

Word has just been received that Marilee, daughter of Bob and Kay Andrus, has passed away. The entire Squadron join me in sending the Andrus family our deepest sympathy and condolences.



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NORTH CANTON, OHIO



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



RESULTS-LOST SOUL SEARCH

JULIUS NORMAN BAUER (HILDRETH), 308 Rushmore, Carole Place, Long Island, NY 11514 Telephone #(516-334-3343). He was the navigator on L. Neil (Pappy) Brown's crew. One of the original and best crews assigned to the 783rd. We missed you Julie, welcome back to the Illustrious 783rd. Julie was located by Sarah Magazzine (Mike's wife).

XAIVER A. KRAMER Co-Pilot on Gordon Bilharz's crew. John U. Walker located two of Kramer's sisters (Mrs. Jane Stickney and Mrs. Tom Magruder) living in McComb, Mississippi and discovered Xaiver had died several years ago. We have invited both Mrs. Stickney and Mrs. Magruder to join the 783rd.

NEWS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

- 1-**CHARLES ELLIS**, 3316 Noe Way Apt. G-28, Louisville, KY 40220 (502-454-0656). Vice President and Co-Chairman of the 1989 Reunion committee. Charles has done a fantastic job getting things organized for the 1989 Bi-Annual Reunion in Atlanta. See status report on the 1989 Reunion under TOURS AND REUNION INFORMATION.
- 2-**HARRY FIKE**, 2817 Volquardsen Ave., Davenport, IA 52804 (319-291-2807). PX Officer. Harry reported November 10, 1988 that he sold eight caps to Joe Garvey. One more and Joe could have enough for a baseball team. Harry still has some of the following items:

PRICE LIST OF 783RD SQUADRON PX ITEMS:

14 ounce glasses	\$3.00	Cups (microwave safe)	\$3.50
Squadron Patch	6.00	(medium or dark blue)	
Caps (one size fits all)	7.00		

(Glasses and cups (mugs) have an emblem on one side and B-24 on the other. The cups can be ordered in medium or dark blue. Specify color wanted.)

PRICE LIST OF SQUADRON EMBLEMS-LAS VEGAS 1987:

Self Stick Emblems	\$1.00	Tie Clips	\$3.00
Stick Pins	3.00	Bracelet Charms	3.00

You can order any of the above items from Harry at the prices listed. The prices do not include shipping costs, so add at least \$2.00 to the total of your check to cover shipping costs. If that is not enough Harry will let you know. Please make check payable to: 783rd Bomb Squadron Association.

3-FRANK GOPLEN, 1225 S. Main St., Zumbrota, MN 55992 (507-732-7168). Treasurer. Frank reported November 4, 1988 that since the September, 1988 Roster was mailed quite a few members paid their 1988 dues, thus the 783rd's finances are a little healthier. Frank also asked me to remind you that 1989 dues is anytime. Why not take time and pay it now. Please make check payable to: 783rd Bomb Squadron Association and mail to Frank. Don't forget to mark check 1989 DUES.

4-FLOYD GREGORY, 2014 S. Anderson, Urbana, IL 61801 (217-367-7981). Squadron Historian. Floyd has done a tremendous amount of work gathering and editing the vast amount of historical information sent to him from various members. He has been working on the "HISTORY OF 783rd BOMB SQUADRON (H) 465th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)" since returning home from the Dayton Reunion in 1985. Floyd has completed another draft of the history and has send copies to the Squadron officers. He asked each to critique it and provide him with comments. Squadron pictures (if any are to be included) still must be selected. Hopefully, a master copy with final changes (if needed) and pictures (if any are to be included) put together for final setup for printing before too many more months go by. Floyd will be returning the materials loaned to him by various members and sends his personal THANK YOU for that contribution.

5-MIKE (GI) MAGAZZINE, 24023 East Oakland Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140 (216-871-3203). Finder of Lost Souls. Mike appears to be well on the road to recovery following Open Heart surgery to repair the Mitral Valve. I say this because Mike and his wife Sarah were recently visiting on Long Island. Mike is extremely good at "delegating". He Delegated his wife to find Lost Souls. She did just that. Would you believe she looked up the telephone number in the Long Island directory of Julius Norman Bauer, then dialed that number on the telephone. It turned out to be the navigator from L. Neil (Pappy) Brown's crew, a Lost Soul that I have been searching for since Christmas 1946. Thanks Sarah.

6-JIM McCLOSKEY, 114 Bygate Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 (412-279-2767). President. Jim and his wife Peg attended the 41st National Convention of the American Ex-Prisoners of War in Las Vegas this past September. (Jim was a member of Thomas W. Greenwood's crew and was shot down with them July 19, 1944 on raid to Munich, Germany. The entire crew became Prisoner's of War.) Jim reported that the 783rd was well represented by the following: Alex (Baron) Baronoski
Cleo Jackson
Jim and Peg McCloskey
John and Evelyn McNamee
Fred and Patricia Robinson

Jim is Co-Chairman of the 1989 Reunion, please see status report on the 1989 Reunion under TOURS AND REUNION INFORMATION.

7-ORBIN E. RUTLEDGE, 3202 Heather Lane, Denton, TX 76201 (817-387-7256) who follows up on members not responding. Orbin had nothing to report.

SICK CALL

Norman E. Lund the towering Co-Pilot on Kramer's crew was released from the hospital October 6, 1988 after having prostrate surgery. Norm handled the operation with the same tenacity and grace he handled the B-24, but unfortunately, some problems remain to be resolved. We hope and pray that he lands on the first third of the runway with wheels down, locked and plenty of braking power.

The ole F/O Sam Marie's mother fell and broke her leg just below the hip. Needless to say it required surgery. Although they have moved Mrs. Marie to

her hands, knees and now a broken leg make therapy very difficult.

Zane D. Hoyle of Rt. 2 Box 1215, Chase City, VA 23924 has been hospitalized since January 26, 1988. His wife Edith Hoyle said Zane has brain cancer. He is totally paralyzed and in a coma. Zane was moved to The Veteran's Hospital, McQuire Room 105 4.D., Richmond, Virginia two months ago. Please remember Zane and Edith in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember Norm, Mrs. Marie, and Zane (and Edith) in your thoughts and prayers.

TAPS

Ouida J. Dawson, 27179 Graves Dr., Slaughter, LA 70777 beloved wife of Calvert A. Dawson passed away May 21, 1988 of a heart attack and other complications. Ouida is survived by her husband Calvert; three sons Larry, Donald, and Jake; and two step children Mark and Jane. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

MORE INFO ABOUT MEMBERS

Bill White was with one of the replacement crews assigned to the 783rd after Colonel Andrus had be reassigned and most of the original crews had been shot down or finished their missions and returned to the states. Bill asked, whether or not there was any truth to the stories about a 28 year old "Light Colonel" Squadron leader and his band of "Mighty Warriors" being WILD AND CRAZY GUYS? I answered him saying, "Being one of the "Light Colonel's" original band of "Mighty Warriors", all I can say is, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HEARD, BUT BELIEVE IT!

Floyd and Barbara Coffield finished a week's tour with their Antique Car club at the end of September. Floyd was driving a brightly polished 1937 Ford two door coupe when they stopped by for a four hour "Bull Session". Floyd and I reflew all our missions and still did not get shot down. Barbara and Norm discussed various subjects from world affairs to affairs of the 783rd. Floyd said they were ready for another 783rd Reunion.

Annual Memorial services for General Draza Mahailovich were held at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Oakland, California on Sunday, July 17, 1988. These services are held annually on this date to commemorate the anniversary of the execution of General Mahailovich by the Communist Regime of Marshall Tito. The following members of the 783rd attended the services:

Russell Aughinbaugh
Harry and Marge Bartels
Lt. Colonel John Grabill
James and Mayme Harp
Allen and Elizabeth Honey
John and Fay Knous

While the main memorial speech was delivered by Jovan Vukceovich of San Jose, California, Al Honey of the 783rd said a few words on the debt of conscience we owe to General Mahailovich and his Chetniks.

Al Honey plans to plant a willow tree in 'Knowland Regional Park' in Oakland, California, as a memorial to General Draza Mahailovich. He wants to place a bronze plaque or marker beside the tree to explain, who put the it there and why. If you support the project and want to help defray expenses, contact: Allen Honey, 329 Foothill Blvd., Oakland, CA 94606 or phone 415-835-2485.

Many of you have seen Anna Marie Honey's rendition of the 783rd Squadron Insignia. Anna Marie has offered to make color drawings of the Insignia. If

you are interested in obtaining one, contact Anna Marie Honey, 2222
Blvd., Oakland, CA 94606 or telephone 415-835-2485. She will give prices
upon request. The transaction will be between Anna Marie and the Squadron
Member. The Squadron PX Officer Harry Fike will not be involved.

The former 783rd Squadron Flight Surgeon Charles D. Kimball, M.D. reported
he is in good health, still traveling and looking forward to the September
1989 Reunion in Atlanta.

Nyme Farage and his wife June had been living out of a suitcase for about two
months, as they waited to move into their new Villa, that overlooks an island
green on a beautiful golf course in Crossville, Tennessee. Unfortunately
they will have to wait until next spring to take advantage of the Blue Ridge
Mountains of Tennessee, as they returned to Florida before the Villa was
finished. The Ole F/O Sweet Sam Marie quipped: "With the Villa overlooking
the island green, June will have Nyme equipped with diving gear so he can
recover golf balls hit into the water."

Tom Bracey a gunner and member of Thomas W. Bonds' crew told a brief story
about two (2) cases of beer. Guy Carter (Co-Pilot) and Ralph Rinard
(Bombardier) had mysteriously obtained (probably a moonlight requisition
escapade) two (2) cases of beer. They placed the beer on the plane to cool
as it would be for the crew's enjoyment after the mission to Munich, July 19,
1944. Unfortunately, they were shot down just outside of Munich and had to
bail out of the plane leaving the beer behind.

TOURS AND REUNION INFORMATION

Status report on the 783rd's 1989 Reunion.

Dates of Reunion: September 29, 30, and October 1, 1989
Location: Holiday Inn Powers Ferry
6345 Powers Ferry Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Motel Rates: \$49.00 per night (single or double) plus tax.

Charles Ellis has furnished the Reunion committee an agenda or list of things
that should be done to make the 1989 Reunion successful. Our President and
Reunion Co-Chairman Jim McCloskey has reviewed the agenda and plans to head
toward Florida the middle of January. Jim wants to try and meet Reunion
Committee members Frank Goplen and Charlie Payne in Atlanta to firm up all
the items not solved with Officers of the Holiday Inn Powers Ferry, Atlanta.

Repeating what was said in the September LATRINE-O-GRAM. There are many
details to work out. All members must make their own motel reservation. We
have reserved a block of 125 rooms for the three day period. Any coming
earlier or staying later will be accommodated at the group rate. Hopefully
all of your questions will be answered in future LATRINE-O-GRAMS OR
publications.

If you think you can make the reunion, plan on it. Your money will be
refunded if you cancel a reasonable time before the meeting. Mark your
calendars.

Your Reunion Committee
McCloskey and Ellis, Co-Chairmen

THE B-24 LIBERATOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION WILL BE HELD 17-21 MAY 1989 FORTH
WORTH, TEXAS. General Dynamics will sponsor the flyover and static display of
the Confederate Air Force's spotless B-24, "Diamond Lil". Information has or
will be furnished to you direct from their Reunion committee.

THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION PLANS OPEN HOUSE SHOWING THE RESTORATION OF THE B-24 LIBERATOR AT TOM REILLY VINTAGE AIRCRAFT, 231 N. AIRPORT RD., KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA:
OPEN HOUSE 9AM - 6PM

"KICK THE TIRES & LIGHT YOUR FIRES"

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 1989 & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 1989
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

PRICE IS \$10.00 PER PERSON. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION, BOX 248, RIVER HILL FARM, STOW, MA 01775. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS SO YOU CAN RECEIVE TICKETS.

SECOND PANTANELLA TOUR

Bill Bruce of the 782nd announced; that due to the interest shown at the Group Reunion and from letters he has been receiving. He has embarked on the workings for a SECOND PANTANELLA TOUR. All members of the various Squadrons that made up the 465th Bomb Group and their friends are welcome to attend.

The Tour will leave May 6, 1989 for 21 days and will visit six countries. It will be the same itinerary as the the first Tour with a minor change or so to make it a smoother trip. The cost of the Tour will have to be increased slightly due to inflation and the dropping of our currency on the foreign market. Still a bargain.

Anyone interested in the Tour has to request a brochure by writing or telephoning: William F. Bruce, Jr.

1683 Eggert Road
Buffalo, NY 14226
Telephone # 716-834-8144

THE B-24 LIBERATOR CLUB plans to observe a birthday salute to the B-24 Liberator. The gathering will take place in San Diego, California. Observance is set for September 20-24, 1989. Anyone interested should contact THE LIBERATOR CLUB, P.O. BOX 841, SAN DIEGO, CA 92112.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Navigator Harry B. Green	October 17
Bombardier Nyme Farage	October 30
Top Turret Gunner Ward T. Daniels	December 12
Bombardier Donald P. Kay	December 13
Navigator Russell C. Christiansen	December 21
Pilot and Crew Commander Roger L. Kraft	December 25

The entire Squadron join me in sending Birthday greeting to you. May you have many, many more. If you had a birthday in October, November or December and your name was not listed; it's because I don't have your birthdate. Send me the month and day (Year not needed) of your birth and I'll try to do better next year. Happy Birthday. Look at the bright side: Getting older is much better than the alternative.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For all you golfers. The ole Tail Gunner Al Wylie from Picayune, Mississippi sent me an article he cut out of the American Legion Magazine. The article was called "FORE SCORE" and said: "In prehistoic times, cavemen had a custom of beating the ground with clubs and uttering spine - chilling cries. Scientists call this a primitive form of self expression. Modern men go through the very same ritual. We call it Golf. signed Robert Sasserath"

I saved the most important information until the very end. Norma and I became grandparents for the fifth time. Our youngest son Scott and his wife Linda presented us with our fourth grandson (their second son) on November 7th. Mother and Daniel Joseph Powell doing fine. So with that cheerful note; **We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Cheers! Quid Fit!**