.

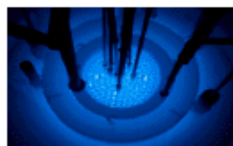
Our room block this year is \$113 per night (single or double) which includes breakfast for two at the breakfast buffet each morning from 6:30 am – 9:00 am (\$28.00 value). You can also keep the special room rates two days prior to the reunion and two days after. While a bit more pricey than in the past the hotel does have the free shuttle from the airport and in Denver, it is \$70 one way to downtown from the airport by taxi. The shuttle should make up the difference in hotel price. The hotel is also convenient to Denver's two major highways, I-70 and I-25, for all our tours. It is also close to the light rail system which can get you to many parts of Denver and suburbs, including downtown very easily.

Tours

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may best be described as a small agency with a big mission: To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It administers more public land – over 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency in the United States. Most of this land is located in the 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also manages 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.



The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) operates a low-enriched uranium-fueled, pool-type reactor located at the Federal Center in Denver, Colorado. The mission of the Geological Survey TRIGA® Reactor (GSTR) is to support USGS science by providing information on geologic, plant, and animal specimens to advance methods and techniques unique to nuclear reactors. The reactor facility is supported by programs across the USGS and is organizationally under the Associate Director for Energy and Minerals. Samples from around the world are submitted to the USGS for analysis using the reactor facility. Qualitative and quantitative elemental analyses, spatial elemental analyses, and geochronology are performed. Few research reactor facilities in the United States are equipped to handle the large number of samples processed at the GSTR. Historically, more than 475,000 sample irradiations have been performed at the USGS facility. Providing impartial scientific information to resource managers, planners, and other interested parties throughout the world is an integral part of the research effort of the USGS.



The USGS TRIGA® reactor has been in operation since the late 1960s in support of nuclear-based research for the USGS and a number of universities across the nation. It is the only research reactor in the Department of the Interior and the only research reactor within a 350-mile radius of Denver, Colo. The reactor design is similar to

research and training reactors at universities throughout the United States. The reactor provides an intense neutron source for experiments and is capable of continuous steady-state operation at 1,000 kilowatts (thermal). Also, it may be pulsed to a peak power of approximately 1,600 megawatts.

United States Mint -

When the framers of the U.S. Constitution created a new government for their untried Republic, they realized the critical need for a respected monetary system. Soon



after the Constitution's ratification, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton personally prepared plans for a national Mint. On April 2, 1792, Congress passed The Coinage Act, which created the Mint and authorized construction of a Mint building in the nation's capital, Philadelphia. This was the first federal building erected under the Constitution.

Since our institution's founding in 1792, the men and women of the United States Mint have taken great pride in rendering the story of our nation in enduring examples of numismatic art. To hold a coin or medal produced by the U.S. Mint is to connect to the founding principles of our nation and the makings of our economy.



Buffalo Bill Museum - Born in 1846, William F. Cody experienced the Old West to its fullest. His skill as a buffalo hunter gained him the nickname "Buffalo Bill." Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows traveled the world leaving a lasting vision of the American West. The Museum illustrates the life, times, and legend of William F. Cody. It includes exhibits about Buffalo Bill's life and the Wild West shows, Indian artifacts and firearms. See Sitting Bull's bow and arrows, Buffalo Bill's show outfits, Frederick Remington's "Portrait of a Ranch Hand," and many other objects from the Old West in the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave. Visit the one and only grave of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. Located in Lookout Mountain Park, part of the Denver Mountain Parks system, the site

overlooks the natural beauty of the Great Plains and the Rockies, attracting over 400,000 annual visitors. Learn more about the buffalo herd, wildlife, and natural attractions of the region.

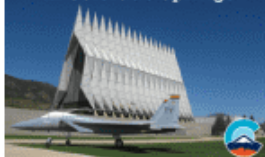
Celestial Seasonings -

Back in 1969, we did more than just start a tea company. As the original herbal tea company, we started an



entirely new way of thinking about tea. In a way, we started a movement - a shift towards healthier, happier little moments carved into ever-busier days. More than 45 years later, we're still true to those roots. We believe our delicious teas improve people's lives by inviting balance, and that belief drives our commitment to our customers, our community and our planet. From tangy hibiscus to soothing chamomile, it takes the best ingredients to make the best teas. Discover the many botanicals that make up our signature tea blends.

U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs



The US Air Force Academy in Colorado is among the most selective colleges in the United States.

Candidates are judged based on their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, athletics and character. To gain admission, candidates must also pass a fitness test, undergo a thorough medical examination and secure a nomination, which usually comes from one of the candidate's members of Congress. Recent incoming classes have usually consisted of about 1,400 cadets; just under 1,000 of those usually make it through to graduation. Cadets pay no tuition, but are committed to serve a number of years in the military service after graduation.

The US Air Force Academy is perhaps best known for its stunning chapel. Soaring 150 feet toward the Colorado sky, the Air Force Academy Chapel is an all-faiths house of worship designed to meet the spiritual needs of cadets. It contains a separate chapel for four major religious faiths - Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Buddhist - plus an all-faiths room used by Muslim cadets and available for members of the other faiths as well. Each chapel has its own entrance, and services may

be held simultaneously without interfering with one another.

Garden of the Gods Park in Colorado is owned by the City of Colorado Springs. Annually, visitors from all 50 states and more than 60 countries discover the beauty and history of the 1,367-acre Garden of the Gods Park, which has been designated as a National Natural Landmark. The Park is a unique biological melting pot where the grasslands of the Great Plains meet the pinon-juniper woodlands characteristic of the American Southwest, and merge with the mountain forest of the 14,115-foot Pikes Peak - America's Mountain. The 300 million years of geological history of the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs reveal one of the most extensive pictures of earth history found anywhere in the United States. It is a true geological wonder. In August, 1859, two surveyors started out from Denver to begin a town site called Colorado City. While exploring locations, they came upon a beautiful area of sandstone formations. M.S. Beach suggested that it would be "a capital place for a beer garden," when the country grew up. His companion, Rufus Cable, exclaimed, "Beer Garden! Why it is a fit place for the Gods to assemble. We will call it the Garden of the Gods." The name stuck.



Coors Brewing Company - Denver is a beer town, no doubt about it. From large distributors to craft perfectionists, Denver is loaded with options for beer enthusiasts. Perhaps that's why Denver is host to the annual Great American Beer Festival. And perhaps that's why the Coors headquarters are in Golden. Oh, snap! All beer snobbery aside, we admit that no tour of the many breweries of Colorado would be complete without a visit to the Coors Brewing Company Visitors Center facilities. The tour includes a 45-minute guided stroll through massive rooms where the malting, brewing and packaging

processes take place for the beer behemoth. If you're so inclined, a sampling of Coors products is also available.

Colorado Railroad Museum - There's something amazing about trains. The familiar whistle has always promised adventure. The gentle rock of the rails has set the rhythm of our lives.



Experience it again at the Colorado Railroad Museum with over 100 narrow and standard gauge steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars, cabooses HO Model Railroad and G-scale garden railway on our 15-acre railyard.

Also see Roundhouse restoration facility and working turntable. Visit the Depot General Store with thousands of train gifts for every rail fan. Group rates and programs are available. The museum building is a replica of an 1880's-style railroad depot. Exhibits feature original photographs by pioneer photographers such as William Henry Jackson and Louis Charles McClure. Locomotives and railroad cars modeled in the one inch scale by Herb Votaw are also displayed. A bay window contains a reconstructed depot telegrapher's office, complete with a working telegraph sounder. The lower level of the museum building contains an exhibition hall which features seasonal and traveling displays on railroading history. The lower level also contains the Denver HO Society's "Denver and Western" operating HO and HO_N3 scale model train layout that represent Colorado's rail history in miniature.

The Cornelius W. Hauck restoration facility was dedicated on July 15, 2000. It allows museum visitors to observe restoration work safely. The building's brick design was chosen to reflect a fairly prosperous railroad in a small division point during the late nineteenth century. The roundhouse area includes a display of locomotives and cars on the "radial" tracks, as well as a fully functioning 90-foot Armstrong turntable. The Denver Garden Railway Society has its G scale garden railway exhibit on the grounds of the Museum.

**483rd Bomb Group 37th Annual Reunion
Minutes of the Business Meeting
October 17, 2015
Albuquerque, NM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Sandee West Maeda at 9:00 A.M.

II. INVOCATION

Chaplain Richard Flaherty gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by President Sandee West Maeda.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Leon Waldman reported as follows:

As of October 1, 2015,

Vanguard Mutual Fund	\$24,471.00
Treasurer's Checking Account	\$2,213.00
Membership Checking Account	\$1,489.00
PX Account	\$150.00
Clipped Wings	<u>\$484.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$28,807.00*

*The above does not include the reunion account.

Harold Chubbs motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported by Leon Waldman, Addie Rickey seconded. **The motion carried; the 2015 Treasurer's Report is approved.**

V. APPROVAL OF THE 2014 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Harold Chubbs motioned to approve the 2014 Business Meeting Minutes as published in December, 2014 Newsletter, Mike Rickey seconded. **The motion carried; the 2014 Business Meeting Minutes are approved.**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chaplaincy

There is no Chaplaincy report.

B. Membership

Chairman Guy Venier reported as follows:

Reporting Period: September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE \$3,518.19

Income:

Life Member Dues	\$1,200.00	
Regular Member Dues	\$825.00	
Account Interest	\$0.00	
Misc. Donations	<u>\$1,230.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$3,255.00

Expenses:

Stamps	(\$49.00)	
Postage	(\$43.51)	
Supplies	(\$15.90)	
Misc.	(\$185.54)	
Roster Printing	(\$607.00)	
Bulk Mail Permit Fee	(\$225.00)	
Bulk Mail Postage	<u>(\$208.36)</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$1,334.31)
TRANSFER TO TREASURER		(\$4,000.00)
ENDING BALANCE		\$1,438.88

Membership Totals:

Veteran/Spouse Honorary Members	4
Veteran/Spouse Honorary Life Members	119
Veteran/Spouse Life Members	153
Veteran/Spouse Active Members	24
Veteran/Spouse Semi-Active Members	14
Veteran/Spouse Inactive Members	<u>231</u>
TOTAL VETERAN MEMBERS	545
Friend Honorary Life Members	1
Friend Life Members	174
Friend Active Members	5
Friend Semi-Active Members	2
Friend Inactive Members	<u>84</u>
TOTAL FRIEND MEMBERS	266
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	811

C. Clipped Wings

Chairman Sheryl Norton reported as follows:

There are eight clipped wings writers and 22 recipients, ten of which are veterans.

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$483.00
Stamps	<u>(\$49.00)</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$434.00

D. Publicity, PX, Archives

Chairman George Stovall reported as follows:

PX:

The PX is closed, though George had an order for a bumper sticker on October 16th.

ENDING BALANCE	\$150.00
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E. Newsletter

Chairman Bruce Coogler reported as follows:

Four newsletters were printed this year. The cost of printing the newsletters this year was \$1,174.25. There were 1637 newsletters printed and mailed and 180 newsletters were e-mailed. Leon Waldman thanked Bruce for reducing the cost of the newsletter. Mike Rickey encouraged people to switch to an electronic version of the newsletter. Contact Bruce if you would like to be added to the electronic newsletter distribution list.

F. 2014 Reunion

Chairman Dennis West reported as follows:

There were 88 attendees at the 2014 reunion of which 13 were veterans. In addition, \$346 was returned to the Treasury from the 2014 New Orleans Reunion.

Harold Chubbs motioned to approve all Business Reports as presented by the Chairmen, Mike Rickey seconded. The motion carried; the 2015 Business Reports are approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Website

Would like to see an order page for the "Heroes of the 483rd" book on cd that George Stovall sells. The website currently needs someone who is an expert in Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to help. Pictures from previous reunions are currently being uploaded to the website. The next step is adding stories of the 483rd to the website. The group's website is <http://483rdbombgroup.org/>. The website is being flagged by Norton Antivirus as a security risk for some users, certificates may need to be added to the website for future compatibility with Norton Antivirus software. Sandee West Maeda stated that she is personally paying the costs associated with the 483rd website herself. Harold Chubbs motioned for the expenses associated with website be paid from the Treasury, James Warwick seconded. The motion carried; expenses associated with the website will be paid from the Treasury.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conformation of President-Elect 2016

The current President-Elect, Ken Hoffman, resigned. The 483rd's bylaws are silent as to what to do in this situation. Therefore Sandee West Maeda, current President, suggests the appointment of a new President-Elect, Harold Chubbs. Leon Waldman motioned to confirm the appointment of Harold Chubbs as the 2016 President-Elect, James Warwick seconded. The motion carried; Harold Chubbs is the 2016 President-Elect.

B. 2016 Reunion

1. Do We Have One?

At the Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting, the BoD decided unanimously to continue having reunions. It is getting harder to find cities that want to host the 483rd reunion. In the future, the group may need to consider selecting smaller cities and towns near larger cities for reunion locations. Some suggestions for future consideration are going to locales where our group size is not considered small, using the Treasury to fund the reunion, and inquiring about special discounts/sponsorships for being a WWII veterans group. At the reunion in Harrisburg, the 483rd decided to continue holding reunions until one man is left standing. Leon Waldman motioned to continue holding reunions, James Warwick seconded. The motion carried; the 483rd Bomb Group will continue to hold reunions.

2. Red Tail Connection

At the suggestion of the BoD, Sandee West Maeda called the Tuskegee Airmen reunion chairman to discuss a potential combined reunion with the 483rd Bomb Group and the 332nd Fighter Group (Tuskegee Airmen). The 332nd held their 2015 reunion in Las Vegas, NV and hosted between 300-500 attendees. Their 2016 reunion will be held in Indianapolis, IN on July 12-17. Multiple discussion points were brought up from the floor, a summary is shown below:

- The consideration for combining reunions is to save money on hotel rooms and gain greater concessions from hotels due to the larger group size. With the exception of the colocation, the reunions would remain separate with a potential for doing some activities jointly.
- The Tuskegee Airmen reunion is open to the public. Their reunion website is <https://www.taiconvention.com/>
- The Tuskegee Airmen select summer dates to encourage younger generations of the 332nd to attend as well as teachers and the public.
- The summer dates are undesirable to the 483rd and they would like to continue with the fall timeframe to save money on hotel rates and enjoy cooler temperatures.
- Would like to extend an invitation to the 332nd to invite them to attend the 483rd reunion.
- The 483rd prefers to stay as its own entity.
- Other groups to consider combining with are 104th Infantry and the 5th Bombardment Wing.

Mike Rickey motioned to keep the 483rd reunion separate and send a letter to the 5th Bombardment Wing and the Red Tails (332nd Fighter Group) inviting them to join the 483rd reunion as honored guests, Russell Daniel seconded. The motion carried (1 opposed); the 483rd Bomb Group reunion will remain separate and letters will be sent to the 5th Bombardment Wing and the 332nd Fighter Group inviting them to the 2016 483rd Bombardment Group reunion.

3. Possible Locations

Considerations for the 2016 reunion location included the following:

- Boston, MA – An east coast reunion may help increase reunion attendance. The 483rd held the reunion in Boston in 1987.
- Indianapolis, IN – Same location as the 2016 332nd Fighter Group reunion and in the middle of the country.
- Philadelphia, PA – An east coast reunion may help increase reunion attendance.
- Dayton, OH – The Air Force museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base is undergoing a renovation and there is a B-17 aircraft actively being restored in nearby Urbana, OH
- Denver, CO – There are two air museums in Denver and the Air Force Academy is located nearby in Colorado Springs. The NORAD museum is at Peterson Air Force Base. The reunion would operate between Denver and Colorado Springs, with the suggestion to choose a hotel south of Denver. Laurie West and Russell Daniel are willing to help plan a reunion in Denver.

Laurie West motioned to remove Philadelphia, PA and Indianapolis, IN from the list of potential 2016

reunion locations, Addie Rickey seconded. The motion carried; Philadelphia, PA and Indianapolis, IN were removed from 2016 reunion consideration.

Laurie West motioned to vote between the remaining potential reunion locations to choose a reunion location, Russell Daniel seconded. The votes were as follows: Boston (9), Denver (15), Dayton (8); the 2016 483rd Bombardment Group Reunion will be in Denver, CO.

C. Cadet Scholarships

Leon Waldman motioned to give the cadets \$1,000 each at this year's banquet, Harold Chubbs seconded. The motion carried; the cadets will be given \$1,000 this year.

D. Donation to Warner Robins Museum

Leon Waldman motioned to give Warner Robins Museum a donation of \$1000 this year, Harold Chubbs seconded. The motion carried; a \$1000 will be donated to the Warner Robins Museum on behalf of the 483rd Bombardment Group.

E. President-Elect 2017

Mike Rickey nominated Dennis West as President-Elect, Dennis West declined. Mike Rickey motioned to offer the President-Elect position to Dennis West, Bill Naumann seconded. The motion carried, Dennis West accepted; Dennis West is the new President-Elect.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Sandee West Maeda at 10:08 A.M.

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Phillip A. Luetke (Deceased) 1980
William A. Haskins (Deceased) 1981
James V. Reardon (Deceased) 1982-83
Lynn M. Borders (Deceased) 1984
Joseph W. Gawthrop (Deceased) 1984
M.L. "Bob" Hotman 1985 (Deceased)
Harry K. Keller (Deceased) 1986
Donald R. Speegle (Deceased) 1987
James "Russ" Heflin (Deceased) 1988
Evan M. "Jack" Edwards (Deceased) 1989
Ralph H. Simpson (Deceased) 1990
Harry P. Millnamow (Deceased) 1991
William P. Dunn (Deceased) 1992
Edward T. Cotton (Deceased) 1993
Harry D. Whye (Deceased) 1994
Ray H. Whitaker 1995
Harold D. Leveridge 1996
William I. Jeffs (Deceased) 1997
George F. Stovall 1998
John A. Campbell (Deceased) 1999
Verne H. Cole (Deceased) 2000
Benjamin H. Adams Jr. (Deceased) 2001
Robert W. Mitchell (Deceased) 2002
John P. Nobel 2003
Curtis B. Clark 2004
Fredric A. Hicks (Deceased) 2005
Wilfrid Hebert 2006
Stanton "Mike" Rickey 2007
Ellis Maney (Deceased) 2008
Jim Ashley 2009
Dennis West 2010, 2011, 2012
Sandee West Maeda 2013, 2014, 2015

483rd Bomb Group Denver Reunion 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" and send to Dennis West, 1640 W. 74th Way, Denver, Colorado 80221. Any questions concerning Hotel Reservations, Meals, Tours, Registration or general reunion questions, call or text: Dennis West (303) 332-1625 or e-mail: ironman8x@yahoo.com.

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 _____ e-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON IS \$25.00

Late registration fee per person is \$25.00 if not registered by September 12, 2016

Date	Event	Price	No. Attending	Total
Tuesday pm Sept. 27	Early Bird Tour, 1:00 pm Denver Federal Center - Bureau of Land Management, Geological Survey, National Energy Research Institute	\$25.00		
Wednesday am Sept. 28	Tours: Denver Mint, Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, Celestial Seasonings Tea Tour (Lunch: Red Rocks Grill on your own)	\$45.00		
Wednesday pm Sept. 28	483rd Welcome, Memories Night and Dinner Meal Choices: Chicken Marsala	\$31.00		
Thursday am Sept. 29	Tours: Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, Garden of The Gods	\$45.00		
Thursday pm Sept. 29	2nd Generation (Suggested Donation) Munchies	\$12.00		
Friday am Sept 30	Ladies Brunch with entertainment TBD	\$25.00		
Friday pm Sept. 30	Tours: Coors Brewery, Colorado Railroad Museum, Dinner at Wynkoop in LoDo, Evening on the Denver Mall <u>Dinner included</u> (Buffet of Pulled Pork BBQ, Chicken, and Brats (Drinks extra))	\$70.00		
Saturday pm Oct. 1	483rd Banquet Meal for: (please write names here) Meal Choices: Holiday Chicken X _____ \$38.00 Herb Seared Talapia X _____ \$38.00 Petite Sirloin X _____ \$42.00 Includes: Garden salad, Chef Vegetable, and Dessert			
	Registration Fee Per Person	\$25.00		
	Late Registration Fee Per Person after September 12, 2016 See Note Below **	\$25.00		
		TOTAL		

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** A late registration fee will be imposed for registering after the registration deadline of September 12, 2016, with special exceptions for health issues. This was initiated at the 2013 483rd General Business Meeting to help plan tours and schedule busses. Reunion registration cancellations will be accepted until September 20th, 2016 without fee or penalty, so . . . please help by registering early