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TAIL GUNNER RAY MOORE REMEMBERS D-DAY



Ray Moore holds a picture of his B-17 crew, which, as part of the 398th Bomb Group, took part in D-Day air operations on June 6, 1944. (Denise Crosby / The Beacon-News)

A 75th D-Day Anniversary article featuring an interview with 398th BG veteran Ray Moore recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune / Aurora Beacon-News. Ray recounted his experience flying as tail gunner with the Lt. Victor E. Stoll Crew, 603rd SQ, over the Normandy Beaches June 6th 1944. D-Day.

Journalist Denise Crosby, kindly gave us permission to reprint her article and photographs in this issue of the Flak News. Her article begins on page 2. Thank you Denise!

Aurora Illinois World War II vet recalls D-Day: 'The price you pay for freedom'

Denise Crosby - The Beacon-News

As we mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, it's become next to impossible to find men from our Fox Valley area who took part in that historic event of June 6, 1944.

Even five years ago, the Aurora Public Library had trouble locating area survivors when it commemorated the 70th anniversary of the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. It turned out the 10 or so local veterans we had featured during previous anniversaries had all passed away.

While reporters back in 2014 were eventually able to locate two D-Day vets — Naperville's Harry Brozynski and Art Miller from the Elgin area — both men died in 2017.

Which brings us to Ray Moore of Aurora, who at age 96 is still going strong.

Unlike the others we featured over the years, Moore was not among those who stormed the Normandy beaches. But he still played an integral part in this operation that changed the course of the war and the history of the world.

Moore, who still lives independently in the Molitor Road home he built nearly 70 years ago, was a B-17 tail gunner who flew 29 strategic missions that included attacking targets such as German factories, warehouses, shipping facilities and aircraft plants.

But his 398th Bomb Group — he was in the 603rd Squadron — suspended those missions to attack coastal defenses and enemy troops during the Normandy invasion. More than 11,000 Allied aircraft, including 880 B-17s, were part of Operation Overlord, with the purpose of providing air cover and dropping bombs to soften the German defenses across the coastline.



**Stoll's Crew with Col. Hunter as Command Pilot
603rd SQ - July 7, 1944**

Back row L-R: Capt. Carl J. Stickrott- Bombardier, Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr.- Command Pilot, Capt. Harold L. Brown- Nav, 1Lt. Anthony J. Jellen- Nav, 1Lt. Victor E. Stoll- Pilot.

Front row L-R: TSgt. Blair L. Holmes- Radio, TSgt. George L. Lynn- Engineer, 2Lt. Frederick J. Kushera, Jr- Co-Pilot, SSgt. Raymond L. Moore- Tail Gunner, 1Lt. J.J. Eberhart, Mickey Operator.

Despite the 75 years that have passed since then, Moore clearly recalls looking down from the tail of his bomber to see that mass of more than 5,000 ships approaching the beaches.

"Our job," he said simply, "was to protect those ships." After dropping the plane's load ahead of the landing, the crew headed back to Nuthampstead Airfield, a crowded base 35 miles north of London he remembers being "stacked up with war material because of the invasion."

It wasn't until later Moore learned his brother Robert, two years his junior and with the U.S. Army field artillery, had been one of the more than 156,000 American, British and Canadian troops that stormed those 50 miles of Normandy's beaches that day.

Moore, who was born in Aurora but moved with his family to Southern Illinois at age 9 after his father was laid off from his railroad job during the Depression, had taken a Greyhound bus back to his childhood home upon graduation from high school and was working for the railroad when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941. He joined the 8th Army Air Corps, Moore told me, but he had "no idea" when or where his kid brother had been shipped overseas.

"I was up here," said Moore, indicating the 28,000 feet his bomber flew over the channel, "and he was down there and we didn't even know it."

Moore described the D-Day operation, which was chaotic and bloody because of bad weather and fierce German resistance, as "a slaughter." While his brother was not wounded in the invasion that claimed the lives of thousands of Allied troops, Robert was seriously injured "23 days into combat" when an artillery shell exploded near him. It wasn't until he received a letter from his mother that he learned of his brother's D-Day involvement and the name of the English hospital where Robert began a lengthy recuperation that left him "86 percent permanently disabled," he said.

"Bringing back the injured from the battlefield is not a pretty thing," the then-21-year-old added, as he recalled that visit to see his injured brother. "The memory never leaves you."

Moore experienced his own close calls. Although never hit by enemy fire, "I was shot at many times," he said of the anti-aircraft flak that came from the ground and the fighter planes targeting his crews from above. After returning from one successful mission, he recalled, his plane had 287 holes in it ... which is why, "every day in combat I would think, 'Is this the day I'm going to die?'"

While the nightmares that war can produce over a lifetime eluded him for the most part, Moore often thinks about those on the ground during that historic invasion who "never had a chance like I did.

"I think about all the guys we lost," he said. "But that's the price you pay for freedom."

Moore also recalls that one day his brother, who passed away four years ago, showed him a picture of the ship he was on when he landed on the beaches. But the siblings rarely mentioned their D-Day experiences.

"Everybody," he said, "was proud to take part because we knew we were fighting for freedom."

'The price you pay for freedom' ...continued



D-Day veteran Ray Moore (Denise Crosby / The Beacon-News)

Moore served until 1945, ending his Army career in Rantoul teaching aircraft mechanics. And when he returned to Aurora he toiled hard to fulfill two childhood dreams: Become a railroad engineer and find stability.

"We got pushed around so much because of the Depression," Moore said of so many in his Greatest Generation. "And I always said my goal in life is to get an anchor. Childhood was about survival. And we carried that with us during the war and then carried it with us after we got back. We got our roots, we got settled down and we went to work."

Seventy-five years later, Ray Moore is still at it.

Long retired from the Burlington Railroad, Moore, whose wife Dolores died 22 years ago, refuses to slow down for fear old age will creep up on him. When we visited Monday morning at his meticulously maintained home on his meticulously maintained acreage — he does all the upkeep himself — the nonagenarian had just come back from his thrice-weekly gym workout. He's got children, grand- and great-grandchildren, but he's also got a girlfriend. And after our morning visit, Moore planned to get his large lot mowed so later in the week he could take Frances, the widow of a childhood friend and fellow vet, on a downstate road trip to see his late brother's widow.

"There's always plenty for me to do around here," Moore said of the house he built when Molitor Road had nothing but farm fields around it. "It keeps me going, sitting down ain't no good."

Active in the VFW and American Legion — yes, he's a proud member of the color guard — and named as grand marshal of Aurora's Memorial Day Parade a couple years ago, Moore is fully aware few of his kind remain. The affable patriot, who on Thursday will be honored at the Kane County Cougars game, recently attended a large Field of Flags event at a local school where [WWII](#) vets were asked to stand and be recognized... "and there were only two of us," he noted.

Still, while admitting "I never thought I'd live this long," Moore doesn't plan on going anywhere any time soon. And when it's time to write that 80th anniversary D-Day story, he's absolutely game to sit down for another interview.

He shakes my hand and smiles as we prepare to part.

"Make sure," Moore insisted, "you give me a call."

A Message from the President:

BY MARILYN GIBB-RICE

President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

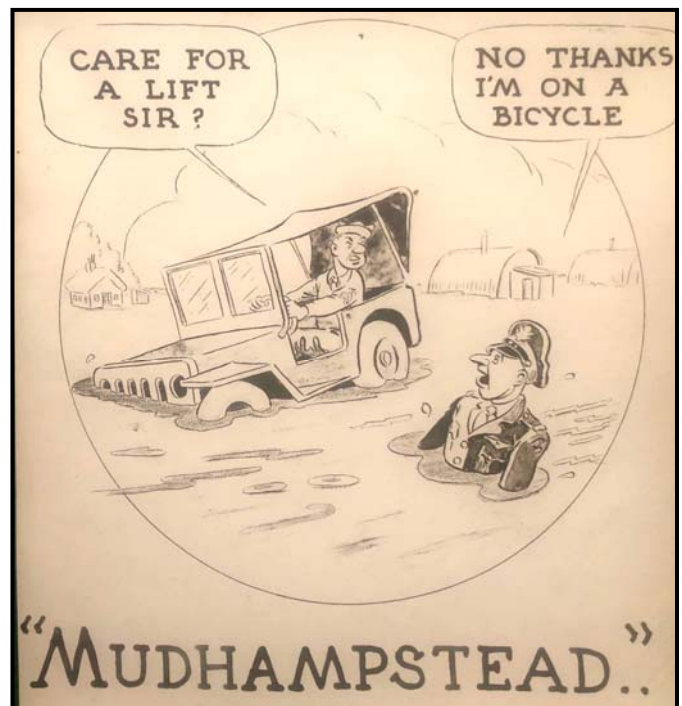
DEADLINES!!! They are something we dread but must adhere to! The deadline for the 45th Annual 8th AFHS Reunion is **September 25th**. This will be the second year that the 398th BGMA has agreed to join with the 8th AFHS at their reunion. Please join us in St Louis and make this reunion another memorable one!

As you will read on page 10, our Dues/Membership Manager Dawne Dougherty has sadly passed away. However, I am pleased to announce that Beth Howard, granddaughter of Bob Howard has kindly agreed to take over the position. She is also helping Ann Collins, daughter of Phillip Collins, with maintaining and updating the 398th Facebook page. Thank you to Beth for taking over the Dues/Membership Manager position and also thanks to Ann and Beth for running the Facebook page.

I am also pleased to also announce that the materials for the Nissen Hut at the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum have been ordered!! Many thanks to all that donated to this project - especially to Leo Croce, Pamela and John Goode for making this happen.

We look forward to seeing everyone in St Louis!!

PS: *Don't forget to bring a framed photo of your favorite 398th veteran to the reunion! If you are not attending you may ship a framed photo to Carolyn Widmann and she will make sure it gets to the reunion for display in our Memory Room. Details are on Page 9.*



The cartoon above is one of several brought home after the war by Bob Tibor's dad, Capt. Robert P. Tibor. Capt. Tibor was a Fighter Pilot with the 55th FG in 1944. The 55th occupied Station 131, aka "Mudhampstead", before the 398th's arrival in April '44.

Remembering Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

We Will Not Forget

By Lee A. Bradley

Last February we received a very nice note from Walter F. Morris who was the navigator on the Lipnick Crew. He was very concerned that Herbert Helbig's name, the Radio Operator on his crew, was missing from our January TAPS list. The fact is, Helbig's name was not included because he was Killed in Action during the war. Our TAPS list *only* includes names of 398th BG men who passed *after* WWII was over.

Following is an excerpt from Walter's letter:

"In reading through the TAPS list I was to see that the name of Herbert Helbig was missing. He was the Radio operator on the Lipnick Crew. He substituted for a sick radio operator in another crew and was killed in action. It happened sometime in either January or February in '45. The rest of the Lipnick crew finished their missions successfully. I was taken off the Lipnick crew after Col. Hunter was shot down and made a roving lead navigator usually flying in the Group lead ship. I finished my missions (30) in the middle of March '45. The only member of the crew I kept up with was Warren Volhaber the tail gunner. He died 4 or 5 years ago. He is listed in the TAPS summary.

As Herb gave his life his listing should be a priority."

Walter, you are absolutely right. Below and on the next two pages is our KIA list, where Herbert's name and other heroes of the 398th who gave it all are honored. This list is also on our website www.398th.org and in our KIA Booklet, available upon request.

| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------|
| Aaron, Floyd Ray | 601 | Eng/TT | 13-Apr-45 |
| Abbott, George Edward | 601 | Togglier | 15-Oct-44 |
| Aleksyn, Albert J. | 603 | BT Gunner | 03-Feb-45 |
| Anderson, Vernon | 601 | Navigator | 26-Nov-44 |
| Andrews, Joe T. | 601 | Waist Gunner | 24-May-44 |
| Antaillia, Gerard C. "Jerry" | 600 | BT Gunner | 16-Jul-44 |
| Argubright, Darrell | 601 | Navigator | 30-Aug-44 |
| Arnold, Charles | 603 | Bombardier | 08-Aug-44 |
| Atchison, Brooks U. | 603 | BT Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Ault, Jr., James J. | 603 | BT Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Bagley, Charles P. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 30-Nov-44 |
| Bait, Jr., John C. | 602 | Togglier | 11-Apr-45 |
| Baker, John M. | 600 | Pilot | 08-Aug-44 |
| Baker, John P. | 603 | Navigator | 15-Oct-44 |
| Baker, William H. | 600 | Navigator | 25-Nov-44 |
| Barton, George E. | 603 | Radio Op | 15-Oct-44 |
| Barzano, Joseph G. | 600 | BT Gunner | 19-May-44 |
| Bayless, Leroy K. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 15-Oct-44 |
| Beatovich, William J. | 603 | SQ Navigator | 23-Jan-45 |
| Beatty, Hubert F. | 600 | Pilot | 22-Feb-45 |
| Beaty, James A. | 600 | Eng/TT | 12-Aug-44 |
| Bergant, Joe | 602 | Waist Gunner | 30-Dec-44 |
| Bergen, Norman E. | 601 | Bombardier | 24-May-44 |
| Beyer, Nelson R. | 601 | Eng/TT | 20-Jan-45 |
| Bisping, Harold A. | 601 | Eng/TT | 08-Jul-44 |
| Borden, Charles A. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 04-Aug-44 |
| Bowles, Thomas C. | 600 | Radar Operator | 26-Sep-44 |
| Boyd, Harvey J. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 04-Aug-44 |
| Brennan, Jr., Michael J. | 602 | Radio Op | 25-Apr-45 |
| Bringle, Ray D. | 603 | Eng/TT | 13-Jul-44 |
| Brodin, Unite L. | 603 | Pilot | 24-May-44 |
| Brown, Loren Cochlin | 603 | Tail Gunner | 13-Jul-44 |
| Brown, Melvin P. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 15-Oct-44 |
| Bryan, Clifford Z. | 603 | Bombardier | 13-Jul-44 |
| Bryan, William M. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Buddes, Anthony G. | 603 | Radio Op | 15-Mar-45 |
| Bueffel, Alfred | 600 | BT Gunner | 12-Aug-44 |
| Bunning, Paul | 602 | Radio Op | 19-Jul-44 |
| Burns, John D. | 601 | Tail Gunner | 18-Jun-44 |
| Burns, Wilbert Y. | 601 | BT Gunner | 08-Sep-44 |

| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
|----------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------|
| Butters, William | 603 | Tail Gunner | 23-Jan-45 |
| Byrne, Felix E. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 30-Nov-44 |
| Campbell, Robert G. | 601 | Pilot | 02-Nov-44 |
| Campbell, William Pren | 603 | Bombardier | 23-Jan-45 |
| Carlisle, Jr., Albert S. | 603 | BT Gunner | 02-Mar-45 |
| Carrado, Peter D. | 603 | BT Gunner | 24-May-44 |
| Christensen, Donald | 601 | Radio Op | 24-May-44 |
| Christensen, Donald R. | 603 | Pilot | 02-Mar-45 |
| Clark, Jr., Marvin E. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Clark, Thomas A. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 08-Apr-45 |
| Clifton, Clinton B. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 10-Sep-44 |
| Cline, Glen H. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 01-Jan-45 |
| Clinesmith, Gene Frederick | 602 | Navigator | 09-Mar-45 |
| Cohn, Melvin | 603 | Radio Op | 02-Nov-44 |
| Colbert, Donald B. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 08-Sep-44 |
| Cole, Fred W. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Coleman, Lamar Q. | 600 | BT Gunner | 08-Apr-45 |
| Colgan, Robert H. | 603 | Radio Op | 03-Feb-45 |
| Comer, Roger Drake | 600 | Co-Pilot | 19-May-44 |
| Cone, Frederick B. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 19-May-44 |
| Connolly, Harry J. | 602 | Pilot | 28-Oct-44 |
| Coulson, James B. | 601 | BT Gunner | 26-Nov-44 |
| Cropp, Charles E. | 603 | BT Gunner | 13-Jul-44 |
| Crowe, George R. | 602 | Co-Pilot | 28-Oct-44 |
| Daly, Francis A. | 602 | BT Gunner | 28-Oct-44 |
| Davidson, Gordon F. | 603 | SQ Navigator | 24-May-44 |
| Davis, Robert L. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 25-Nov-44 |
| DeLafayette, Jr., Stanley | 603 | Co-Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Deull, Merritt Allan | 600 | Bombardier | 19-May-44 |
| Dion, Albert L. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 12-Aug-44 |
| Doerr, Lyle J. | 602 | Pilot | 30-Dec-44 |
| Doglio, Joseph D. | 602 | Navigator | 19-Jul-44 |
| Doyle, Paul E. | 601 | Co-Pilot | 26-Nov-44 |
| Dudley, Robert W. | 603 | Eng/TT | 02-Mar-45 |
| Earle, Hazen V. | 602 | BT Gunner | 30-Dec-44 |
| Edgington, Stephen L. | 603 | Radio Op | 04-Aug-44 |
| Ellis, Richard F. | 603 | Pilot | 14-Mar-45 |
| Engeman, Ernest F. | 603 | Navigator | 04-Aug-44 |
| Englehardt, William H. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 07-Jul-44 |
| Erickson, Roger J. | 602 | Bombardier | 28-Oct-44 |

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| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------|
| Ervin, Milton C. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 11-Apr-45 |
| Farren, Gerald Francis | 600 | Waist Gunner | 19-May-44 |
| Faurot, Doyt W. | 603 | BT Gunner | 04-Aug-44 |
| Feathers, George A. | 603 | Eng/TT | 04-Aug-44 |
| Feinstein, William | 602 | Co-Pilot | 03-Feb-45 |
| Feldman, Howard V. | 602 | Nav/Bombrdr | 25-Apr-45 |
| Ference, Henry P. | 603 | Bombardier | 21-Nov-44 |
| Ferguson, Allen H. | 602 | Pilot | 25-Apr-45 |
| Fields, James Buel | 602 | Pilot | 12-Sep-44 |
| Flores, David V. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 24-Dec-44 |
| Fontana, Louis | 600 | Radio Op | 10-Sep-44 |
| Foster, Thomas K. | 603 | Pilot | 13-Jul-44 |
| Fox, Thomas H. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 30-Dec-44 |
| Frisbie, Victor | 600 | Eng/TT | 30-May-44 |
| Fuller, Virgil L. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 28-Oct-44 |
| Furrow, Jr., John E. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 01-Jan-45 |
| Gaiser, Joseph R. | 602 | Radio Op | 30-Dec-44 |
| Galetto, Jr., Clement | 603 | Waist Gunner | 04-Aug-44 |
| Galioto, Carlo | 601 | Radio Op | 08-Jul-44 |
| Gamba, Eugene | 601 | Tail Gunner | 08-Sep-44 |
| Garcia, Reynaldo | 602 | BT Gunner | 03-Feb-45 |
| Garner, William F. | 602 | Waist Gunner | 03-Feb-45 |
| Garrett, Thomas D. | 602 | BT Gunner | 19-Jul-44 |
| Gaynor, Robert T. | 603 | Bombardier | 21-Nov-44 |
| Glancy, Ralph Francis | 603 | Eng/TT | 21-Nov-44 |
| Gnesin, Harold M. | 602 | Bombardier | 25-Jun-44 |
| Goesel, Edward B. | 601 | Radio Op | 18-Jun-44 |
| Gonser, Billy G. | 602 | Bombardier | 12-Sep-44 |
| Gooden, Marvin L. | 602 | Eng/TT | 03-Feb-45 |
| Goodman, Richard S. | 602 | Radio Op | 12-Sep-44 |
| Gray, Judson F. | 603 | Squadron CO | 24-May-44 |
| Groncki, Gregory G. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 19-Jul-44 |
| Gruette, Gerald O. | 603 | Radio Op | 13-Jul-44 |
| Gurba, Elmer G. | 603 | Radio Op | 02-Mar-45 |
| Gustafson, John V. | 603 | Bombardier | 02-Mar-45 |
| Haberman, Louis C. | 603 | Navigator | 24-May-44 |
| Halbert, John R. | 602 | Co-Pilot | 25-Apr-45 |
| Halter, Ralph L. | 601 | Pilot | 18-Jun-44 |
| Hamilton, Marion B. | 600 | Radio Op | 08-Apr-45 |
| Hansard, Jr., V. A. | 600 | Pilot | 25-Nov-44 |
| Harper, Clarence Harold | 603 | Eng/TT | 03-Feb-45 |
| Harrison, Leonard D. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 08-Aug-44 |
| Harrod, Franklin D. "Francis" | 600 | Bombrdr/Nav | 24-Dec-44 |
| Hart, Earl Kelly | 602 | Co-Pilot | 19-Jul-44 |
| Hastings, Kenneth S. | 603 | CA Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Hawkins, Dallas L. | 602 | Pilot | 19-Jul-44 |
| Helbig, Herbert A. | 600 | Radio Op | 30-Nov-44 |
| Hess, Ralph C. | 601 | Gunner | 08-Jul-44 |
| Heustess, Joseph A. | 602 | Eng/TT | 25-Apr-45 |
| Hochadel, James F. | 603 | BT Gunner | 08-Aug-44 |
| Hoffman, William H. | 601 | Navigator | 24-May-44 |
| Honaker, Jr., James R. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 22-Feb-45 |
| Hopp, Raymond C. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 07-Jul-44 |
| Howell, Jr., Charles Edward | 603 | Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Hunter, Jr., Frank P. | HQ | Group CO | 23-Jan-45 |
| Iaconis, Frank | 601 | Radio Op | 26-Nov-44 |
| Ingram, John W. | 601 | Pilot | 24-May-44 |
| Jenkins, Robert W. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 19-May-44 |
| Johnson, Clib L. | 603 | Eng/TT | 21-Nov-44 |
| Johnson, Roy A. | 600 | Radio Op | 08-Aug-44 |
| Jones, Donald J. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 10-Apr-45 |
| Jones, William J. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 02-Nov-44 |
| Kasch, Wallace E. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 08-Apr-45 |
| Kelley, Thomas D. | 601 | Tail Gunner | 24-May-44 |
| Kempner, Saul J. | 600 | Navigator | 12-Aug-44 |

| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Kennedy, Cecil E. | 600 | Radio Op | 12-Aug-44 |
| Kennedy, Charles R. | 603 | BT Gunner | 15-Oct-44 |
| Khoury, Charles E. | 603 | Command Pilot | 15-Oct-44 |
| King, Warren L. | 603 | Navigator | 01-Jan-45 |
| Kiska, Joseph J. | 602 | Eng/TT | 30-Dec-44 |
| Klein, Sherman S. | 600 | RCM | 08-Apr-45 |
| Kline, Theodore A. | 601 | Co-Pilot | 13-Apr-45 |
| Knight, Albert W. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 12-Aug-44 |
| Kravif, Harry | 601 | SQ Navigator | 18-Jun-44 |
| Kressenberg, John K. | 600 | Bombardier | 08-Aug-44 |
| Kruse, Walter J. | 601 | Bombardier | 08-Jul-44 |
| Kucharski, Leroy | 603 | Waist Gunner | 02-Nov-44 |
| Leach, Marvin F. | 602 | Waist Gunner | 12-Sep-44 |
| Lehner, Robert W. | 603 | Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Lentz, Jr., Ralph H. | 603 | VN Navigator | 23-Jan-45 |
| LeScale, Clement A. | 600 | Bombardier | 08-Apr-45 |
| L'Estrange, Jr., Thomas A. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 03-Feb-45 |
| Letts, Charles R. | 603 | "Mickey" Nav | 23-Jan-45 |
| Lewandowski, William J. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 14-Mar-45 |
| Leyden, Jr., John J. | 603 | Navigator | 21-Nov-44 |
| Liby, Lorin S. | 600 | BT Gunner | 10-Sep-44 |
| Logan, William G. | 602 | Togglier | 03-Feb-45 |
| Loomis, Jr., John A. | 602 | Bombardier | 19-Jul-44 |
| Love, William H. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 02-Mar-45 |
| Lovelace, Curtis D. | 600 | Pilot | 16-Jul-44 |
| Loveland, Clinton L. | 601 | Eng/TT | 18-Jun-44 |
| Lovingfoss, Norman K. | 602 | Navigator | 10-Nov-44 |
| Luckie, Jr., Marvin Y. | 603 | Togglier | 03-Feb-45 |
| Luna, James E. | 600 | Navigator | 22-Feb-45 |
| MacArthur, John S. | 603 | Pilot | 04-Aug-44 |
| Mayfield, Robert C. | 603 | Radio Op | 23-Jan-45 |
| McAfee, James W. | 600 | Pilot | 10-Apr-45 |
| McCain, Paul P. | 601 | Navigator | 08-Jul-44 |
| McCorkindale, Donald J. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| McLean, Charles B. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 16-Jul-44 |
| Meyran, William Louis | 603 | Pilot | 15-Oct-44 |
| Miller, Walter E. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Mitchell, James R. | 601 | Pilot | 20-Jan-45 |
| Moore, Jr., Carlton C. | 603 | SQ Bombrdr | 15-Oct-44 |
| Morales, Uvaldo G. | 601 | Waist Gunner | 24-May-44 |
| Mullendore, Edward L. | 602 | Eng/TT | 12-Sep-44 |
| Munroe, Jr., George C. | 600 | Navigator | 08-Apr-45 |
| Nachtwey, Paul A. | 602 | Navigator | 29-Dec-44 |
| Newman, Herbert H. | 603 | Pilot | 02-Nov-44 |
| O'Neal, Jr., Ira Lee | 600 | Pilot | 19-May-44 |
| Osteen, Jr., Richard T. | 600 | Co-Pilot | 08-Aug-44 |
| Ostrow, Harry | 603 | Tail Gunner | 02-Mar-45 |
| Papajohn, George C. | 601 | Gunner | 08-Jul-44 |
| Parr, Jr., Leo E. | 603 | BT Gunner | 14-Mar-45 |
| Passmore, Milton B. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Paxton, Max William | 600 | Tail Gunner | 10-Apr-45 |
| Pennell, Jr., Ernest L. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 30-May-44 |
| Perry, Anthony N. | 603 | BT Gunner | 02-Nov-44 |
| Petrauskas, Victor C. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 15-Oct-44 |
| Phelps, Bruce E. | 603 | Navigator | 03-Feb-45 |
| Pinson, Milford C. | 602 | Waist Gunner | 28-Oct-44 |
| Plantz, Kenneth J. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 02-Mar-45 |
| Powell, Perry E. | 603 | Pilot | 03-Feb-45 |
| Pozder, Thomas S. | 601 | Tail Gunner | 26-Nov-44 |
| Price, Jr., Joseph M. | 601 | Eng/TT | 26-Nov-44 |
| Register, Virgil W. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 21-Nov-44 |
| Rich, Jr., Paul H. | 603 | Pilot | 21-Nov-44 |
| Rimmer, Richard | 601 | Togglier | 26-Nov-44 |
| Roby, George T. | 602 | Eng/TT | 28-Oct-44 |
| Rogers, Howard E. | 603 | Eng/TT | 23-Jan-45 |

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| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------|
| Roit, Arthur | 600 | Eng/TT | 10-Apr-45 |
| Rolfe, Benjamin G. | 601 | Pilot | 26-Nov-44 |
| Romano, Michael A. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 08-Aug-44 |
| Rose, John D. | 601 | Co-Pilot | 24-May-44 |
| Rosenblum, Charles N. | 601 | BT Gunner | 12-Sep-44 |
| Roth, Burton H. | 600 | Navigator | 10-Apr-45 |
| Rouch, Jack E. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 08-Apr-45 |
| Sauer, John Douglass | 603 | Bombardier | 08-Sep-44 |
| Scales, Jr., William J. | 601 | Bombardier | 24-Dec-44 |
| Schaupp, Dale John | 600 | Eng/TT | 19-May-44 |
| Schmidt, Arthur P. | 601 | Waist Gunner | 26-Nov-44 |
| Schultz, Murray J. | 603 | Bombardier | 04-Aug-44 |
| Searl, Charles J. | 600 | Pilot | 12-Aug-44 |
| Seltzer, Phillip A. | 602 | Bombardier | 28-Oct-44 |
| Shumate, William | 603 | Waist Gunner | 23-Jan-45 |
| Simons, Charles L. | 601 | Tail Gunner | 08-Aug-44 |
| Slade, Lewis G. | 602 | Navigator | 28-Oct-44 |
| Snyder, Leonard W. | 603 | Bombardier | 14-Mar-45 |
| Somers, James H. | 602 | BT Gunner | 12-Sep-44 |
| Steagall, William R.E. "Tex" | 600 | Tail Gunner | 18-Mar-45 |
| Stein, Charles H. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 30-Nov-44 |
| Stewart, Robert A. | 602 | Togglier | 30-Dec-44 |
| Stizzo, Sidor P. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 24-May-44 |
| Stritch, Joseph F. | 602 | Radio Op | 03-Feb-45 |
| Stuart, Robert R. | 603 | Navigator | 21-Nov-44 |
| Sudborough, Gordon | 602 | Eng/TT | 19-Jul-44 |
| Teague, Giles L. | 602 | Co-Pilot | 30-Dec-44 |
| Thomas, Andrew R. | 603 | Pilot | 15-Mar-45 |
| Thompson, Thomas L. | 600 | Pilot | 30-May-44 |
| Thornton, Raymond A. | 601 | Co-Pilot | 08-Jul-44 |
| Tichenor, Felix H. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 10-Apr-45 |
| Trantham, Richard S. | 600 | Eng/TT | 10-Sep-44 |
| Tull, William S. | 603 | Eng/TT | 15-Oct-44 |
| Tuttle, Francis M. | 603 | Waist Gunner | 13-Jul-44 |

| NAME | SQ | POSITION | KIA DATE |
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| Van Luven, George N. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 12-Sep-44 |
| Vanderlick, William J. | 603 | Navigator | 15-Oct-44 |
| Voehringer, Paul W. | 603 | Bombardier | 24-May-44 |
| Volkay, Arnold M. | 602 | Co-Pilot | 28-Oct-44 |
| Wade, Warren J. | 601 | Pilot | 08-Sep-44 |
| Wadleigh, Thomas D. | 600 | Tail Gunner | 10-Sep-44 |
| Wagner, Charles F. | 602 | Waist Gunner | 11-Apr-45 |
| Walker, Charles | 602 | BT Gunner | 25-Apr-45 |
| Walker, John P. | 602 | Navigator | 30-Dec-44 |
| Walker, Jr., Samuel T. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 03-Feb-45 |
| Wallace, Edwin M. | 601 | Flight Chief | 10-Jan-45 |
| Wallace, Raymond L. | 603 | Navigator | 13-Jul-44 |
| Walsh, Leo C. | 600 | Bombardier | 12-Aug-44 |
| Warkentin, Robert C. | 603 | BT Gunner | 16-Jul-44 |
| Weibel, John G. | HQ | Command Pilot | 18-Jun-44 |
| Wells, William E. | 600 | Pilot | 08-Apr-45 |
| West, Theodore N. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 13-Jul-44 |
| Weum, Roger J. | 600 | Pilot | 30-Nov-44 |
| White, Jr., Goodrich C. | 602 | Navigator | 12-Sep-44 |
| White, Rufus | 603 | Eng/TT | 14-Mar-45 |
| Wickens, Bill | 600 | Eng/TT | 08-Apr-45 |
| Willis, Luther | 601 | Eng/TT | 24-May-44 |
| Wilson, Jr., George F. | 601 | Pilot | 08-Jul-44 |
| Wilson, Orville M. | 600 | Waist Gunner | 12-Aug-44 |
| Wilson, William H. | 600 | BT Gunner | 08-Aug-44 |
| Wilson, William J. | 603 | Tail Gunner | 07-Jul-44 |
| Windeler, Frederick C. | 602 | Eng/TT | 11-Apr-45 |
| Withrow, Jack B. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 03-Feb-45 |
| Woltman, Ray R. | 602 | Navigator | 03-Feb-45 |
| Woodward, Marlin | 603 | Eng/TT | 24-May-44 |
| Young, Byron O. | 602 | Tail Gunner | 25-Apr-45 |
| Zasa, John L. | 600 | Eng/TT | 30-Nov-44 |
| Zook, Urie H. | 600 | Bombardier | 22-Feb-45 |

Died on Base at Nuthampstead due to accidents

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| Bassora, Manuel M. | 1226th | 1226 QM | 24-Sep-44 |
| Blackwell, Harold L. | 478th | 478 Sub Depot | 15-Jun-44 |
| Brusseau, Phillip H. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 23-Oct-44 |
| Chandler, James E. | 601 | Eng/TT | 23-Oct-44 |
| Shafer, Harry D. | 602 | BT Gunner | 08-May-44 |

Macclesfield, England

New B-17 serial# 43-38944 crashed while being transferred from Liverpool to Nuthampstead.

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| Ayres, Howard F. | 603 | Radio Op | 02-Jan-45 |
| DeCleene, Donald J. | 603 | Pilot | 02-Jan-45 |
| Garry, Jr., Frank E. | 603 | Eng/TT | 02-Jan-45 |
| Manos, Thomas | 603 | Navigator | 02-Jan-45 |
| Stravinski, Maynard | 603 | Co-Pilot | 02-Jan-45 |

Killed While Flight Training in USA

B-17F serial# 42-29558 crashed during instrument training flight. Diverted to Ainsworth AAB, NE due to poor weather.

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| Agostini, Amerigo L. | 602 | Asst Radio Op | 13-Dec-43 |
| Beaty, Lloyd H. | 602 | Engineer | 13-Dec-43 |
| Brady, Terrell C.L. | 602 | Co-Pilot | 13-Dec-43 |
| Coblentz, Harold | 602 | Bombardier | 13-Dec-43 |
| Considine, James T. | 602 | Engineer | 13-Dec-43 |
| Kepley, Alvin L. | 602 | Radio Op | 13-Dec-43 |
| Savasta, Frank J. | 602 | Gunnery Instructor | 13-Dec-43 |
| Sims, James E. | 602 | Gunner | 13-Dec-43 |
| Wascher, Walter | 602 | Pilot | 13-Dec-43 |
| Wilkins, Paul J. | 602 | Gunner | 13-Dec-43 |

B-17F serial# 42-30576 crashed 1 mile west of Martin, SD During nighttime flight training.

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| Franzone, Augustine S. | 603 | Co-Pilot | 17-Jan-45 |
| James, Jr., Earl C. | 603 | Bombardier | 17-Jan-45 |
| Kiernan, James P. | 603 | Pilot | 17-Jan-45 |
| Klawinski, Casimer P. | 603 | Eng/TT | 17-Jan-45 |
| Mizerski, Edward J. | 603 | Gunner | 17-Jan-45 |
| Paget, Peter Lee | 603 | Navigator | 17-Jan-45 |
| Pritchard, Elvin R. | 603 | Radio Op | 17-Jan-45 |

We Will Not Forget

The portraits below represent just a few of the 398th BG men who were Killed In Action. It's good to put a face with a name.



S/Sgt. George E. Abbott



S/Sgt. Albert J. Aleksyn



S/Sgt. Joe T. Andrews



1st Lt. Charles P. Bagley



1st Lt. Hubert F. Beatty



S/Sgt. Joe Bergant



Capt. William P. Campbell



2nd Lt. Donald R. Christensen



1st Lt. Lyle J. Doerr



Sgt. George A. Feathers



S/Sgt. Thomas H. Fox



Maj. Judson F. Gray



T/Sgt. Herbert A. Helbig



1st Lt. Charles E. Howell, Jr.



Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr.



T/Sgt. Clinton L. Loveland



2nd Lt. Paul P. McCain



2nd Lt. George C. Munroe, Jr.



1st Lt. Richard T. Osteen



2nd Lt. Benjamin G. Rolfe



S/Sgt. Sidor P. Stizzo



1st Lt. Giles L. Teague



T/Sgt. William S. Tull



Sgt. William J. Wilson

Welcome to St. Louis, MO 45th Annual 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion

Hotel information and the official 8th AFHS Reunion Registration Form were published in the April Flak News. Following are the tour descriptions. Complete reunion information can also be found on www.8thafhs.org and www.398th.org Remember to submit your check and registration form to the 8th AFHS by September 25th!!



Sights of St. Louis (City Tour) Thursday, October 17, 2019

Sit back and enjoy the amazing sights of St. Louis as your guide expertly traces the history of St. Louis beginning with the city's original settlement, Laclede's Landing. It is now a nine-block historic district filled with renovated turn-of-the-century buildings housing shops, eateries and offices.

We will visit the famous Gateway Arch, the Nation's tallest monument, which commemorates the gateway to the west for thousands of 19th century pioneers. We'll take a tram ride to the top of this 630' stainless steel architectural wonder and get a unique, bird's-eye view of St. Louis. If you're not quite up to those heights, you can enjoy "Monument to the Dream," the film documenting the construction of the Arch.

Enjoy the view of Old Cathedral, the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi. Across the street is the Old Courthouse, the setting for cases involving slavery, the fur trade and equal rights. Of these cases, the Dred Scott Freedom Trial is perhaps the most notable. We will pass Busch Stadium, home of the 2011 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Continuing west on Market Street, we will pass several of St. Louis' civic buildings and plazas, as well as Citygarden, a unique urban oasis blending art, architecture and landscape. St. Louis Union Station, once the busiest rail terminal in the world, has undergone a magnificent renovation and is home to a luxury hotel and restaurants.

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, also known as the New Cathedral, we will see one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world—84,000 square feet in 8,000 shades of tiny pieces of color! The tiny pieces of tesserae and glass portray scenes from both the Old and New Testaments, the life of Saint Louis IX, King of France, and many men and women prominent in the history of St. Louis.

**9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel.
\$65/Person includes bus, guide, and gratuities.
BOX LUNCH INCLUDED!**

Keep the Memory Alive Tour Friday, October 18, 2019

Boeing James S McDonnell Prologue Room

At our first stop on this experience, we will learn the history of the Boeing Company and the companies with which it shares a common heritage paralleling the exciting history of humankind learning to fly. The men and women of the Boeing Company and the aircraft they have built—from the first cloth-and-wood airplanes to today's sleekest fighters and jetliners—have played a pivotal role in shaping the history of aerospace.



The James S. McDonnell Prologue Room in St. Louis tells this panoramic story of nearly eight decades of aviation progress, from biplanes to bombers to space travel. Scale models, dioramas, paintings, and photographs depict such important events as the first flight around the world in 1924, the first take off of a jet fighter from a US Navy carrier in 1946, the first aircraft to land at the South Pole in 1956, and the first manned spacecraft to orbit the Earth in 1962.

Keep the Memory Alive Tour - *continued*
Friday, October 18, 2019

Holocaust Museum and Learning Center

Our next stop is the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. The work at the Learning Center focuses on building a community of defenders. Even in the face of this world's history of genocidal injustices perpetrated in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and most recently, Darfur, we cannot lose hope that the next generation will hear, understand, feel compassion, and take action to end such tragedies.



The museum contains eight different installations that you can wind your way through. Begin at the Introductory Room which contains pre-World War II photographs of the survivors who immigrated to St. Louis, continuing through the Rise of Nazism in Germany among many other exhibits.

9:30am board bus, 1:30pm back at hotel
\$26/Person includes bus, guide, and gratuities.
Lunch/snacks on your own.

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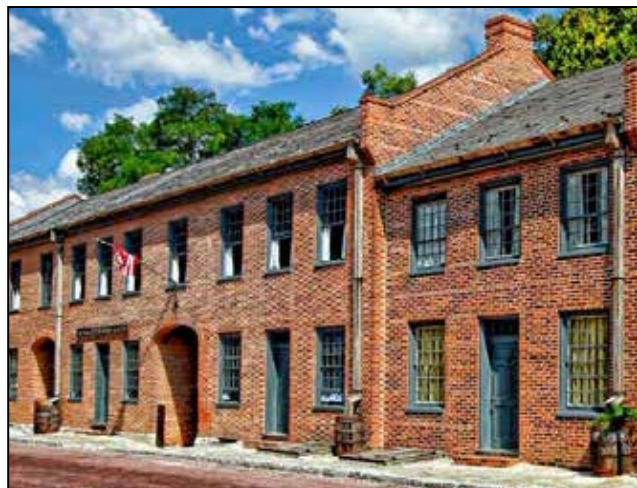
Sights and Shops in St. Charles Tour
Saturday, October 19, 2019

Enjoy a visit to St. Charles, the oldest town on the Missouri River. Founded as Les Petites Cotes (The Little Hills) by French Canadians, St. Charles has carefully preserved its heritage as a river town that has been welcoming visitors since 1769. Thousands of pioneers replenished supplies here on the awesome journey west. St. Charles is a source of multiple historical encounters: the Lewis and Clark Rendezvous, Missouri's First State Capitol, and the origin of the Boone's Lick Trail. We'll take a driving tour of Main Street—a nine block historic district filled with 80 restored buildings dating from 1790 to 1900. This cobblestone street is known for its array of gift, antique and craft shops.

If you wish, you will have time to explore Missouri's First State Capitol* or the Lewis & Clark Nature Center* on your own during this tour. The Capitol has been completely restored and furnished as it appeared during the period of 1821-1826 when the Missouri State Legislature met in St. Charles. The lower level of the Nature Center houses replicas of the three boats of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition. Upstairs, the Nature Center is a "hands-on" museum following the adventures of Lewis and Clark into the wilderness of the West.

Take in the various displays of Native American tribes, the men of the expedition with their equipment and artifacts, and a walk through the forest as it was during Lewis and Clark's expedition.

12:00pm board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel.
\$26/Person includes bus, guide, and gratuities.
Lunch is on your own.**



*** IF you wish to visit the First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site, admission is \$4.50/Person and is NOT included in the cost of this tour.**

Also, you may choose to visit the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center, admission is \$5.00/Person and again, is NOT included in the cost of this tour.

****A list of restaurants will be provided for your convenience.**

**Send your Dad to the Reunion...
or if you are attending,
take him with you!!**

We thought a photo display of our 398th BG heroes, our Dads, Grandads, Uncles, etc., would be a wonderful way of showing how we honor them and why we attend the reunions.

This is Carolyn Widmann's idea and we think it's terrific! The photos will be displayed in our Memory Room during the Reunion and will also be placed on our table at the Saturday Night Farewell Banquet.

Please bring a favorite wartime 5x7 or 8x10 *framed* photo (a copy is fine) of your veteran to the reunion. Or, if you are unable to attend, you may send your framed photos to Carolyn Widmann, 6420 Tuscan Road, Paducah, KY 42001 and she will bring them with her. Cut-off date is October 7, 2019. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn at: 586-770-4747. *All photos will be kept for display at future reunions.*

Editor's Note: I told Carolyn it will be really great to *finally* get my Dad to a reunion! LOL!

A Sad Farewell to Dawne Dougherty

June 1942 – April 2019

By Lee Bradley

Sadly last April we lost one of our most loyal members, our Dues Manager Dawne Dougherty.

Dawne was born in Eugene, Oregon on June 13, 1942 to Arthur and Phyllis (Brown) Hogan. She spent all her school years in Springfield, Oregon and was a 1960 Graduate of Springfield High School.

Thomas E. Dougherty and Dawne were married on October 1, 1966. Tom was a gunner with the 602nd Squadron during 1944. Tom passed away on January 17, 2002.

Dawne worked for the University of Oregon for 34 years. When she retired she was working in the University Of Oregon Physical Education Department.

Upon retiring she became very active in Harrisburg, Oregon by donating her time making quilts, prayer shawls and lap robes with other women in Harrisburg. These items were given to the Veterans Administration in Portland. She was also involved with many other community projects. Dawne was a very valuable worker and was appreciated for the time and effort she always gave!

Below is an example of a paper-pieced quilt which Dawne completed in 2015, it's called the *Nebraska Star*. At the time she said of her masterpiece, *"In person it nearly knocks one's eyes out. It is way brighter than I expected. A friend asked me if I would put it in their quilt show next year. I said I would if they would put it high up on the wall. If people get too close they will see my boo-boos. :-))) "*



One of Dawne's masterpiece quilts; *Nebraska Star*



Dawne proudly holds the wreath which was presented on behalf of the 398th BG at the Wreath Laying Ceremony during the May 30th 2016 Memorial Day Service at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Madingley.

Dawne enjoyed traveling and was able to partake in many trips throughout the United States and abroad. Several of those trips were to the 398th BGMA Annual Reunions and Biennial Reunions in England. But she also toured on her own, traveling to Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Vienna, Chile, Cuba, Vietnam and Cambodia. One of her more recent excursions in the USA was a Mississippi River trip. It began in New Orleans and ended in Memphis. She was always on the move!

We will miss Dawne very much. As Dues Manager she was an integral part of the 398th BGMA. She kept excellent records, often sending out friendly postcard reminders that annual "Dues are Due!" in an effort to keep members current. When she was made aware of a veteran's passing, she always sent a note of sympathy to the family on behalf of our Group. Dawne was a good soul and losing her has left a big hole in our hearts. We know you are with Tom again Dawne, and also your very good friend Ruthanna Doerstler. May you all rest in peace.

BRIEF – things



Bob (pictured above) & Christine Tabor were among the many visitors who have stopped by the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum this year. Bob's Dad, Robert P. Tibor, was a 55th FG Pilot (he brought home the cartoon featured on pg.3)

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Introducing Our New Dues Manager

As mentioned on the previous page, our Dues Manager Dawne Dougherty unexpectedly passed away last April.

Taking over for Dawne is our very own Beth Howard. Beth is a daughter of our Reunion Coordinator Ken Howard and granddaughter of Bob Howard, ball turret gunner on the 603rd Donovan Crew.

If you have attended our reunions during the past few years you know Beth and her sister Brandy have been very much involved with our Group, assisting Ken with reunion details, helping to make everything run smoothly. So now Beth has stepped up again and has assumed the duties of Dues Manager.

Beginning immediately, please mail your dues and special donations, such as for the Flak News or 'In Memory Of' contributions (**checks made payable to the 398th BGMA**) to:

Beth Howard

Phone#: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email: duesmanager@398th.org

Beth told us; "I am hoping I can fill her shoes well, Dawne was a great lady."

You'll be great, Beth. Thanks for all you do for the 398th!

2019 Reunion Registration!

The 8th AFHS **MUST** receive registration forms by **September 25, 2019!!** Reunion information and the registration form were published in the April Flak News and can also be found on the www.8thafhs.org and www.398th.org websites.

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The photo above and following narration were submitted by Connie Skarda, daughter of T/Sgt. Joseph W. Skarda

This Memorial was erected by French Citizens of Lammerville in Honor of Dad's B-17 crew and a Canadian Air Force crew that crashed in the Lammerville, France area. This pic was taken in 2015. I'm on the left side in black and white pointing to my dad's name (Joseph W. Skarda). The Beaudoin's son, Yvan Beaudoin, is behind me in the turquoise shirt and their daughter, Joelle Rousselle, is in the beige coat to the right of the Memorial. The former mayor of Lammerville, Alain Adam, is in the yellow jacket. As a small boy he witnessed a wing of Dad's B-17 flutter down like a feather and gently lay against a barn just a few yards from the Memorial. My sister-in law, Dotsy Skarda, in brown and I will be meeting up with Yvan Beaudoin and his wife Martine in Normandy, shortly after the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, June 28, 2019.

My dad was the Flight Engineer / Top Turret Gunner with the Hal Weekley Crew, 601st Squadron, on the B-17 *Bronx Bomber II*. They were downed August 13, 1944 by German Flak on a mission to bomb Le Manoir Bridge in France. He Parachuted out and landed on a wheat shock injuring his tail bone. Aided and hidden from German soldiers on horseback by Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Marie Rose Beaudoin of the French Resistance in Lammerville, France. He and 3 other aviators hidden at the Beaudoin farm, (an American, a Canadian, and an Australian) were liberated September 2, 1944 by Canadian Forces. All of Dad's B-17 crew made it home safely!