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783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

Feb. 1, 1998

TO BOARD MEMBERS & FELLOW
OFFICERS 783RD BOMB SQUADRON
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL SUPPORT 465TH
DAYTON GROUP REUNION & 783RD,
REUNION SITE.

Your individual help, opinions, and recommendations on the above subjects are needed and requested. It would be greatly appreciated if you would take some time to give these some thoughts and pass along your opinions. The majority will govern our future actions.

Jim Althoff has called on almost a weekly basis soliciting the 783rd to financially support the 465th group reunion to be held in Dayton, OH. In particular the erecting of a permanent plaque. It should be noted his previous request was rejected by Mike Magazzino when the majority of our squadron members he polled recommended declining. It should be noted the majority of members I have discussed this matter with concurred. With what seemed as a majority of the membership not favoring financial support

to the group endeavors, it was felt the board should have the final say

To make plans for our 1999 reunion a site must be selected. In the past the response has been poor when request have been made in the LOG for membership input. Therefore, your individual opinions and wishes would be appreciated on the matter. At St. Louis the following cities were mentioned Norfolk, VA. Charleston, SC. Detroit, MI. Niagara Falls, NY. Boston, MA. Kansas City, KS. Colorado Springs, CO. and Denver, CO. With Denver being a transportation hub providing easy access and good rates plus being centrally located, it offers good practical possibilities.

If each of you would be good enough to forward your thoughts of where and when, an information package will be pursued for your final selection and approval.

QUID FIT

**783RD BOMB SQUADRON
ASSOCIATION**

Jan. 31, 1998

As this is my first time to write for the LOG I thought I should have something to create a little interest for this year.

As you might recall when we were in St. Louis, you asked about having a mini reunion in Fredricksburg. Well I have put a little package together for all of you to consider. This package isn't just for those of us who live in Texas, it is for all of the 783rd Squadron who want to come.

I picked Oct 9th and 10th, arriving on Friday the 9th and departing Sunday the 11th. Around this part of the country Oct is a nice comfortable time of the year.

I have some rooms blocked off at the Best Western motel and we have a hospitality room set aside for our visiting. We will probably have our Saturday evening meal in this room also. This motel is on our main street and is very close to all our shops and area activities. The Admiral Nimitz South Pacific Museum is just across the street, this museum contains WW 2 memorabilia and now President Bush's gallery is open. The L.B.J. ranch is just 15 miles away and worth looking into.

The motel rate is \$62.95 double occupancy, tax included. There are several good eating places all around the motel. There will be a golf game on Saturday; we will work out details latter.

What I need most to know is how many rooms I will need and how many will he able to make the trip. If you will drop me a note or give me a call I can put the final touches to this fun get-together.

My mailing address is R. K. Rogers 114 Ridgewood, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. My phone number is (830) 997 4524. Please let me hear from you and I can assure you Dot and I are looking forward to as many as possible being here.

Quid Fit

**Squadron Included in Study of World
War II Veterans;
Mail Survey to Arrive this Summer**

The World War II generation is renowned for its extraordinary contributions to public life in the mid-twentieth century United States. I am conducting a study of World War II veterans in order to document the nature of your generation's involvement political and civic activities in the 50 years since the war, as well as your experiences of public policies. The project is sponsored in part by the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation.

My research relies on a survey of 1000 members of World War II military units from each of the services, and I would like to enlist the participation of members of the 783rd Bomb Squadron Association. I will mail the survey to you this summer, and would very much appreciate your responses. Please know that your individual participation is strictly voluntary, and that all responses will be anonymous.

As well, as I travel to various parts of the country to do research over the next year, I may contact a few of you to ask if you would be willing to be interviewed in person. I am truly thankful to your squadron for participating in this project, and I hope that the book that I will write with the results will do much to teach subsequent generations about your legacy in American public life.

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17 October 1997

To: Murv Houston
From: Joe Einecker
Subject: St. Louis Reunion Golf Tournament Winners

1st Place (score card playoff)

Sam Marie
Dick Rogers
Bob Wills
"Red" Huber

2nd Place

Bob Anderson
Rosella Anderson
Murv Houston
Kay Houston

3rd Place

Joe Einecker
"Doe" Einecker
Paul Tobin

4th Place

Harry Fike
Lola Fike
Wally Volkman
June Volkman

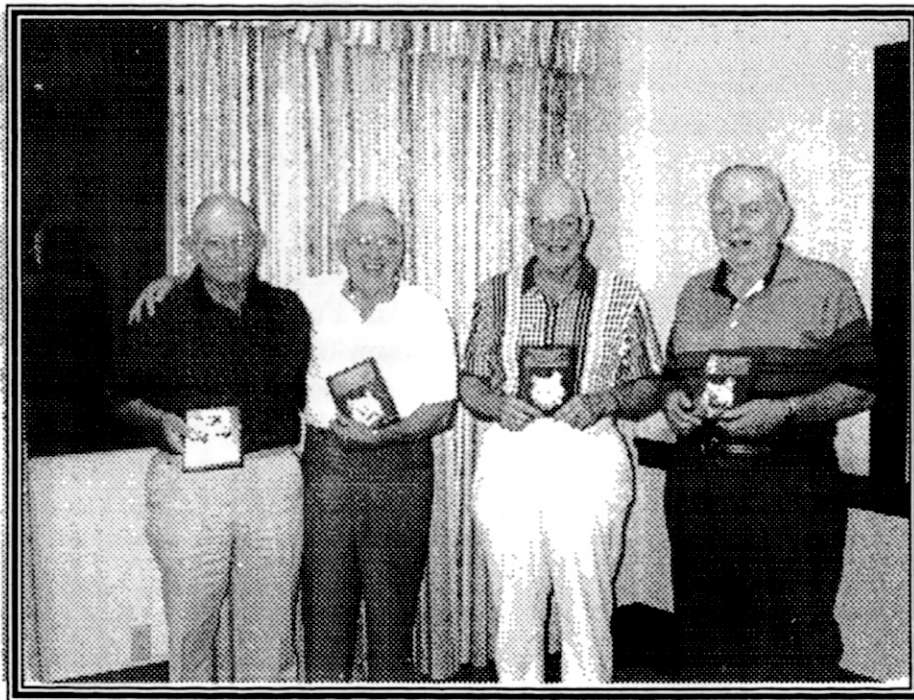
Closest to the Pin Winners:

Men: Wally Volkman
Women: "Doe" Einecker

Long Drive Winners:

Men: Joe Einecker
Women: Kay Houston

Please forward the above information along with the picture of the first place team to Floyd Gregory for possible use in the Latrine-O-Gram.



The greatest golfers of the 783rd????
From Left to Right: Sam Marie, Bob Wills, Dick Rogers, and "Red" Huber

465th Bomb Group Reunion

Plans are well under way for this exciting reunion. Wright Patterson has proven to be a very interesting site. It was the location of our second reunion the largest ever. With all the squadrons attending it will be one to remember. Already the Hope Hotel is fully booked with three squadrons from the 465th Bomb Group including the 781st. And it is the only hotel on an Air Force Base!

The museum has added more planes to make it one of the most interesting museums in the country. I met someone recently returned from a vacation in Dayton. He spent four days at the museum and he wants to go again!

Heading up the planning for this reunion is our experienced and competent Ken Sutton and Roland Soucy, co-chairman. Never have we had plans nearly completed at such an early date.

The reunion will be here before you know it. Now it's time for you to begin some serious planning. Remember it costs nothing to register —you get 100% refund if you have to cancel. Let your friends know you are coming by getting on the registration list early.

The early bird registration form is enclosed. You can't beat the \$50, plus tax, room price! Fill it out and send the portion for the hotel as directed and the portion for the 781st registration and check to OJ. Cowart. OJ and Esther are waiting for the registrations to flow in.

Here are some reasons why this will be a "biggie." Not only will you be meeting with old 781st comrades, but you will have the opportunity to visit with some friends you may have in the other squadrons and the 465th BG headquarters personnel.

Also, we are linked by common interests, memories, and friendships by our participation in that great conflict of fifty three years ago, World War II. So join with your comrades to

remember those who are no longer with us and to relive those days at Pantanella that were such an important part of our lives. We have a schedule of events to help bring back those memories for you to share with your comrades and their families.

More families have shown interest this time. Remember families and widows are always welcome and can participate in all events. We do not have programs for men only.

Dress is informal except it seems everyone likes to make the dinners a little dressy.

There will be a complete program in the next newsletter. For now we will just give you an outline.

For Tuesday Oct. 7, for the early birds who fly in, we have arrangements made for the discount Charter Van Service to start service from the airport to the hotel (1/2 reg. price) available for all 465th Bomb Group members. There will be no formal activity at the hotel, but there should be a bulletin board up to find out who is there.

On Wed, when over half will check in, registration will be from 1 to 5 PM and hospitality and trophy room will be open from 1 PM to closing.

Thur. will be registration and hospitality all day. From 5PM to 11PM will be our private party at the Air Force Museum. Wander through the museum (free) and spend as much time as you want to look at planes or climbing inside for a better look on your self-guided tour. Then a cocktail party and dinner between the planes! Nobody can say you didn't get to see many planes this time!

Friday AM has a scheduled short board meeting, then a 781st meeting. About 11 we will leave by bus to the Officers club for lunch, then memorial service and squadron photo. Back at the hotel will be hospitality and trophy room with the evening open for section and crew dinners.

Saturday is the 465th Bomb Group day. In the morning there will be a program for all and then videos and casual gatherings in the hospitality room area most of the day.

All the planning not complete for this day. That evening will be the 465th Bomb Group cocktail party and banquet. You will have a chance to meet your friends in the other squadrons and enjoy a good meal and interesting program.

Bring along any memorabilia or old photos you may have to show to your comrades.

If you are flying watch for airline specials. If you plan to drive, there is plenty of free parking.

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781st BOMB SQUADRON & 465th BOMB GROUP REUNION RESERVATIONS
DAYTON, OHIO, OCTOBER 7 TO 11, 1998

NAME _____ Name of Wife or Guest attending _____

ADDRESS _____ Date _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Will you drive? _____

ACTIVITIES:	No. of People	Meal Price	Total Price
Thursday Dinner:	Ham _____ Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____	X \$18	\$ _____
Friday Lunch:	Chicken _____ Salad _____	X \$9	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet:	Fish _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____	X \$21	\$ _____

(Meal prices include 18% Gratuity & 6% Sales Tax)

Registration Fee \$15 Per Person X \$15 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSE \$=====

Wheel Chairs available to rent for \$25 per week. Do you want one reserved?

Make check out to 781st. Bomb Squadron

Mail this portion of reservation and check to: Prepayment means no lines at Dayton. 100% guarantee of refund at any time if you have to cancel before the reunion.

KENNETH SUTTON
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Stanley C. Pace, Retired president of TRW Inc. rides an electric bicycle powered by batteries from Zinc Air Power Corp., where he is a director.

Cleveland investors searching for a better automobile battery invent a power unit for bikes that could win the hearts of Chinese

It looked incongruous: A group of older men and women in business suits riding odd-looking bicycles around the parking lot at BP America's research center in Warrensville Heights.

Among them were Stanley C. Pace, retired president of TRW Inc. He is among 75 investors, mostly from the Cleveland area, who have plowed \$9.3 million into Zinc Air Power Corp, a small company with grand ambitions for the black boxes on either side of the back wheels of the bikes.

Zinc Air has a staff of a dozen renting space at the BP center. They have been working to make batteries to power electric cars.

But with that still a number of years off, the company decided a couple of months ago to try an interim step: Perfect its technology for bicycles, and sell it in China where tens of millions of bikes are sold each year, and many people ride them to work every day.

Riders of the battery-powered bikes pull a small yellow lever on the left handlebar to engage the motor and the bike slips quickly to a brisk speed, or they can pedal themselves with or without the battery.

Pace said when he was asked to join the board two or three years ago, "this seemed like an interesting and exciting technical challenge, with considerable risk." Since then, "the mountain of problems have been reduced. There's a hill or two out there now."

Yet some hills are still steep. Although it is drumming up investor support for the bicycle, the company has yet to finish designing the batteries it expects to have tested by potential customers.

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John McNamee passed away August 20, 1997. He was a flight engineer on a B-24 Airplane and member of the 783rd Bomb Squadron, 465th Bomb Group, 55 Wing, 15th Air Force based in Pantanella, Italy. He was incarcerated in Stalag Luft IV. He was a member of Florida State Chapter No. 1 of EXPOW. His first wife, Evelyn, died in May 1990; his daughter, Joan, died in 1992. He is survived by his wife Carol, two sons, six grandchildren, and a handicapped stepdaughter, Teri, who adored him.

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Dear Dick,
I have completed as complete a review of the financial records of the 783rd Squadron association as I can using the bank statements and other documents forwarded to me by Jack Meyers.

I find no unexplained expenses or other withdrawals from our accounts.

The November 28, 1997 bank statement shows a balance of \$3,196.46 with one check not cashed for \$46.11; when this check clears there will be a balance of \$3,150.35.

The Squadron also has an account with "THE VANGUARD GROUP" as of 09/30/97, this account is for 1,338.81 shares of short term treasury valued at \$13,638.81.

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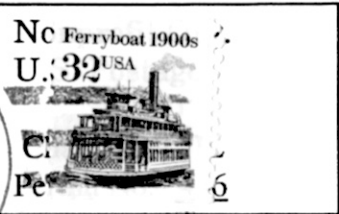
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There is also some money in a postal account that is used for squadron mailing.

Hope this gives you a satisfactory starting place.

If I can be of any other help to you, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely

Frank Goplen

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