



602



601



603



600

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION • 8th AIR FORCE • 1st AIR DIVISION • NUTHAMPSTEAD, ENGLAND

VOL. 15 NO. 2

FLAK NEWS

APRIL 2000

Flak News, Remembrances Now On CD

The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association has made many efforts to maintain its World War II historical record.

And those efforts are not over, yet.

With the oncoming of the Information Age there has been presented incredible new ways to document history, which includes the story of the 398th and the part it played in the 8th Air Force in England in 1944-45.

Much of this history has been published the past 14 years in this news letter, FLAK NEWS, with the first 10 years placed in bound volumes and sent to the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA; the EAA in Oshkosh, WI; and to the Hertfordshire Record Center in England (county seat for Nuthampstead).

In addition, the 398th historical record, REMEMBRANCES, was sent to 1,500 purchasers since its publication in 1989. The book is now out of print.

Now there is the opportunity to get each and every page of both FLAK NEWS and REMEMBRANCES on your Personal Computer if equipped with CD ROM capabilities. All FLAK NEWS issues published between 1986 and 1994 are on one disc. All issues between 1995 and January, 2000, plus the entire volume of the 100-page 398th Bomb Group REMEMBRANCES are on a second disc.

The two discs, packaged together, are available for \$30.00, postpaid.

These will compliment "Jack's Books," the CD featuring the historical personnel volumes compiled over the past years by the late Jack Wintersteen. This disc is priced at \$20.00.

All are available from 398th Historian Dallas Ebest, San Antonio, TX 78213-1561.

Window To Hold Names of All Killed in Action

The names of all 398th men who gave their lives while serving at Station 131 during World War II are published on Pages 6 and 7 in this issue of FLAK NEWS.

These names will also appear in the new stained glass window to be dedicated on June 11, 2000 at St. George's Church, Anstey, England. This project was undertaken by the Friends of the 398th and financed through contributions from England and America.

All contributor names are on Page 8.

Heading the list of Killed in Action are both the 398th commanding officer, Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr., and Deputy Commander, Maj. John G. Weibel, both representing 398th Headquarters.

The four squadrons gave up 289 casualties, consisting of the 600th (67); 601st (45); 602nd (56) and 603rd (121). In addition, there were two ground support casualties, one each from the 1226 Quartermaster and 478th Sub Depot for a total of 293. One of the 601st casualties was a ground crew chief.

MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM GETS 398TH HISTORY, VIDEOS

In preparation for the upcoming visit to the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA., the FLAK NEWS editor donated three volumes of 398th Bomb Group historical records to the museum.

These had been provided by our Friends of the 398th in England and laboriously copied by Board member Keith Anderson.

Heritage Museum historian Rusty Bloxom sent the following note in accepting the gift - "I still haven't picked my jaw up from the floor. I wish we had this sort of record for all the groups. Thank you!"

And before the 398th gets to Savannah for the 2000 reunion in September, the Museum also will have received the FLAK NEWS' collection of VHS videos, many of which have been shown at previous reunions.

"We certainly appreciate your willingness to share such a varied and impressive collection with us and with our visitors." said Bloxom.

SAVANNAH



The 17th annual reunion of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association will be held in Savannah, GA, September 20-23, 2000.

Upwards to 450 members are expected for the four-day gathering, which will feature the dedication of the group memorial at the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum, plus a great variety of tours and events.

Reunion facts and registration information appear on Pages 2 and 3.

THE SAVANNAH REUNION

September 20-23, 2000

REUNION FACTS

REUNION CHAIRMAN – Marilyn Gibb, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-1577.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL – Marriott Riverfront Hotel, 100 Gen. McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401. Telephone 912/233-7722. Rates for the 398th Bomb Group are \$109 per night, single or double. Reservation form is included in FLAK NEWS.

BACKUP HOTEL – Day's Inn, 201 West Bay St., Savannah, GA 31401. Telephone 912/236-1024. 398th Group Rate is \$84 per night, single or double. Call or write for reservation.

PARKING – Marriott parking rates are \$5 per day. Day's Inn parking rates are \$3 per day.

TOURS – All tours except the Dinner Cruise will be handled by Old Savannah Tours, 250 Martin Luther King Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401. All tour tickets will be enclosed in the Reunion Packets available in the 398th Memory Room at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel starting Tuesday, September 19, at 12 noon. (It is a brief walk from the hotel to the Dinner Cruise Wednesday evening, September 20; cabs will be available.)

GOLF – Golfers can play the course at Hunter Air Force Base on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20 and 21. It is about a 20 minute drive from the hotel. Make individual arrangements for car transportation. Meet in the Marriott lobby at 6:30 AM.

BANQUET SEATING – Tickets for the Thursday and Saturday evening banquets at the Marriott will be in the Reunion Packets. Secure a table reservation at the time of Registration. All banquet tickets must have a table number.



MIGHTY EIGHTH HERITAGE MUSEUM
September Target at 398th Reunion

THE TOURS

OFF-ON TROLLEY TOUR – See the “most beautiful city in North America” at your own pace and leisure by jumping off and on any Old Savannah Tour trolley. The city tour is at your disposal from 10 AM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 20 and again on Saturday, September 23 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost is \$18.00 per person.

RIVERFRONT DINNER CRUISE – *What's a trip to the South without a cruise on the Savannah River? Begin your reunion experience on Wednesday night, 7 PM, with a dinner cruise on either the SAVANNAH RIVER QUEEN or the GEORGIA QUEEN. It's the ultimate in fine dining, entertainment and Southern Hospitality. Cost for the evening buffet dinner cruise is \$43.00 per person. The QUEEN dock is a brief walk from the Marriott Riverfront Hotel.*

HISTORIC OVERVIEW CITY TOUR – This is a fully escorted guided tour on Thursday, September 21 of one of the largest Urban National Historic Landmarks in the United States. It's also a comprehensive look at Savannah's fascinating past including lots of fun tidbits. A potpourri of information about Savannah. The tour is from 9 to 10:30 AM. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

LADIES GARDEN TOUR – *Take a peek at the beautiful fall foliage and winter gardens in Savannah's Historic District. See Trustee Gardens, Forsyth Park, Ships of Sea and the ornate ironwork gracing the home gardens. This tour is on Thursday, September 21 at 2 PM (during the 398th business meeting). Cost is \$21.00 per person.*

MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM – This is the reason for the Year 2000 Reunion. Here, on Friday, September 22, the clock turns back 56 years to the days of our youth. It is here we will dedicate our 398th Memorial, a replica of the Nuthampstead Memorial. It is here we will take a journey of sight and sound – the Mission Experience. It is here we will see mementos from our past days at Station 131. Many 398th plaques, (crews and individuals) are already in place at the Museum. It will be a very full day, starting at 8:30 AM, with the Tour shuttles returning to the hotels between 1:30 and 3 PM. Cost of the day's package tour is \$30.00. This includes transportation, admission and lunch.

FORT JACKSON – *And what's a trip to the South without some Civil War flavor? Fort Jackson is the oldest standing fort in the state of Georgia. It was the headquarters for the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Now you can hear and see history along with lots of fun and a super lunch. This takes place on Saturday, September 23 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Cost of transportation, program and lunch is \$35.00 per person.*

MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM – For those who come late or wish to see the Museum “on their own,” they can take the bus on Saturday, September 23, at 10 AM. Cost is \$11.00 per person. This does not include Museum admission or lunch. The bus returns at 3 PM.

BANQUETS – *The annual “Welcome” banquet will be held Thursday, September 21, 7 PM at the Marriott Riverfront Ballroom, preceded at 6 PM by a no-host cocktail hour. Cost of the Welcome Banquet is \$35.00 per person. Table reservations should be made at Registration time. The Farewell, or “We'll Meet Again” banquet will be held Saturday, September 23, 7 PM, preceded by a no host cocktail hour at 6 PM. Cost of the Farewell Banquet is \$37.00 per person. Table reservations are required.*

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

398th Bomb Group Memorial Association 17th Annual Reunion
Savannah, Georgia September 20-23, 2000

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2000

NAME _____ WIFE _____ SQD. _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE (_____) _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY. PLEASE PRINT FOR NAME TAGS

WEDNESDAY, September 20 —

Golf	6:30 AM	Meet in Lobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Registration	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Plaza Room	
Off-On Savannah City Trolley Tour	10:00 AM to 4:30 PM		\$18.00 x _____ \$ _____
Riverboat Dinner Cruise	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM		\$43.00 x _____ \$ _____

THURSDAY, September 21 —

Golf	6:30 AM	Meet in Lobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Registration	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Plaza Room	
Board Officers Meeting	8:00 AM	Board Room	
Historic Overview City Tour	9:00 AM to 10:30 PM	Tour Coach	\$15.00 x _____ \$ _____
Group Business Meeting	2:00 PM	Savannah Ballroom	
Ladies Garden Tour	2:00 PM	Tour Coach	\$21.00 x _____ \$ _____
No Host Cocktails	6:00 PM	Savannah Ballroom	
Welcome Banquet	7:00 PM	Savannah Ballroom	\$35.00 x _____ \$ _____

(Table reservations required)

FRIDAY, September 22 —

Mighty Eighth Museum	8:30 AM		\$30.00 x _____ \$ _____
----------------------	---------	--	--------------------------

(Price includes transportation, admission and lunch; shuttle returns between 1:30 and 3:00 PM)

Registration	7:30-8:30 AM and 3-5 PM	Plaza Room	
--------------	-------------------------	------------	--

Dinner on your own

SATURDAY, September 23 —

Off-On Savannah City Trolley Tour	9:30 AM to 3:00 PM		\$18.00 x _____ \$ _____
Mighty Eighth Museum	10:00 AM		\$11.00 x _____ \$ _____

(Transportation Only)

Old Fort Jackson	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM		\$35.00 x _____ \$ _____
------------------	--------------------	--	--------------------------

(Price includes transportation, admission and lunch)

No Host Cocktails	6:00 PM	Savannah Ballroom	
"We'll Meet Again" Banquet	7:00 PM	Savannah Ballroom	\$37.00 x _____ \$ _____

(Table reservations required)

Registration Fee (per person, 2 maximum per family) \$10.00 x _____ \$ _____

2000 Dues (if applicable) \$10.00 x _____ \$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

I/We will be staying at the:

Marriott Hotel Day's Inn

Other _____

Please complete the form, enclose check, and mail to:

398th BOMB GROUP REUNION
c/o Marilyn Gibb
Colorado Springs, CO 80918-1577

Received \$ _____ Date _____

Marilyn Gibb

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

Over The Top And Then Some For Monument Fund Drive

Three months ago it was announced that the fund drive for the 398th Bomb Group memorial at the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum had gone "over the top."

"And it kept going," said fund drive chairman Lou Stoffer, in announcing that the total had reached \$33,600.

"We have money for the memorial, all pertinent taxes, Mighty Eighth Museum fees and mailing expenses.

"And \$6,464 besides," he added.

The monument, to be dedicated during the annual reunion in Savannah, GA on Friday, September 22 is a replica of the 398th memorial in Nuthampstead.

Stoffer, in tabulating the new totals, said,

"Now all we have to consider is what we should do with that extra money."

That question will be a topic for discussion at the board and general membership meeting in Savannah.

Following are the names of the fund contributors which did not appear in the January 2000 listing —

Joe Bailey	Patricia J. Kelty
Shirley A. Berthoud	Harry Mazur
Louise Bickford	Thomas O. Mueller
George H. Decarion	Arthur B. Murphy
William K. Durst	J. Donald Pettus
Llewellyn L. Fischer	Laura Pierson
Barbara Fish	George E. Schatz
Leona K. Gibbons	William G. Skinner
Douglas W. Hughes	Loren A. Skonberg
Gregory J. Hunt	Philip G. Sorensen
Ted J. Johnston	Leonard Streitfeld
Philip H. Jones	Elaine Tyler
Joe Joseph	Edna Waaramaa
Dorothy Kanable	Frank Weiler
Alfred E. Kastner	James Womeldurf

Color Comes To FLAK NEWS

For the first time in 15 years FLAK NEWS moved out of the traditional black & white photo journalism format and into the four-color process.

The Anstey Memorial Window presentation on Pages 6-7 represents an additional major financial investment over and above the regular cost of production.

The editor took his appeal for additional "color money" to president Wally Blackwell, who responded --

"Go for it," he said. "The Anstey stained glass window is too beautiful to show in black and white, especially while surrounded by the names of our Killed In Action."

Thanks, Wally.

Czech Republic Will Show Its Americanism to 398th Visitors

Of the 100-plus members taking part in the Year 2000 England-Continent Tour, 36 will be on the travelling list going to the Czech Republic and Copenhagen (and some to other parts of Europe.)

Many activities are planned in various parts of the country, including Prague, but the tour will headquarter at Pilsen.

The 398th visited Pilsen in 1995 to help the city celebrate its 50th anniversary since being liberated by US forces in 1945. The visiting 398th veterans brought a plaque for the Pilsen mayor that read--

"We came from Heaven to save you from Hell," a play on words from the 398th's group motto, Hell From Heaven.

This year's tourists will see a huge monument in Pilsen that reads, "Thank You America," telling of the friendship that exists between the two countries.

"There are few places in the world where you can witness such overt displays of Americanism," said one observer

The tour party will be housed at the Hotel Central, directly on Republiky Square, dominated by St. Bartolemew's Cathedral.

In addition to Pilsen and Prague, the tour will visit Marianske Lazne to be fed by students of the famed Hotel Skola. Also to Litice to view the beautiful memorial dedicated to the American airmen killed nearby, including members of the Allen Ferguson Crew of the 602nd. Then to Kovarska, where pieces of the Ferguson plane are displayed. And finally, to Slany, for a "re-dedication" of the memorial to the Donald Christensen crew that perished there on March 2, 1945.

Following are the members going on the "Full Tour"--

Keith Anderson; Mary Louise Capecelatro; John & Rosemary Cosco; Lowell Culver & Jo Ann Eppel; Bill & Fran Fisher; Gail Fisher & Mel Kessler; Charles Hough; William Cole; Robert & Elaine Knowles; Bill & Kathryn McLaughlin; Ham & Mary Mero; David Mills; Ross Moxey, Sr.; Russ & Millie Reed; Chuck Sasse & Reva Swanson; Phil & Margaret Stahlman; Jeanne & Randy Stange; Arnold Schneider & Marie Bammer; Linda Hayes; Ray & Marilyn Talbott; Eileen Moore; Allen Ostrom, tour coordinator; and Barbara Fish, travel consultant

Pär Nilhammer will be the travelling tour manager for Destination Europe of Luxembourg, operator of the coach company handling the buses in both England and on the Continent.

"Choir Vets" To Sing In England

Veterans returning to Station 131 in years past have been known to leave their marks in various ways (not necessarily related to stuff like Kilroy Was Here).

But the men on the upcoming June tour are going to be forever known as the "Choir Vets."

The 42 returning airmen have been invited to form up as a choir unit and contribute to the Memorial Service their rendition of "America the Beautiful."

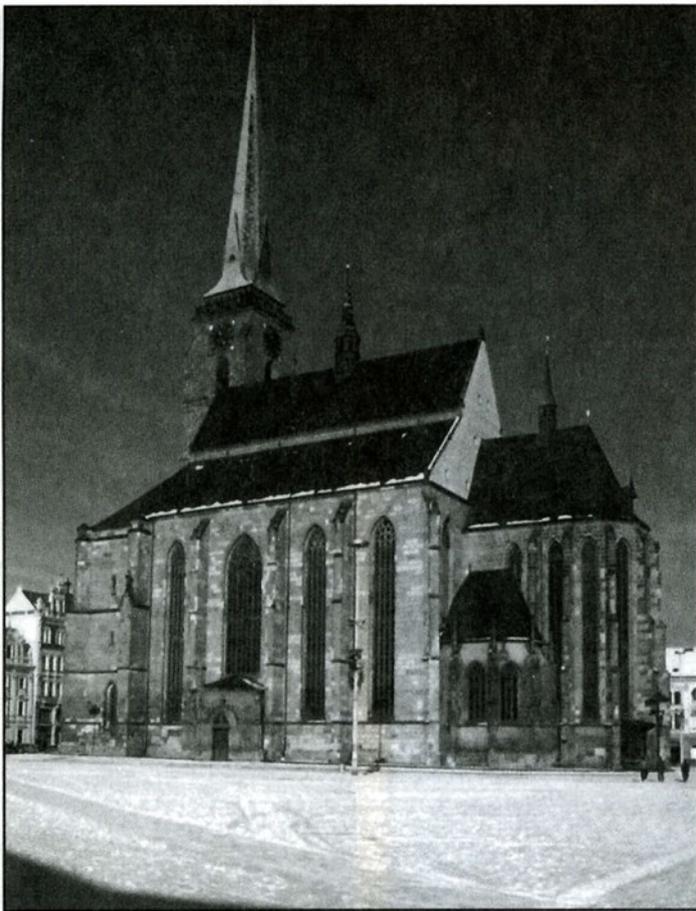
Dick Frazier, who came to the 398th back in 1944 with a degree in music, and played bass in the base combo, will be on hand to "whip the choir into shape." Meaning he will organize one practice session before going "on stage."

This will take place at the Memorial on Saturday, June 10. The following day, Sunday, June 11, the "Choir Vets" will sing at St. George's Church at Anstey as part of the Memorial Window dedication.

FOLLOWING ARE THE MEMBERS GOING TO "ENGLAND ONLY"

John & Georgia Albis; Wally & Teedy Blackwell; Bob & Jane Bowen; Conrad Samuelson & Nancy Cotter; Dick & Junice Frazier; Willis & Ruby Frazier; Douglas & William Frazier; Don Gaddo; Bob & Eloise Hart; John & Maryanne Hobbs; Merwyn & James Hornschuh; Bob & Helen Howard; Ted & Dorothy Johnston; Ed & Barbara Jones; Joe & Rozanne Joseph; Vern Kling & Cecelia Holland; Mary, Cate and Kenneth Ludlam; Jean Madlung, Randy Madlung, Cheryl Ross & Nancy Zeller; Joe & Willetta Mansell; Gertrude & Karen Neff; Elliot & Connie Novek; James & Juanice Powell; Gail Rastelli & Mary Allen; Henry & Ina Rudow; Ed & Bernice Soule; Lou & Betty Stoffer; Charles Sutton; Howard & Jane Traeder, Bruce & Karen Guenther; Eleanor Siegenthaler & Diane Day; Earl Hofert; Marshall & Nancy Zinter; Bill & Jackie Auten; George & Jeanne Graham; Scott & Janet Lieving; Dorothea Borchers.

In addition to the registered tour members, a dozen or more 398th members and friends will be in England on their own.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH
 Dominates Town Square In Pilsen, Czech Republic



398TH CREW REMEMBERED

“So it was that on November 26, 1999, midst the gale-force winds and leaden skies, Stephen Clipston and I climbed Birchenough Hill and offered our prayers at the memorial site of the DeCleene crew. We felt your (398th) presence when we found the cross you had laid there in 1994. We added some poppies on behalf of your friends at The Wash.”

—SONIA GIFKINS, ENGLAND

“Leemon Street”

**602 Squadron Co-pilot
 Died In Berlin Airlift**

The name, Donald J. Leemon, will not appear on the stained glass Memorial Window at Anstey, England. He died four years after VE Day in Europe – 1949. However –

Leemon, a 398th co-pilot on the 602 Sam Zins crew, died while flying in supplies for the Germans in the Berlin Airlift. He was one of 32 Air Force Americans who lost their lives in this epic Cold War encounter with the Russians over who would hold sway in Berlin following the armistice.

A “Leemon Street” sign can be found on the Army airfield at Wiesbaden, Germany. Plus the street signs of 31 other Americans who died while flying transport during the Airlift.

All the signs were moved to Wiesbaden from their original locations at Lindsey Air Station in 1993. All this thanks to an American historian/researcher named Ronald M. A. Hirst, a D-Day veteran turned writer.

Leemon’s final mission for the 398th was to Pilsen, Czech Republic, on April 25, 1945, the Last Mission of World War II.

ALUMINUM OVERCAST

Spring-Summer Schedule

CITY/AIRPORT	ARRIVAL DATE	FLIGHT DATES
Monroeville, AL (MVC)	April 27	April 28-May 1
Birmingham, AL (BHM)	May 1	May 2-4
Muscle Shoals, AL (MSL)	May 4	May 5-8
Huntsville, AL (HSV)	May 8	May 9-11
Lawrenceville, GA (LZU)	May 11	May 12-15
Marietta, GA (RYY)	May 15	May 16-18
Location Pending	May 18	May 19-22
Chattanooga, TN (CHA)	May 22	May 23-25
Lebanon, TN (M54)	May 25	May 26-29
Paducah, KY (PAH)	May 29	May 30-June 1
St. Louis, MO (SUS)	June 1	June 1-5
Jonesboro, AR (JBR)	June 5	June 6-8
N. Little Rock, AR (1M1)	June 8	June 9-11
Oshkosh, WI	June 12	Maintenance
Springfield, MO (SGF)	June 15	June 16-19
Ponca City, OK (PNC)	June 19	June 20-22
Wichita, KS (AAO)	June 22	June 23-26
Lee’s Summit, MO (LXT)	June 26	June 27-29
Lincoln, NE (LNK)	June 29	June 20-July 2
Topeka, KS (FOE)	July 2	July 3-6
Peoria, IL (PIA)	July 6	July 7-10
Decatur, IL (DEC)	July 10	July 10-13
West Bend, WI (ETB)	July 13	July 14-16
Oshkosh, WI	July 17	Maintenance
Racine, WI (RAC)	July 21	July 22-23
Oshkosh, WI (EAA Air Venture 2000)		July 26-Aug 1

For additional flight information, ground tour costs, special rates for schools and other groups, call 1-800-359-6217. NOTE: Ground Tours for past B-17 Flight Experience participants and all 398th Bomb Group members are FREE.

(Dates and locations are subject to change)

Doin’ The Dues

It’s Dues Time for the members living in the following states – North Carolina, South Carolins, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

In Memory

Floyd Aaron
 George E. Abbott
 Albert J. Aleksyn
 Gerald C. Anataillia
 Vernon Anderson
 Joe T. Andrews
 Darrell Argubright
 Charles Arnold
 Brooks Atchison
 James J. Ault
 Howard F. Ayres
 Charles P. Bagley
 John C. Bait
 John M. Baker
 John P. Baker
 William H. Baker
 George E. Barton
 Joseph G. Barzano
 Manuel M. Bassora
 Leroy K. Bayless
 William J. Beatovich
 Hubert F. Beatty
 James A. Beaty
 Joe Bergant
 Norman E. Bergen
 Nelson R. Beyer
 Harold A. Bisping
 Harold L. Blackwell
 Charles A. Borden
 Thomas C. Bowles
 Harvey J. Boyd
 Michael J. Brennan
 Ray D. Bringle
 Unite L. Brodin
 Loren C. Brown
 Melvin P. Brown
 Phil Brusseau
 Clifford Z. Bryan
 William M. Bryan
 Anthony Buddes
 Alfred Bueffel
 Paul Bunning
 John D. Burns
 Wilbert Y. Burns
 William Butters
 Felix Byrne
 Robert G. Campbell
 William Campbell

Albert S. Carlisle
 Peter D. Carrado
 James E. Chandler
 Donald Christensen
 Donald R. Christensen
 Marvin Clark
 Thomas A. Clark
 Clinton B. Clifton
 Glen H. Cline
 Gene F. Clinesmith
 Melvin Cohn
 Donald Colbert
 Fred Cole
 Lamar Q. Coleman
 Robert H. Colgan
 Roger D. Comer
 Frederick B. Cone
 Harry J. Connolly
 James B. Coulson
 Chares E. Cropp
 George R. Crowe
 Francis A. Daly
 Gordon F. Davidson
 Robert L. Davis
 Donald J. DeCleene
 Stanely DeLafayette
 Merritt A. Deuel
 Albert L. Dion
 Lyle J. Doerr
 Joseph D. Doglio
 Paul E. Doyle
 Robert W. Dudley
 Hazen V. Earle
 Stephen L. Edington
 Richard F. Ellis
 Ernest F. Engeman
 William H. Englehardt
 Roger J. Erickson
 Milton C. Ervin
 Gerald F. Farren
 Doyt W. Faurot
 George A. Feathers
 William Feinstein
 Howard V. Feldman
 Henry Ference
 Allan H. Ferguson
 James S. Fields
 David V. Flores
 Louis Fontana
 Thomas K. Foster

Thomas H. Fox
 Augustine S. Franzone
 Victor Frisbie
 Virgil Fuller
 John P. Furrow
 Joseph R. Gaiser
 Clement Galetto
 Carlo Gallio
 Eugene Gamba
 Reynaldo Garcia
 William F. Garner
 Thomas D. Garrett
 Frank E. Garry
 Robert Gaynor
 Ralph Glancy
 Harold M. Gnesin
 Edward B. Goesel
 Billy G. Gonser
 Marvin L. Gooden
 Richard S. Goodman
 Judson F. Gray
 Gregory G. Groncki
 Gerald O. Gruette
 Elmer G. Gurba
 John V. Gustafson
 Louis Haberman
 John R. Halbert
 Ralph L. Halter
 Marion B. Hamilton
 V.A. Hansard
 Clarence H. Harper
 Leonard D. Harrison
 Franklin D. Harrod
 Earl K. Hart
 Kenneth S. Hastings
 Dallas A. Hawkins
 Herbert A. Helbig
 Ralph C. Hess
 Joe Heustess
 James F. Hochadel
 William H. Hoffman
 James R. Honaker
 Raymond C. Hopp
 Charles Howell
 Frank P. Hunter
 Frank Iaconis
 John W. Ingram
 Earl C. James



The names inscribed on these pages are those of the 398th Bomb Group who gave their lives during World War II. They paid the ultimate price during the Battle of the Bulge. Members of various air and ground crews are commemorated here. Our Friends of the 398th have chosen a new, stained glass window at St. George's Church. The names of the 398th men commemorated will be inscribed on the window. The artist chose a theme of Pillar of Clouds, the flight of the Israelites by day and by night, cumulo-nimbus clouds on the left and the Flying Fortresses. And on the right, the Flying Fortresses in flames, a vivid reminder of the chaos that survived emerged. The dedication will take place on a date yet to be determined. 100 or more members of the 398th and their families and officials. The names of all who contributed to the window, both American and European, are printed on page 8.

Of Our Fallen



are the names of those men from the
in fighting for their country.
12-month period in 1944-45 as mem-
Station 131, Nuthampstead, England.
to remember these men by creating a
e's Church, Anstey. The names of all
ritten into the stained glass.
smoke and Pillar of Fire, depicting the
night. Against the towering mass of
houetted a climbing stream of B-17
e same aircraft are descending out of
and violence out of which those who

ne 11, 2000 and will be witnessed by
many more English Friends, dignitar-
the memorial window, both English

Robert W. Jenkins
Clib L. Johnson
Roy Johnson
Donald J. Jones
William G. Jones
Wallace E. Kasch
Thomas D. Kelly
Saul J. Kempner
Cecil E. Kennedy
Charles R. Kennedy
Charles L. Khouri
Warren L. King
Joseph J. Kiska
Casimer P. Klawinski
Sherman S. Klein
Theodore A. Kline
Albert W. Knight
Harry Kravif
John K. Kressenberg
Walter J. Kruse
LeRoy Kucharski
Thomas A. L'Estrange
Marvin F. Leach
Robert W. Lehner
Ralph H. Lentz
Clement A. Lescale
Charles Letts
William J. Lewandowski
John Leydon
Loren S. Liby
William G. Logan
John A. Loomis
William H. Love
Dane Lovelace
Clinton L. Loveland
Norman K. Lovingfoss
Marvin Y. Luckie
James E. Luna
John S. MacArthur
Thomas Manos
Robert Mayfield
James W. McAfee
Paul McCain
Donald J. McCorkindale
Charles B. McLean
William C. Meyran
Walter E. Miller
James R. Mitchell

Edward J. Mizerski
Carlton C. Moore
Uvaldo G. Morales
Edward L. Mullendore
George C. Munroe
Paul A. Nachtwey
Herbert H. Newman
Ira L. O'Neal
Richard T. Osteen
Harry Ostrow
Peter L. Paget
George C. Papajohn
Leo R. Parr
Milton Passmore
Max W. Paxton
Ernest L. Pennell
Anthony J. Perry
Victor C. Petrauskas
Bruce E. Phelps
Milford Pinson
Kenneth J. Plantz
Perry E. Powell
Thomas S. Pozder
Joseph M. Price
Elvin R. Prichard
Virgil Register
Paul H. Rich
Richard Rimmer
George T. Roby
Howard Rogers
Arthur Roit
Benjamin G. Rolfe
Michael A. Romano
John D. Rose
Charles N. Rosenblum
Burton H. Roth
Jack E. Rouch
John D. Sauer
William J. Scales
Dale J. Schaupp
Arthur P. Schmidt
Murray J. Schultz
Charles J. Searl
Phillip A. Seltzler
Harry Shafer
William Shumate
Charles L. Simons
Lewis G. Slade
Leonard W. Snyder
James H. Somers

William R.E. Stegell
Charles H. Stein
Robert A. Stewart
Sidor P. Stizzo
Maynard Stravinski
Joseph F. Stritch
Robert R. Stuart
Gordon Sudborough
Giles L. Teague
Andrew R. Thomas
Thomas L. Thompson
Raymond A. Thornton
Felix H. Tichenor
Richard S. Trantham
William S. Tull
Francis E. Tuttle
George N. Van Luven
William J. Vanderlick
Paul W. Voehringer
Arnold M. Volkay
Warren J. Wade
Thomas D. Wadleigh
Charles F. Wagner
Charles Walker
John P. Walker
Samuel T. Walker
Edwin M. Wallace
Raymond A. Wallace
Leo C. Walsh
R.C. Warkentin
John G. Weibel
William E. Wells
Theodore West
Roger J. Weum
Goodrich C. White
Rufus White
Bill Wickens
Luther Willis
George E. Wilson
Orville M. Wilson
William H. Wilson
William J. Wilson
Frederick C. Windeler
Jack B. Withrow
Ray R. Woltman
Marlin Woodward
Byron O. Young
John L. Zasa
Urie H. Zook



The names inscribed on these pages are the names of those men from the 398th Bomb Group who gave their lives in fighting for their country.

They paid the ultimate price during a 12-month period in 1944-45 as members of various air and ground crews at Station 131, Nuthampstead, England.

Our Friends of the 398th have chosen to remember these men by creating a new, stained glass window at St. George's Church, Anstey. The names of all the 398th men commemorated will be written into the stained glass.

The artist chose a theme of Pillar of Smoke and Pillar of Fire, depicting the flight of the Israelites by day and by night. Against the towering mass of cumulo-nimbus clouds on the left are silhouetted a climbing stream of B-17 Flying Fortresses. And on the right the same aircraft are descending out of the fire, a vivid reminder of the chaos and violence out of which those who survived emerged.

The dedication will take place on June 11, 2000 and will be witnessed by 100 or more members of the 398th and many more English Friends, dignitaries and officials.

The names of all who contributed to the memorial window, both English and American, are printed on page 8.

Contributors To The Anstey Memorial Window

USA

Aasen, Donald & Olga
 Ahl, Mr & Mrs James
 Alebis, John & Georgina
 Alessio, Louis F
 Alhadeff, Ike
 Allen, Bobby & Doris
 Allen, Joseph C
 Alpert, Stanley
 Alwood, Joseph G
 Ambrose, Ralph J
 Anderson, Keith W
 Anderson, Mr & Mrs
 Randolph D
 Arbuthnot, Ed
 Audet, Mrs Paul
 Austad, Dorothy
 Austin, Richard M & Mildred
 Auten, William & Jackie
 Averhart, Sandra & Alan
 Baffaro, Louis
 Baugston, Barry D
 Bawduniak, Marjorie M
 Baxter, Morris V & Frances D
 Beam, Helen Beatovich
 Bearden, Edgar T
 Beckley, Robert & Eleanore
 Beecher, Mr & Mrs Edward B
 Bernard, John R
 Berthoud, Shirley
 Beshunsky, Sidney
 Bestervelt, H J
 Bimbaum, Jesse
 Bischoff, Albert & Olive
 Blacker, Robert M
 Blackwell, Teedy & Wally
 Blank, Ted P
 Blum, Robert & Kathy
 Bohn, Jack L
 Bonanno, Salvatore J
 Borchers, Dorothea E
 Bornstedt, Geri M
 Bourquin Sr, John S
 Bowe, Vincent A
 Bowen, Jane & Bob
 Brandstatter, John (Jack)
 Brass, Edward W
 Britton, John H
 Brockman, Christine
 Brooks, Henry A
 Brown Jr, Mrs Hillyer (Pete) B
 Brozena, John M
 Bur, Nicholas
 Burdett, Olin P
 Burke, Lewis E
 Cameron, Carl C
 Campbell, Dennis E
 Campbell, Homer J &
 Marguerite
 Campbell, James O
 Campdon, Nancy & Jane
 Cantwell, Robert
 Carrigg, Richard F
 Case, Frederick
 Cella, William E & Josephine
 Chaudet, Louis P
 Cifrese, Paul
 Cingle, Michael J
 Clement, Karen
 Clisham, Ray
 Clyne, Mr & Mrs Harold J
 Cochran, Alexander R
 Colboum, Martha Howell
 Comstock, Evelyn C
 Cook, James
 Cooper, G Harry & Anne
 Cooper, Ila
 Core, Ben & Polly Anna
 Cosco, John P
 Cox, Merle C
 Creswell, Carlton G
 Cridland, William C
 Crocker, Lawrence F
 Crouch, Dorothy M
 Cullinan, Steve
 Culver, Lowell O
 Cunningham, Byron B
 Currier, Russell C
 D'Addio, Philip P
 Daily, E Bruce
 Davidson, Warren R
 Decker, Gerald
 Delancey, Mary
 Di Guiseppe, Mr & Mrs
 Gerard
 Dicks, Mason
 Dierolf, Mrs Claude
 Dimock, Jack
 Doerstler, Wayne & Ruthanna
 Dougherty, Thomas & Dawne
 Durtschi, William J
 Duvall, Chaplain & Mrs
 James
 Eberhart Wilson, Leona
 Eckman, Philip W
 Eckstein, Julius & Evelyn
 Elick, Joseph E
 Ellis, Joseph C
 Ellison, Condee A
 Eschen, Larry
 Faas, William E
 Ferguson, Edward
 Ferrailolo, Joseph
 Ferrante, William J
 Fish, Barbara (Travel House
 Inc.)
 Fisher, Wilbur G
 Flatt Jr, Arthur W
 Fletcher, Maurice C
 Foster, Carl F
 Fox, Richard B
 Frankhouser, William & Jean
 Frazier, Dick
 Frazier, Willis & Ruby
 Freeman, Fred
 Gaddo, Don & Sharon
 Gagne, George H
 Gailey, Sam
 Gardipee, Francis J
 Generaux, Harry L
 Gerber, Thomas W
 Gerft, Larry E
 Gibb, Marilyn Crouch
 Gibbons, Mr & Mrs Marion H
 & Leona
 Gibson, Everett K
 Gibson, Morgan Shott
 Glasgow, Herschel M
 Gonzales, Fred & Anne
 Gosian, Sydney A
 Gould, Ed & Sue
 Graham, George C & Jeanne
 Griffin, Donald E
 Griffin, Richard A
 Gustaves, Selmer
 Haas, James R & Diana
 Haas, Patty
 Hager, Virginia H
 Haight, David E
 Hall, Ralph W & Marjorie E
 Hall, Wallace M
 Hallberg, Charles T
 Hamor, William T & La Danta
 Harrison, Bill & Charlotte
 Hart, Robert T
 Hayes, Donald R
 Haynes, James T
 Heathcote, Bill & Ida
 Heintzelman, Harry L
 Henselman, Lynn W
 Hersberger, George & Pearl
 Hobbs, John O & Maryanne P
 Hofert, Earl J
 Holmberg, W O (Mike) &
 Elizabeth
 Hood, Robert E
 Hosman, Richard S &
 Josephine S
 Houston, Robert J
 Hoyne, Mary
 Huey, Robert D
 Hurst, James L
 Ivy, Willie J
 Jakovac, Joe & Delpha
 James, Ian R
 Jensen, Robert J
 Jerominski, Edward V
 Jerominski, Mary
 Johnston, Ted
 Jones, Charles T
 Jones, Edward D & Barbara J
 Jorgenson, C M
 Joseph, Joe & Rozanne
 Junker, Dorothy
 Kastroll, Herman
 Keating, Lloyd A
 Keenan, Paul
 Kempner, Irving H
 Kennedy, Kenneth
 Kenney, Arthur J
 Kerekian, Edward
 Kirkland, Trudie Wells
 Knight, Glenn
 Knowles, Bob & Elaine
 Kraft, Robert A
 Kramer, Steve
 Krause, Sharon & Pete
 Kritchman, Archie & Joyce
 Kuptsov, Anita & Aaron
 Kuse, Bernard M
 Labhart, William L
 LaCoste, Jeanne
 Lancaster, Lionel G
 Landrie, William & Mary
 Laughlin, Arthur W
 Law, Sylvia J
 Lee, John
 Leung, George P
 Lewis, David W
 Lewis, Frank E
 Lloyd, Marian
 Loftus, Melvin F
 Longmore, Loren L
 Lorenzo, Leo W
 Loveland, Thomas
 Lucy, Robert S
 Ludlam, Cate
 Ludlam, Mary
 Lusk, Wanda S
 MacDonald, Frank Hunter
 MacKenzie, Bernard
 Mackie, Sally & Robert
 Madlung, Jack
 Mairs, James D & Pauline
 Mann, Herbert
 Mansell, Joe & Willetta
 Markley, Col & Mrs William
 Marsh, Walter & Jensine
 Martin, William W
 Maryott, Dana B, Jameson,
 Jordan & Bryson
 Matecki, John J
 Maxfield, John F
 McCann, John J & Mavis
 McCormick, John R
 McHorse, C. D.
 McIntyre, Melissa
 McIntyre, Ralph H & Jewel E
 McLean, Neil H
 Menig, John
 Menzel, Arnold R & Ethel B
 Mero, Hamilton & Mary
 Meyer, Glen G
 Miceli, Gladys A
 Miller, L. F.
 Mills, David W
 Moon, Andrew N
 Moore, Ray L
 Morrison, Berghora
 Moy, Newell & Lillian
 Murchie, Norma
 Muren, Ed
 Murphy, Arthur B
 Needham, Boyce E
 Neff, Gertrude Wells
 Neff, Karen Anne
 Newbrough, Kenneth L
 Novak, Elliot
 O'Sullivan, Francis J
 Ostrom, Allen
 Overbaugh, Harry & Sue
 Paget, Percy
 Palmer Passler, Marjorie
 Paris, Loretta
 Parker, Fred H
 Paul Jr., Laurence P
 Paulin, John G
 Peachey, Claude L
 Pendleton, Charles B
 Pennylegion, Edward D &
 Clara O
 Perez, Ventura
 Perkins, Guy A
 Pezner, Richard & Dorothy
 Polla, George E
 Pope, Kermit R
 Poss, Maurice
 Poston, Roy W
 Potashkin, Herbert
 Powell, James I
 Prevost, Ted
 Proctor, Reginald & Marie
 Prugh, Jesse E
 Quick Jr, Guy C & Carol J
 Quinn, John P
 Randall, Howard & Marge
 Randolph, Sarah
 Rawlins, Charles F
 Ray, Arthur
 Reed, Russ & Millie
 Reeves, Eldon & Gladys
 Regello, Theophilo
 Reinhold, Victor
 Retzer, Ralph E
 Rice, William C
 Riding, Arthur
 Roberge, J P
 Roberts Jr., John R
 Roderick, Mr & Mrs P
 Rude, Jack
 Rudow, Hank & Louise
 Runnion, James & Kathryn
 Rusinak, George E
 Rusinski, Mr & Mrs S
 Russ, Edward J
 Ryan, William J
 Saferite, Wendell A
 Samuelson, Conrad
 Sasse, Chuck
 Sauer, Clarence & Mildred
 Schatz, Lois & George
 Schmid, John F
 Schneider, Arnold
 Schwan, Irene & William
 Seal & Family, Mrs Charles F
 Selevan, Bess
 Sharp, Hermann H & Vivian
 Sharpe, Milton & Georgianna
 Shaw, Richard C
 Sheely, Janet E
 Shultz Jr, Charles Y
 Siegenthaler, Eleanor J
 Sirota, Mrs Benjamin
 Sistek, Anne
 Skubik, Henry A & Katherine
 Smith, Georgia M
 Soule, Mr & Mrs Edmund D
 Sowby, Lindsay W
 Spangler, Harold
 Spechuilli, Joe
 Spencer, Herbert F
 Stafford, Allison John
 Stahlman, Philip & Marge
 Stallcup, Harold & Nancy
 Stange, Jeanne
 Stange, Randall
 Stenstrom, Odo & Gladys
 Stetter, Carolena
 Stoffer, Louis J
 Stoll, Victor E & Helen
 Streifeld, Rick
 Sutton, Charles K
 Swan, Phillip R & Orleen
 Swjantek, Charles & Pauline
 Szotek, Raymond P
 Tatarian, Thomas
 Taylor, Emmett
 Taylor, Marilyn R
 Taylor, William P
 Templeman, Robert B
 Thacker, Ann C
 Thomas, Howard M
 Tordoff, William
 Traeder, Howard F
 Trimmer, Kaye
 Trout, Ralph D
 Tueller, Glenn W
 Turney, Albert D
 Ullman, Bob
 Van Opdorp, Harold R
 Veley, Phyllis J
 Vincent, Lorraine
 Vollmar, Helen D
 Vollmar Jr, Joseph E
 Waaramaa, Edna
 Wagner, Carroll Sue
 Wagner, Paul
 Watson Jr., Arthur C & Phyllis
 Weaver, Joan D
 Webb, H
 Weekley, Harold D
 Welty, Robert M
 Whitaker, Lucille & Dean
 White, Bernard & Betty J
 Wiggins Jr., Mrs Robert E
 Wilbur, Charles
 Will, Ralph
 Wilson, Elizabeth K
 Wilson, J Herbert & June F
 Wilson, Leona Eberhart
 Wismer, Frederick C
 Wohleber, John M
 Wolf, Melvin A & Ruth
 Wooten, Albert F
 Wyatt, Carolyn Crouch
 Yamoski, Cathy Jo
 Yamoski, Rosemary & Frank
 Yip, James S
 Zimnie, Mr & Mrs Arthur
 Zins, Samuel I
 Zinter, Marshall & Nancy
 Bailey, Martin
 Barker, Robert
 Barker, Tony & Greta
 Barrett, Gordon (Ted)
 Baseley, David
 Bates, Robin
 Bevan, Ernie & Doreen
 Bishop, Cliff
 Blackwell, Norman & Eileen
 Bradley, Roger
 Brook, Peter
 Bruty, Bill & Rayworth
 Burma Star Association, The
 Calver, Alan
 Calver, John
 Cambridge Kart Club, The
 Carter, Steven
 Clark, Anthony & Beryl
 Clipston, Brian
 Cristofoli, Rita & Vincent
 Crowther, Douglas
 Cuda, George & Jane
 Darlow, Coral
 Davies, Bert
 Davill, Olive
 Dawson, Peter & Sarah
 Dear, Derek & Margaret
 Dear, Les
 Dimsdale, Robert & Francoise
 Dimsdale, Wilfrid & Cathy
 Drew, Gerald & Jane
 Eve, Nick & Jane
 Fleming, John & Marion
 Foot, Michael R D
 Fox, Eunice
 French, Derek
 Garrard, Gerald F
 Gifkins, Sonia I
 Grainge, E
 Graty, Michael
 Hodge, Geoff
 Howell Family, The
 Hoyle, Michael
 Jacques & Family, Margaret
 Jenkins, Vic & Yvonne
 Johnson, Ian & Sandy
 Kimsey, Ted & Myrtle
 King, Arthur & Yvonne
 Kloots, Bert
 Kwik, Henry
 Marcel, Janssens
 Marshall, Howard
 Martin, Jo
 Muncey, Noel
 Mustoe, Jean
 Oldenburg, Friedrick A
 Parrott, C & S
 Pena, Steve & Alison
 Rice, Geoff & Eve
 Robinson, John & Lilley
 Royal British Legion, The
 Russell, Ronald Reeves
 Sapsed, Mary
 Sapsed, Peter
 Setter, Ron
 Smith, Alan & Vivien
 Spicer, James & Jean
 Squires, Barry
 Taylor, L M
 Thorogood, Ken
 Turner, Steven John
 Tyler, Barry
 Tyler, Elaine
 Webb, Digger & Eileen
 Wells, Peggy
 Whitworth, Mr & Mrs S H
 Wilson, Kenny
 Wiseman, Peter & Jean
 Worton, Stella

UK and Continent

936 Squadron ATC, (Hertford
 & Ware)
 Air War Study Group,
 Aldridge, Gordon A
 Atkins, Richard & Rhiannon
 Atton, Frederic
 Bailey, Keith & Daphne

398th Bomb Group E-Mail Addresses

Additions and corrections to this list can be e-mailed to our printer. Please indicate **398th BG** in the subject line.

C.

J.

WEB SITES:

398th Bomb Group, Cincinnati, OH <http://www.398th.org>
B-17 Combat Crewmen & Wingmen, South Gate, CA ... www.b-17combatcrewmembers.org
B-24 Liberator www.b24liberator.org
EAA (Aluminum Overcast), Oshkosh, WI www.eaa.org
Mighty 8th Museum, Savannah, GA www.mighty8thmuseum.com

LETTERS:

“Our family wishes to express our sincere thanks for the beautiful wreath sent by the 398th to Jim’s memorial. It was made up of white mums and red carnations with a blue satin bow. And we are also so thankful to learn that the Heritage fund drive was a success. Jim would have been so proud.”

**Marguerite Duvall, Loveland, CO
80538-9948**

“Thank you for forwarding information of the 398th to my mother. She has given the materials to me to be placed in my collection of my father’s memorabilia. I will treasure the article by Jerry Fields about the crew and the day they were shot down (1991 FLAK NEWS). I have my father’s USMA diploma, Purple Heart and Air Medal prominently displayed in

our home. I have toured the Aluminum Overcast and other B-17’s and feel great pride with each visit.”

**John M. Baker, Jr, Mustang,
OK 73064-4701**

“It’s almost time for another trip to England, but I am still savoring the memories of our 1998 tour. My mom, Mary Ludlam, and I recall with tears our experience of seeing my Dad’s flag flying over the Memorial at Nuthampstead. It was a powerful moment for us, watching the wind of England whip the flag out to full length to wave with pride over the memorial and the country of Dad’s ancestors ... a country he loved as well as his own.”

**Cate Ludlam, Syosset, NY
11791-2606**

“I hope you can one day bundle up all previous issues of FLAK NEWS and have them reprinted in a book (or two, or

three).”

**Arnold W. Brown, Albuquerque,
NM 87197-4232**

Ed’s Note: See CD story on Page 1. If you have all the issues, a good “book-binder” can put them in a bound volume (or two, or three).

“I was the navigator on Jerry Scheffer’s crew with the 600th. Recently, I was going through some of my old papers and ran across the enclosed notes. I must have attended a briefing of some sort but I don’t have any idea what it was for. There may have been some plans for a shuttle mission of some sort, but I can’t remember anything about it. Maybe someone could provide more detail.

**Wallace Hall, Northbrook, IL
60062-6422.**

Ed’s Note: Your notes referenced the 8th AF shuttle to Poltava, Russia. You apparently didn’t go or you would have remembered for sure.

BRIEF-things

Talk about high drama, how about the "909" B-17 crew chief and is "909" flight coordinator girl friend who were married the first minute of 2000 under the wing of their Collings "909" in New Smyrna Beach, Florida (anyone from the Aluminum Overcast crew want to try this?) ... among the WWII "Suicide Mission" TV productions seen last winter was one entitled, "Ball Turret Gunner;" ... it was from Sea to Ski when 398th treasurer **Marilyn Gibb** and her family moved from Florida to Colorado Springs; the cross-country move won't affect her role as Reunion Chairman for Savannah ... for those who like "stax" -- in recent years the US military has shrunk by 40%; 700 installations have been closed; the Air Force has shrunk from 36 fighter wings to 20; the Navy has downsized from 586 ships to 324; the good ol' B-52's are now 38 years old and half of the newer B-1's at Rapid City are grounded for lack of parts ... a "good guy" award has to go to **Willie Ivy**, who for several years sponsored the 398th dues of fellow Montanan invalid **Robert Templeton**, who died recently ... folks signing up for the Savannah Heritage Museum tour and dedication should be reminded that the tour ticket cost is for the bus ride, admission and lunch ... **Jack Burton** is the museum's special events coordinator and he'll have the tricky job of hosting the big 398th reunion group ... the FLAK NEWS editor is constantly amazed to hear of the many members who have saved each and every issue these past 14 years ... there is no telling if there will be another roster printed in the future, so it is wise to maintain an "update" with the additions and corrections printed in each issue ... England Tour Reminder: there is just barely enough time for ordering special PX gifts from Joe Joseph before embarking on the "June Tour" ... our faithful Friends at the Wash in England, **Brian Clipston and Sonia Gifkins**, tell of seeing their "50 Years On" poem in a book called "The Men Behind The Guns," a tribute to aerial gunners, at a store in Norwich; it ran in FLAK NEWS in 1993; they also saw a FLAK NEWS poem called "Thirty Thousand Feet" in a 92nd Bomb Group newsletter; it was written by 603 navigator, **Stephen Quinn** ... Just Wondering: will the US courts now outlawing school prayers also take aim at the invocations at our 398th reunion? ... among the several non-tour members going to England in June are two "American Legion Gold Star Sisters" -- **Loretta Rosenberg** and **Martha Colbourn**, sisters of pilot **Charles Howell**, killed over Merseburg Nov. 21, 1944 ... **Les Dear** and **Geoff Rice**, our Brit historians, send along their thanks to all who contributed photos and information for their 398th photo/personnel book; "keep 'em coming," they add ... your FLAK NEWS editor will sorely miss **Ed Stewart**, whose 1945 flak wounds contributed to his recent passing; Ed maintained the phone/personnel roster for the 398th; his son, **Bruce**, has promised to pass along his dad's computer records ... the 398th has not one, but two competitive softball players in Florida; **Joe Klosterman** of the **Earle Ford** crew still plays, as does Bob Goren ... **Tom Landry**, who died this past year, is remembered by football fans as the former Dallas Cowboy coach, and also by the 493rd Bomb Group as one of their B-17 pilots ... **Hal Weekley** reports that the Aluminum Overcast, with **Dr. Bill Harrison** and himself in the cockpit, flew to Florida to pick up new radio and navigation equipment and then on to Canada for a new paint job (no change in the 398th colors) ... the England Tour leaders won't tip their hands on this one, but the "tourists" visiting the American Air Museum at Duxford are in for a real surprise, especially the ladies whose dad/husbands flew in those B-17's ... when the 487th Bomb Group discovered extra money in their treasury they earmarked 2K for pews at the new Heritage museum, 2K for the World War II Memorial in DC; and 2K for their Lavenham (England) tower restoration ... in addition to all the other tour sites in England and the continent, your editor will visit Malmo, Sweden to see the memorial honoring 8th AF men killed in that country, including eight members of the **James Fields** crew.

398th Bomb Group PX

Qty.	CLOTHING	Cost	Total
___	Cap - Fits All Sizes 600, 601, 602, 603 Group	\$8.00 ea	___
___	Jackets - Navy, B-17 on Front S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$25.00 ea	___
___	T-Shirts - B-17 on Front Navy - White - S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$10.00 ea	___
___	Sweat Shirts - B-17 on Front Navy - White - S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$15.00 ea	___
___	Golf Shirts Group Logo on Front Navy or White - M, L, XL, XXL	\$20.00 ea	___
___	Turtle Neck Shirt - B-17 on Collar White - S, M, L, XL	\$20.00 ea	___
___	Children's T- Shirts (White) 6-8, 10-12, B-17 on Front	\$8.00 ea	___
___	Children's Sweatshirts (Blue or White) M, L - B-17 on Front	\$10.00 ea	___
JEWELRY			
___	Squadron Lapel Pins - 600, 601, 602, 603	\$5.00 ea	___
___	Group Lapel Pin (Hell from Heaven)	\$5.00 ea	___
___	Group Lapel Pin - Special Design	\$5.00 ea	___
___	B-17 Lapel Pin (Silver)	\$2.00 ea	___
___	B-17 Earrings (Silver - Pierced only)	\$5.00 ea	___
___	Bolo Ties - Group Logo	\$4.00 ea	___
LOGO PATCHES			
___	Squadron Patches - 600, 601, 602, 603	\$6.00 ea	___
___	Group Patch ("Hell from Heaven")	\$6.00 ea	___
___	Jacket Patch - Rectangle B-17	\$4.00 ea	___
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS			
___	Folding Umbrellas Red with White B-17	\$18.00 ea	___
___	Note Paper with B-17 (Packet of 12)	\$4.00 pkt	___
___	Tote bag, Navy with White B-17	\$7.00 ea	___
___	Beach Towel White with Black B-17	\$18.00 ea	___
___	Golf Towel, White w/Black B-17	\$7.00 ea	___
___	9" Plate with B-17 (398th B.G. colors)	\$15.00 ea	___
___	Christmas Ornament with B-17	\$6.00 ea	___
___	Coffee Mug with B-17	\$7.00 ea	___
___	Ceramic Magnet with B-17	\$3.00 ea	___
___	Playing Cards with B-17 Single Deck	\$7.00 ea	___
___	Double Deck	\$12.00 ea	___
___	Photo (Control Tower) Station 131	\$2.00 ea	___
___	Photo (398th Memorial) Post Card	\$2.00 ea	___
___	Photo (8X10 Aluminum Overcast)	\$2.00 ea	___
___	Bumper Sticker (398th Bomb Group)	\$1.00 ea	___
___	License Plate Holder (398th B.G.)	\$2.00 ea	___

Cost Of Items Ordered \$ _____

Delivery And Handing Add \$3.00,
or \$4.00 if Order is Over \$20.00. \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Make checks payable to 398th Bomb Group Association PX (US funds).

Mail to: Joe Joseph
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168-6168