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FLAK NEWS

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## PACK YOUR BAGS AND JOIN US FOR TWO SPECTACULAR 398<sup>th</sup> REUNIONS!



IT'S BACK TO NUTHAMPSTEAD FOR OUR BIENNIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE ON JUNE 14, 2014.  
*(Details page 3, in the President's Msg.)*

SEPTEMBER 3 – 6, 2014  
WE'RE OFF TO  
RAPID CITY, SD FOR OUR  
31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL REUNION.  
*(Details & Registration Form on  
pages 4-5)*





**This Edition of the FLAK NEWS is Published in Memory of  
Thomas E. Dougherty, 602<sup>nd</sup> Squadron  
May 18, 1922 – January 17, 2002**



**Woodson's Crew – 602nd SQ  
July 20, 1944**

**Back Row, Left to Right: Russell S. Spear, Jr., BT Gunner; Cecil R. "Tex" Moore, Tail Gunner; George A. Shoptaw, Engineer / Top Turret Gunner; Thomas E. Dougherty, Waist Gunner; Soloman Waslow, Radio.**

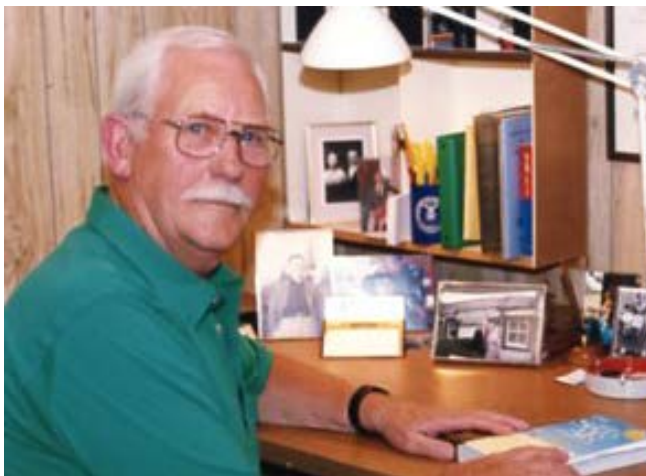
**Front Row, Left to Right: Harold W. "Woody" Woodson, Pilot; Richard C. Morauer, Co-Pilot; Raymond M. "Mal" Turner, Bombardier; Peter E. Mullin, Navigator.**

**Note: Tom flew 20 missions as waist gunner with the Harold Woodson Crew. He finished his tour flying 8 more missions on the Jay O. Gray Crew.**

**Tom was a real "sketch"**

The caricature drawing shown at right is an original sketch Tom had commissioned while on leave in Scotland during 1944. Written on the bottom of the drawing is its title; **"Tommy Dougherty Visits Scotland – 1944"**. The little line drawing in the upper right corner shows a man parachuting out of B-17. This is captioned, **"Tommie doing his "Necessity" jump, No doubt he spotted a dame – or a pub."**

We would like to thank Tom's widow, Dawne Dougherty, for sharing a copy of Tom's wonderful sketch with us. We would also like to thank Dawne for funding this edition of the FLAK NEWS in Tom's memory. He would be very honored.



**Tom Dougherty at his desk, August 12, 1992**

# The President's Message:

BY MARILYN GIBB-RICE

President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

## 70 YEARS SINCE D-DAY!

### *Fancy a trip across the pond??*

The Biennial Memorial Service will be held June 14, 2014 at the 398th Memorial near The Woodman Inn, Nuthampstead, England and everyone is invited to attend. Details are as follows: The hotel will be a new Premier Inn located in the heart of Newmarket, Suffolk County. On Friday, June 13, the group will begin at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in Madingley. They have just completed a new visitor building which will be on our agenda to explore. After spending time at the cemetery, the group will travel to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. Lunch can be purchased at the museum. Saturday will be spent at Nuthampstead beginning with the service at 11 am followed by lunch in the Woodman Inn. There will be tours of the airfield and time to visit the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum and building site. On Sunday, there will be a service at St George's Church in Anstey where the beautiful stained glass window honouring our 398<sup>th</sup> BG men killed in action is located. These are the current plans, but depending on those in attendance, the plans may be modified.

All trips, meals, admission, etc. will be paid as you go. Costs of transportation after reaching the hotel will be determined/priced according to number of participants.

If you do plan to attend, please make your hotel reservations on line at [www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com). Make sure the location is Newmarket (Suffolk) as soon as possible. Also, please let me know you are coming and the dates of arrival/departure at the Premier Inn, so we can plan accordingly. **The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is May 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you have any problems, please let me know. E-mail me at: [president@398th.org](mailto:president@398th.org) We look forward to seeing you in June.

## LET'S GO BACK TO THE 1940'S!!

### **398<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion**

Our annual reunion takes us back to Rapid City, where our veterans spent time before shipping out to England and their tour of duty. We thought it would be fun to add a little nostalgia to the Saturday evening banquet by dressing 40's style. Obviously, it is optional, but what fun???

### **Rapid City Stories and Photos Wanted!**

Since so many of the veterans and possibly their wives lived in Rapid City for several months in 1943 and 1944, we are asking for your stories and copies of photos of the time while you were there. We would like to make a nice display of them for our Memory Room during the reunion. Afterwards the collection will be added to Jack's Books for posterity. Beth and Brandy Howard have agreed to be the recipients of these stories and photos.

If you prefer using 'snail mail', their address is:  
Freeport, IL 61032.

The deadline for all submissions is August 29, 2014.

***It has been a great year for the 398th! We look forward to seeing you at Nuthampstead or Rapid City in 2014.***

Photo at right: Lt. Edward C. Jordan and his wife, Jeanne in downtown Rapid City in February 1944. Jeanne and Ed had just married after Ed's Air Cadet graduation in Lubbock on January 7. Jeanne traveled with him to Salt Lake and then to Rapid City. Ed was Co-Pilot with the Hopkin's Crew, 603<sup>rd</sup> SQ.

Ed and Jeanne's son is Dave Jordan, our former Webmaster.



# THE RAPID CITY REUNION

September 3-4-5-6, 2014

## Facts

### REUNION CHAIR -

Kenneth Howard, Elmwood, IL 61529-9702. subject: "398<sup>th</sup> Reunion".

### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL -

Grand Gateway Hotel, 1721 N. Lacrosse St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Telephone **605-342-8853** or 866-742-1300 (toll free).

\*NOTE: The hotel recommends that you call their direct number **605-342-8853** to insure that you will be booked into our reserved block of rooms.

The Grand Gateway Hotel, located just off I-90 at Exit 59, is in the center of everything the Black Hills has to offer. It has been family owned and operated for 3 generations. For complete information about the Grand Gateway Hotel, visit their website at: [www.grandgatewayhotel.com](http://www.grandgatewayhotel.com)

The hotel offers free parking and shuttle service from Rapid City Regional Airport is available upon request. **To arrange airport shuttle service please call the hotel before you arrive.** The hotel is approx. 18 miles from the airport.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS -

No mail-in reservations are required. Telephone the hotel at the above number. Ask for the *398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group* rate of \$82.00 (+ tax). There is a 72 hour cancellation notice policy.



### REGISTRATION -

Use the Official Registration Form on page 5. Fill in completely itemizing the cost of each tour selected, banquet meals selected, registration fee of \$10 or \$20, and the yearly dues (if applicable). Send the form, with your covering check to Kenneth Howard. He will return a copy of your form, with accompanying receipt of your funds.

### BANQUETS -

The Welcome and Farewell banquets will be held in the hotel ballroom on Thursday, September 4, and Saturday September 6, respectively. Make your table reservations when picking up your Registration Packet. All Banquet Tickets must show a Table Number.

## Tours

### WEDNESDAY, September 3, 2014 -

#### An Evening at Mount Rushmore

5:30 PM - 9:45 PM

We begin our reunion with a visit to the "Shrine of Democracy", Mount Rushmore, where the sixty-foot faces of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt are carved in granite. After an included dinner at the memorial, we observe the dramatic Evening Lighting Ceremony in the park amphitheater and take part in the lowering of the American flag.

### THURSDAY, September 4, 2014 -

#### Rapid City Tour

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Because of its unique place in the Black Hills, Rapid City is known as "The City of Presidents". First on the agenda this morning is a drive through downtown, where we view a series of life-size bronze statues of our Nation's past presidents along the streets and sidewalks. A scenic drive over Dinosaur Hill brings us back on the Road to Rushmore, where we'll head to lunch on our own with the Presidents and daytime photo opportunities. Returning to Rapid City this afternoon, we visit the Berlin Wall Exhibit which features two 12-foot segments of the original wall and also some WWII tank traps.

### FRIDAY, September 5, 2014 -

#### Town of Deadwood and Ellsworth AF Base Tour

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We make our way to the Wild West town of Deadwood this morning, where Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other desperados made their home during the gold rush days of 1876. Gambling was a favorite pastime of the miners, and there will be time to try your hand at the games of chance legal there today. The afternoon is devoted to the men in the 398<sup>th</sup> BG who trained at Rapid City Army Air Base (now called Ellsworth Air Force Base) in the early 1940's prior to their service in WWII. While at the base, we will visit the South Dakota Air & Space Museum, take a guided tour, and have an included lunch at the Dakota Club.

### SATURDAY, September 6, 2014 -

#### Custer State Park and Crazy Horse Memorial Tour

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Our travels take us to Custer State Park this morning, where we'll take a drive on the Wildlife Loop Road and look for the buffalo, antelope, big horn sheep, and other animals that roam free there. This afternoon the trail leads to Crazy Horse Memorial, the enormous mountain-carving-in-progress dedicated to all Native Americans. See the history of the carving in film, view exhibits in the sculptor's home and take a ride to the base of Crazy Horse Mountain.





# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

398th Bomb Group Memorial Association 31st Annual Reunion  
 Rapid City, South Dakota • September 3-6, 2014

**PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2014**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY,  
 PLEASE PRINT FOR NAME TAGS \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY, September 3 —**

Registration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Memory Room  
 Dinner & Ceremony at Mount Rushmore 5:30 pm to 9:45 pm Via coach \$62.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY, September 4 —**

Registration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Memory Room  
 Downtown Rapid City & Mt. Rushmore Tour 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Via coach \$44.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board Officers Meeting 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Group Business Meeting 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 No Host Bar 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
 Welcome Banquet 7:00 pm \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Table reservations required)

**FRIDAY, September 5 —**

Registration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Memory Room  
 Wild west town of Deadwood and  
 Ellsworth AF Base / South Dakota 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Via coach \$75.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Air & Space Museum, lunch included  
 Happy Hour - Appetizers, beer & wine 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm \$1.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY, September 6 —**

Registration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Memory Room  
 Custer State Park & Crazy Horse Memorial 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Via coach \$66.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch on own.  
 No Host Bar 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
 Farewell Banquet 7:00 pm \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Table reservations required)  
 Music By 'NEW HORIZONS MUSIC' - Web: [www.rcnhb.org](http://www.rcnhb.org)

**Registration Fee**  per person \$10.00,  two or more persons \$20.00 (max) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 Dues** (if applicable) \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Free shuttle service from Rapid City Regional Airport and Free Parking* **TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: GRAND GATEWAY HOTEL reservations MUST be made by August 1, 2014.**

I / We will be staying at the :  Grand Gateway Hotel  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

398th Veteran  
 Widow  
 Relative  
 Associate

Please complete form, enclose check, and mail to:

**398th Bomb Group Reunion**  
**Kenneth Howard**  
**Elmwood, IL 61259**

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Kenneth Howard**

A copy of this form will be mailed to registrant upon receipt of check or money order, payable to:  
**398th Bomb Group Reunion.**

# *A Flight Never to be Forgotten*

By

**Newell "Newt" Moy, Pilot, 603<sup>rd</sup> Squadron**

In January 1945, on a flight from Dow Field in Maine to Goose Bay, Labrador, we had a malfunction of the fuel valve on the outer right wing fuel tank (Tokyo). The valve was not repairable at Goose Bay, which resulted in our inability to take on a full fuel load for a non-stop flight to Iceland. As a result we had to make shorter flights to Greenland, Iceland, and Scotland.

When we were briefed on our flight to Greenland, we were shown photos of the entrance to three fjords. The center fjord would lead us 50 miles into the mountains where the airfield (Bluie West 1) was located. This was in January when there were only a couple of hours of daylight, so we had to arrive at the entrance to the fjord at sunup for a visual flight into the fjord to the airfield.

On our flight from Goose Bay, over the Davis Strait to Greenland, we were over an undercast and could not see the Greenland coastline for a visual fix on the entrance to the proper fjord. At this time, Charlie Berthoud, our navigator advised he had lost contact with the radio beacon (BW-3) at the entrance to the fjord. At this point, our visibility was limited and we had to make a quick decision on what to do because we had no way of knowing how far we were from the coastline as the clouds below us blended right into the ice and snow on the mountains. I contacted BW-1 traffic control for the status of the radio beacon at BW-3 and was advised the beacon had suddenly gone off the air with no chance of immediate repair. There were no other navigational aids available and our only choice was to return to Goose Bay, our pre-planned alternate (No one wanted to return to Goose Bay with temperatures of 30 to 40 degrees below zero).



## **MOY'S Crew – 603<sup>rd</sup> SQ – March 21, 1945**

**Back Row (left to right):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Archie D. Kritchman – Co-Pilot, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Newell D. Moy - Pilot, Sgt. Robert J. Notarpole – Radio, T/Sgt. Joe Joseph – Engineer.

**Front Row (left to right):** Sgt. Homer C. Rhodes, Waist Gunner, Sgt. Benny Braica - Ball Turret, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles E. Berthoud –Navigator, Sgt. Bill V. Wight – Tail Gunner.

As I was about to get a flight clearance back to Goose Bay, BW-1 traffic control advised that a C-54 transport plane had just departed the airfield and should be rising through the undercast in our vicinity and to contact the pilot for advice on weather conditions in the fjords. At that moment, Archie Kritchman (co-pilot) saw the C-54 raising out of the clouds below. I contacted the pilot and he advised the ceiling was high enough for CFR (contact flight rules) with good lateral visibility. Since we were fairly close to the coastline he advised we could descend through the undercast away from the coastline to reach CFR conditions.

All went well until we returned to the coastline looking for the fjord leading to BW-1, the airfield. That is where our real problems began. All we could rely on was our visual recognition of the photos we were shown at the briefing to identify the proper fjord. Our problem was becoming further compounded by the lowering ceiling restricting our visibility to see the coastline.

We entered a fjord and thanks for the photographic memory of Ken McLaughlin (bombardier) and Charlie, we realized we had entered the fjord which was to the left of the one we should have entered. At this point, the width of the fjord was too narrow to allow us to turn around and the ceiling was too low to allow us to climb out because of the high mountains on both sides. Our only choice was to continue flying up the fjord hoping we would not miss seeing a channel that crossed over to the fjord leading us to BW-1.

The ceiling was continuing to close down on us and it was just like flying in a tunnel, with rocks on both sides. I flew as close as possible to the left side of the fjord because I had to make a full 90-degree turn as soon as we reached the cross-over channel. That was the sweetest 90-degree turn I ever made in a B-17. As we entered the correct fjord, we recognized a positive fix, which was about 25 miles from the airfield. As we got a little closer to the airfield, we came into radio contact with the tower. The operator advised us to abort the approach as the weather was below minimum.

At that moment we flew over a positive fix, a sunken ship in the fjord, and we advised that we were proceeding to the base. At that point we had no safe way out. Shortly after we landed and parked the aircraft, the visibility was zero-zero. The other crew members on the flight were: Joe Joseph, Homer Rhodes, Benny Bracia, Bill Wight and Robert Notarpole.

I attribute our success to the ability of the flight crew to recall the briefing we had at Goose Bay and specifically the photos we were shown of the fjords leading to the airfield. I might add that seeking the advice of another aircrew was an acceptable procedure in the WWII era.

In June 1945 (after VE Day) I returned to the States via Greenland and BW-1. I had a clear view of the fjords from 13,000 feet (minimum altitude over the icecap) and the thought that I had been flying in the fjords under a 500-foot ceiling to BW-1, etched a memory in my mind that will never be forgotten.

**To see a contemporary color photo of Bluie West 1 go to:**

[www.398th.org/Images/Images\\_GettingThere/Text/Stops\\_BluieWest.html](http://www.398th.org/Images/Images_GettingThere/Text/Stops_BluieWest.html)

## NAME THAT NOSE ART!

To the right is a photo of M/Sgt. Leonard Bowman's Ground Crew, 603<sup>rd</sup> SQ 1944-1945 Nuthampstead.

*Left to Right:*

Sgt. Gorman B. Lawrence

M/Sgt. Leonard Bowman, Crew Chief

Sgt. Granville Studds

Obviously we know who these handsome men are... but the B-17 nose art partially seen between Lawrence and Bowman is a mystery.

Help is needed in identifying this nose art. Most likely it is a 603<sup>rd</sup> SQ aircraft. The letters showing appear to be **??T SE???**

If any of you recognize this nose art and can tell us what it is, we would be MOST appreciative.

Please contact **Geoff Rice**  
E-Mail: [crewpictures@398th.org](mailto:crewpictures@398th.org)



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## ***The IRS and our Change of Non-Profit Status Application... PLEASE VOTE!***

In the January issue of Flak News, we told you that the IRS had finally responded and we needed to make changes to our original Articles of Incorporation. We thought we could get an extension until the reunion so the amendment could be voted on then, so we did not mail out the ballots. However, we are not guaranteed extensions through to September, so we are asking the membership to vote on the new amendment in one of two ways. Either send Vice President Lee Bradley your vote via the US mail at the address listed below, or e-mail President Marilyn Gibb-Rice at: [president@398th.org](mailto:president@398th.org). We will need these responses **ASAP** since our current deadline is April 29.

The new amendment will read as follows:

***The 398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (H) Memorial Association, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.***

This new amendment is per the IRS request. Please vote YES or NO to approve this new amendment, so we can complete the necessary paperwork to change our non-profit status from a (c)19 Veterans organization to a (c)(3) educational organization. If you have any questions in regards to this matter, please call Marilyn Gibb-Rice at [president@398th.org](mailto:president@398th.org).

Please mark your vote below and mail to: Lee Bradley, Andover, NJ 07821

- Yes, I agree to the new amendment to the 398<sup>th</sup> BGMA's Articles of Incorporation.
- No, I do not agree with the new amendment to the 398<sup>th</sup> BGMA's Articles of Incorporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print Name*



# NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

## *News from the Trustees*

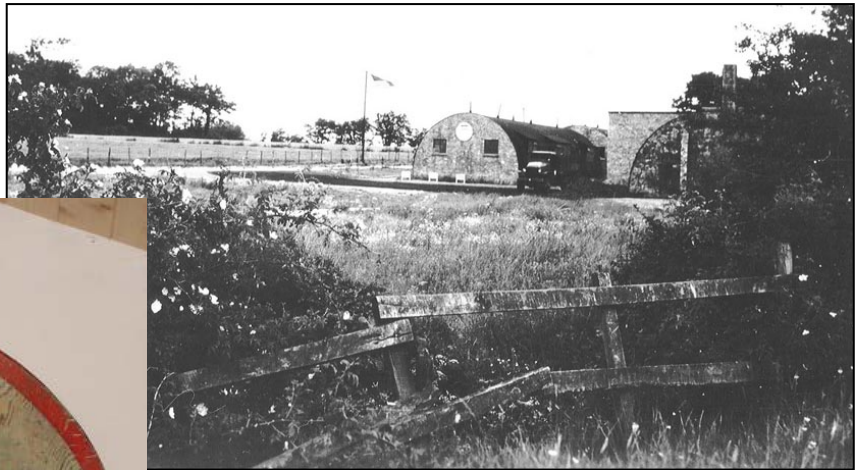
### **Construction Update (or not ☹)...**

Because of the exceptional rainfall over the past 5 - 6 months it has been virtually impossible to make progress with Building 2. The ground was far too wet to get any equipment onto the site.

However In the interim period we managed to obtain the services of a Building Control company to oversee the construction. The company, RBC, has been exceptionally helpful and suggested a couple of modifications to the construction, the main one being the modification of the footings which we were able to start on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Let's all hope for a drier spring and summer so we can get back to work!

### **Donations**

We may not have much to show you in the way of building progress in this issue but the donations keep coming in. The two items shown on this page are just a sample of the latest memorabilia donated to the Museum.



**Left:** This HQ sign is our latest acquisition! **Above:** This photo, taken in the summer of 1944, shows the round HQ sign mounted on the Station Group Headquarters building (it's that white circle between the two windows). As you can see, looking back at the photo on the left, it was actually a very colorful sign!



**Below:** This excellent print was donated by one of our big supporters, Walter Morris. Walter was Navigator on the Lipnick Crew, 600<sup>th</sup> Squadron. Thank you Walter!

### **Shipping of Donations**

**IMPORTANT  
Please read!**

When we receive donations shipped to us from outside of the U.K. we have to pay tax, which is based upon the valuation stated for the goods. **This can be considerable and has to come from our Museum funds.**

So please, if you are considering making a donation of an item or artifact to the Museum please contact Geoff Rice at [geoff@398th.org](mailto:geoff@398th.org) before sending, he will advise on the best method of shipping etc. and how we can reduce unnecessary costs. Thank you.





In the never ending pursuit of crew identification we present...

## DO YOU KNOW THESE MEN?



**Unknown Ground Crew  
Possibly 602<sup>nd</sup> SQ.**

**Photo date Unknown**

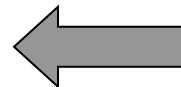
*(viewer's left to right):*

*Unknown man A*

*Unknown man B*

*Unknown man C*

*The photo at left was donated to us by Mike Farinha. His grandfather was S/Sgt. Jesse M. Hanford, Ball Turret Gunner on the William C. Heathcote crew, 602<sup>nd</sup> SQ. This photo is one of several from Jesse's WWII collection.*



**Do you recognize the unknown men? Contact Geoff Rice!**

**Ground Crew  
601<sup>st</sup> SQ.**

**Photo date probably 1944**

*(viewer's left to right):*

*Cpl. Ed Howell ?????*

*Jimmy Fong*

*Cpl. Frederick J. Lang*

*Unknown man D*

*The photo at right is of Frederick J. Lang and colleagues installing waist gunner plexiglass. Photo location, Nuthampstead. Help is needed in confirming the identification of the man on the left, thought to be Ed Howell, and the man on the far right.*



**DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF  
THE MEN IN THIS PHOTO?**



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE MEN?

If so, please contact **Geoff Rice** ASAP!

E-Mail: [crewpictures@398th.org](mailto:crewpictures@398th.org)



## CHECK IT OUT!

**The Memorial Flag Pole on the old Station 131 Airfield in Nuthampstead received a much need facelift. The Lectern/display board is also a wonderful addition.**

After years of navigating through the brambles, the area around the flag pole on the old airfield has been given a much needed facelift. "Friends of the 398<sup>th</sup>" members, Peter and Brenda Godfrey decided to take on the challenge. They received approval from Martin Barker for their plan, raised money and went to work. They designed and manufactured a beautiful lectern to be placed alongside the flag pole on the airfield. This lectern, as you can see in the picture, will hold a picture of the veteran whose flag is currently flying. Peter and Brenda cleared the area and installed the lectern along with poles, chains, and gravel to finish their very worthwhile project. Our thanks go to Peter and Brenda, along with Martin Barker, the shooters at Nuthampstead Gun Club and Ken Anderson who provided the woodwork. This is another great addition for the tributes to the Veterans who served at Station 131.

*Reprinted from the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum Newsletter with kind permission from Andrew Grisbrooke.*

## 398<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP INCOME STATEMENT 2013

Income		
	Dues	5,855.00
	PX Sales	5,142.00
	Flak New Donations	2,144.90
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 13,141.90</b>
Expenses		
	PX Expenses	6,422.06
	Postage, Supplies, Phone	200.00
	Flak New Printing & Postage	6,207.44
	Awards, Gifts, Flowers	239.68
	Web Page	337.81
	Timeless Voices	442.38
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 13,849.37</b>
	<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS):</b>	<b>\$ (707.47)</b>

## BALANCE SHEET 12/31/2013

Assets		
Checking	Wells Fargo	42,057.23
	Chase Bank Checking	19,598.32
	Chase Bank Savings	55.07
	Dues Manager Ending Balance	1,855.00
	PX Checking Balance	6,667.82
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$ 70,233.44</b>
Liabilities		
	Dedicated Funds Wells Fargo	42,057.23
	Dedicated Museum Funds	55.07
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$ 42,112.30</b>
Equity		
	Net Income 2013	(707.47)
	PX Checking Account	6,667.82
	Retained Earnings	22,160.79
	<b>TOTAL EQUITY:</b>	<b>\$ 28,121.14</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY:</b>	<b>\$ 70,233.44</b>



# BRIEF - things

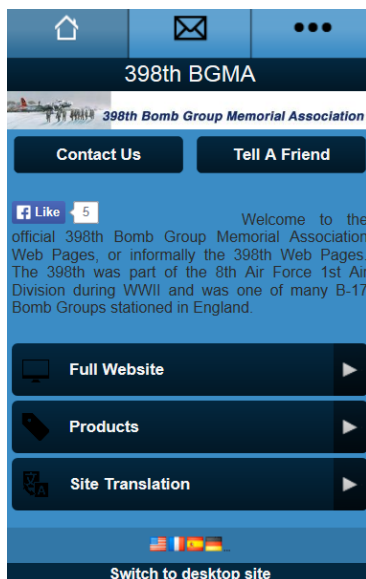
Hello everyone! Well as you can see this is another FLAK NEWS issue packed with information, stories and photos, so much so that we have to keep "Brief-things" really brief!... First we'll get down to business. To all of you who have paid your **2014 ANNUAL DUES**, thank you! If you have not yet sent your **\$20 Dues** to **Dawne Dougherty**, our Dues Mgr., please do so. **Mail your check, made out to the 398th BGMA, to her at Harrisburg, OR 97446-9585...** Finally, we hope to see you this June 14th at the Biennial Memorial Service in

Nuthampstead, England - and September 3 - 6 for our annual 398th BGMA Reunion in Rapid City, SD. This is going to be a great year for the 398th!

## 2013 TAPS ADDITIONS

Our apologies for the following omissions from the TAPS List in the January issue of FLAK NEWS:

Burns, Grady S.	Marchner, Michael
R. Hosman, Richard S.	Myers, Byron P
Kellogg, Rex	Rudow, Henry J. "Hank"



## Gotta Smartphone?

It is now possible to pull up a mobile version of our website on your Smartphone! It is still a work in progress but it is coming along. The screenshot at left shows what our new mobile home page looks like. The address is: [www.m.398th.org](http://www.m.398th.org). Want to see our full site? An option is also provided to switch to [www.398th.org](http://www.398th.org). Our mobile site has proven to be a huge success... try it out!

## MOVIE NIGHT!

The following 2007 through 2013 *Timeless Voices* video interviews are now posted on [www.398th.org](http://www.398th.org)

Richard Austin, 602 <sup>nd</sup>	Bernard M. Kuse, 601 <sup>st</sup>
Norman H. Bond, 601 <sup>st</sup>	Richard L. Martin, 603 <sup>rd</sup>
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Pictured above, left to right, are Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Harvey Ditchman and Ian James (handsomely dressed in a WWII reenactment uniform) after the 2012 398<sup>th</sup> BG & 55<sup>th</sup> FG Memorial Service. Everyone gathered for good fun at the Woodman Inn that afternoon. Please join us this year for another incredible thumbs up event!

*See Page 3 for details*