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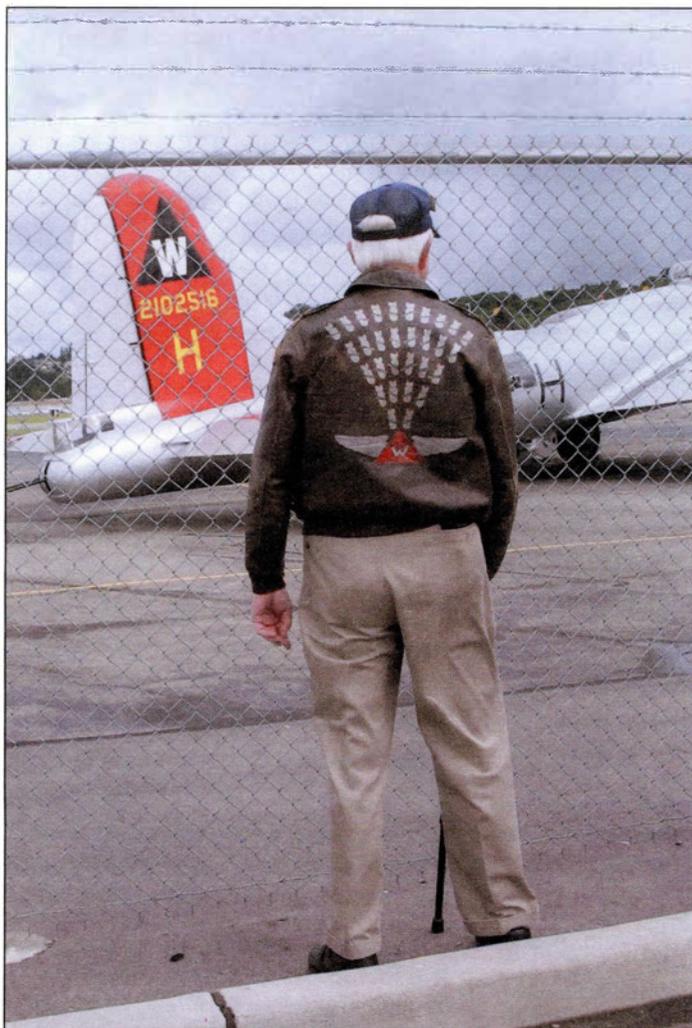
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**LOOKING AT A B-17 through a chain link fence 60+ years ago might have indicated good news for mission bound Ted Johnston. But it provided a strange feeling seeing it through a protective fence while waiting to provide “docent” service for visitors last year in Seattle. Ted and other 398th members were there to “show and tell” interested bystanders (inside and outside the fence) all about the Aluminum Overcast.**

*Photo by Francie Thomas, Tacoma, Washington*

### Three Taps Pages This Time

Three inside pages carry the names of all the known 398th members who have passed on since returning home from World War II in 1945. This has been an annual FLAK NEWS feature since 1988.

Taps notices may be sent to the FLAK NEWS Editor, Seattle, WA 98107-3165.

### Restart on “Timeless Voices”

The second generation duets and Dave & Beez Jordan and Geoff & Marilyn Rice have undertaken a restart of “Timeless Voices.” Read about this exciting production in president Wally Blackwell’s column on Page 2.

### “Clay Pit” Story Well Received

The October story by a former teen-age German anti-aircraft gunner was highly received. Read comments from the German/American engineer who translated the story, plus comments by our own 398th president, along with a letter and photo of our “Merseburg Tree.” All on Page 3.

### Flak Leaves In England Recalled

Francis Murphy and Jim Brockman look back on those special “days off” from combat times called “Flak Leave.” See Pages 5 and 9 and read about their crews’ times spent at the Palace Hotel in Southport. Plus a skeet range special story by Murphy.

### Mid-Winter Dates For Reunion

“Start Packing” is order of the day as the 398th looks forward to the 2007 Reunion to be held on the outskirts of Phoenix, Arizona. There will be tours and fun mixed with the usual business and fellowship during November 28-29-30 and December 1 meeting at the Ahwatukee Grace Inn. See Page 3.

### “It’s In That Cardboard Box”

A story about a caring family that wanted to know about their Dad’s World War II days before he passed on. See Page 4.

## From The President's Desk:

# A RESTART FOR TIMELESS VOICES

BY WALLY BLACKWELL  
President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

The 398th BGMA has restarted its Timeless Voices activity that began at the Covington September 2003 reunion. At that time Randy Stange completed 26 interviews with equipment and format prescribed by the Experimental Aircraft Association Program.

We had volunteered to be part of EAA's ambitious program to record oral histories of WW II combat veterans about their wartime experiences. The processing of our Covington data into a format that could be useful to our own interviewees was underway when Randy died suddenly and all his expertise about the program in January 2006.

The value of the Timeless Voices program to our own data preservation effort has never been more evident. I am very happy to report that we now have a team effort to reconstruct and continue the 398th Timeless Voices program into the future! Actually the program was reactivated at the September 2006 Livonia reunion, where the restart of the interviewing process was eagerly accepted!!

Geoff and Marilyn Rice will do the setup, interviewing, recording and other logistics of the program. Dave and Beez Jordan will edit and process the video, and provide appropriate packaging of the final product. The team will be able to present the interviewee with a professional records on a DVD disc of archival quality. The DVD will play on most TV DVD players or on a computer equipped with a DVD player.

most welcome. At this time we must wait a bit to determine a reasonable cost per DVD. Donations payable to the "398th Bomb Group Memorial Association" with "Donation — Timeless Voices" noted in the memo section can be sent to me: Wally Blackwell, Rockville, MD 20850.



**WALLY & TEDDY BLACKWELL  
(And A PT-17)**

Our intent is to eventually add all the 398th interviews to our 398th web page in video form so that a wider audience can see and hear the history of the 398th. In addition, it will also be useful to have a typed text of the interview on the 398th web site. Our long-term goal is to provide copies of all the interviews to the archival centers with whom we have a long association. These would include EAA, the 8AF Air Force Museum, HALS and the National Archives.

We are blessed with a 398th second generation that is working diligently to give us our own words of personal history packaged to last forever. Please give Dave & Beez and Geoff & Marilyn a thank you when you have a chance.

A Happy New Year to ALL!

## Pearl Harbor Finale:

# 398th Still Going Strong

The "final" remembrances of "Remember Pearl Harbor" was held in Honolulu on December 7, 2006, it was announced by Pearl Harbor Survivors Association president Mal Middlesworth.

"We are all but extinct," he said. "We have had a celebration every five years, but this will have to be our last."

The event triggered nostalgia among 398th Bomb Group Association members, who have been advised that the England Tours probably will not be held again ... at least not under the same "sponsored" programs as before.

In England, others are quietly laying plans for a Station 131 celebration in June 2008. Friends chairman Wilfrid Dimsdale has found it necessary to "step back" from his usual leadership role because of other commitments.

Elsewhere on the 398th horizon, there are no plans for a "final" reunion, witness the story on the 2007 reunion in Phoenix. Also, Sharon Krause will have assumed the task of selecting future reunion sites, a role long held by Allen Ostrom with a variety of members on the "reunion committee." Ostrom said he is also "stepping back."

## "Easterners" Get The Dues

It's a brand new year for FLAK NEWS and another opportunity for the 398th members living in the Northeast U.S. to lend support to the Association.

The \$20 individual annual dues is what keeps the organization alive and well, with the principal cost attributed to the publication of FLAK NEWS.

The "Easterners" get to contribute this quarter, meaning those living in the following states —

*Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland ... and Washington DC.*

If the Dues Envelope happens to be missing, simply send your \$20 to the Dues Manager: Dawne Dougherty, Harrisburg, OR 97446-9585. She will be pleased to accept dues and any other form or contribution that aids and abets the 398th. This includes changes of address, phone numbers, Taps announcements or Memorials.

## Contributions Would Help Fund DVD Disc Program

The cost of our Timeless Voices project for the camera, associated equipment and productions will not be insignificant. Our present plan is to provide one courtesy DVD copy to the veteran and charge for additional copies to him and others. Eventually we may be able to recover more costs but contributions to help fund the initial outlay for the project would be

[www.398th.org](http://www.398th.org)

## **Start Packing:**

# **Phoenix Site Looks Good**



The "Reunion Coordinator" of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association made a personal survey of the 2007 reunion site last November and came away "thoroughly satisfied."

The "site" is Phoenix, Arizona, and the mid-winter dates are November 28-29-30 and December 1. And the specific location in Phoenix is in the "Ahwatukee" district, some 15 miles south of city center and about seven miles south of the Phoenix airport.

The headquarters hotel for registration, business meetings, socializing, banquets, etc., will be the Grace Inn, a Southwest classic perfectly suited to the desert location ... and perfectly suited to host a collection of Flying Fortress veterans, their families and associates.

A local tour company will arrange the sightseeing activities with help from local 398th "kids" Gail Fisher Kessler and hubby Mel, who live in nearby Tempe.

Ahwatukee, for the benefit of the map readers lies to the west of Mesa, Tempe, Chandler and Gilbert. Just off Interstate 10 on Elliott Road. Or at the foothills of Phoenix South Mountain.

A swimming pool, tennis court, excellent restaurant, free pickup from the airport, a plaza within walking distance with numerous shops and ... free shuttle to the largest mall in Arizona.

All that with temperatures in the low 80's and sunny all day ... in November.

More reunion news in April with the Official Registration pages due in July.

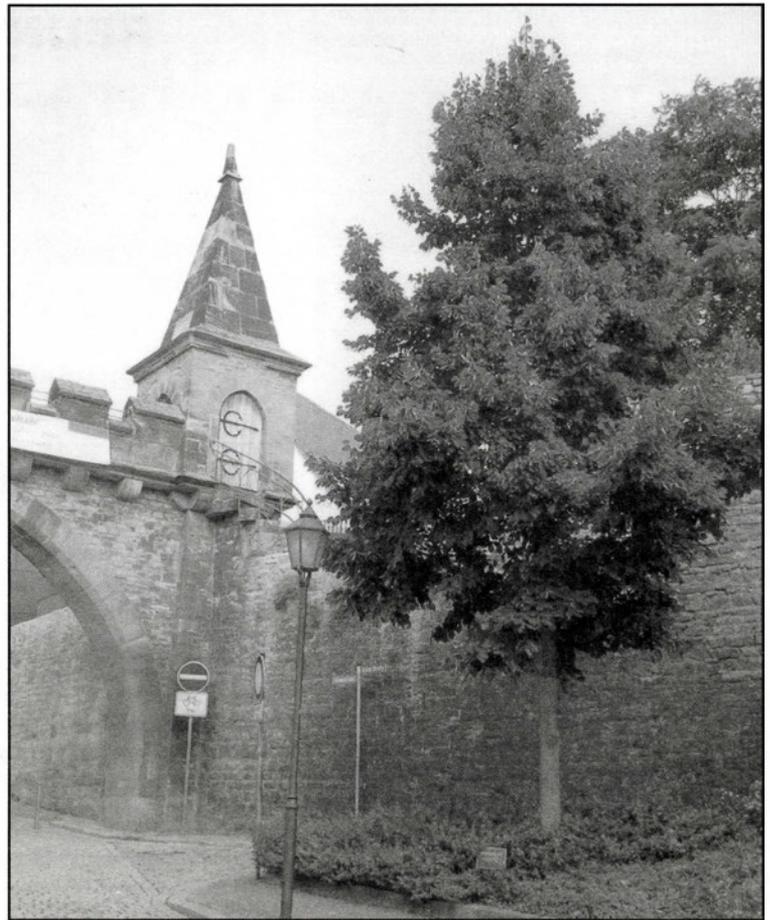
Start packing!

## **Tours Available To See 'Belle Restoration**

For the next 10-12 years it will be possible for visitors to view the restoration-work-in-progress of the Memphis Belle, the B-17 Fortress of 8th Air Force fame.

The Fort is at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Dayton, Ohio. Advanced pre-registration is required for the tours. Call 937-255-3286 ext 302.

Our  
Tree  
Still  
Doing  
Well



**THE 398TH went to Merseburg many times in 1944-45, and also in 1992 as part of the England Tour, this time leaving an American linden tree in the heart of the city.**

"I want to thank you for your interest in the City of Merseburg for which you must have some painful memories. I am deeply impressed.

"I can assure you that the tree which was planted by your B-17 bomber group in 1992 has grown to full size.

"The growing of this tree symbolized the need to preserve the achievements of our two countries and assure a fruitful togetherness and happy future for us all."

### ***Reinhard Rumprecht, Stadt Merseburg, Germany***

"As the German/American translator of Kurt Hesse's story, 'The Clay Pit,' I would add my thanks for publishing it in FLAK NEWS. This is the spirit that allows two flags to fly side by side — one for the gallantry of the combatants, their suffering and valor, and the other for the gracious offer of reconciliation with former adversaries. The flag of ultimate triumph.

"The translation was edited with great sensitivity, honoring the war memories of a German kid who manned the very anti-aircraft guns you faced many times over Merseburg. It was two young people facing each other in the fields of history that neither had plowed nor sowed but had been sent to harvest their bitter fruits."

### ***Karl Issel, San Francisco, California***

"Thanks for publishing 'The Clay Pit' story in FLAK NEWS. It is rare that such a meaningful narrative is available for use in a WW II Bomber Group newsletter. The author surely gives us a unique look at WW II from the other side. He does well keeping the story in the perspective of what a German youth understood about the war that was going on.

"We all have our memories of Merseburg activities. I remember 'visiting' there in my B-17 on four different times. My fifth visit there in June 1992 with our 398th group tour was a bit friendlier."

### ***Wally Blackwell, Rockville, Maryland (President, 398th B.G. Mem. Assn.) (More Letters on Page 10.)***



## It's A Wing Of A Story

The photo was taken in 1970. However, the story of the B-17 wing, the back hoe and three men surveying it goes back to 1945.

The wing (starboard) was damaged when a 602 crew (Ferguson) landed on a farm short of the Station 131 runway, damaging the wing as it crashed into a chicken coop. The damaged wing ultimately found some use as a bridge across a drainage ditch on the Tony Clark Langley Lawn farm.

The B-17, with a new wing, ultimately was flown out on Pierced Steel Matting by Richard Holub, using rockets beneath the wings (FLAK NEWS Vol. 17 No. 3).

In the ensuing years, the old wing fell into the ditch and lay covered until dug up by Tony Clark and his sons, using a backhoe. Later, the Essex Aviation Group transported to Duxford, where it resided until its EAG facility closed.

The wing now reposes at Meesden Bury, home of Wilfrid Dimsdale, leader of the Friends of the 398th.

As for the wing's future, Dimsdale said — "I am open to suggestions."

### "Warsaw Cried"

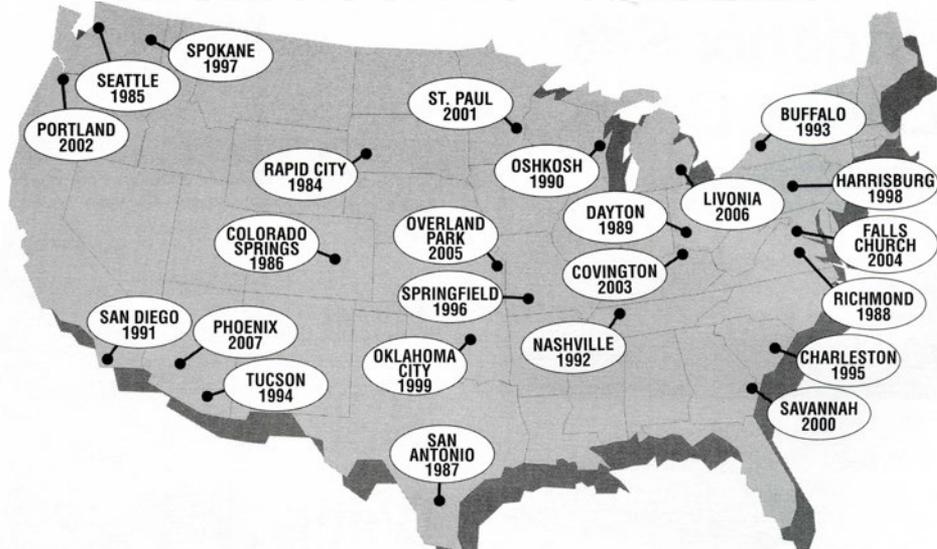
"Standing on top of the Warsaw Rising Museum in the center of Warsaw, I watched *Sally B* as she circled over the city. As I looked down on the thousands of upturned faces of the people in the streets below, and watched them marvelling at our B-17, I was filled with an incredible sense of pride.

"This was the first time a B-17 had returned to Poland since the Uprising in 1944. They knew it and they cried.

"The whole city of Warsaw cried watching *Sally B*. I shall never forget it."

— ELLY SALLINBOE  
*Sally B* Operator

## REUNION SITES 1984-2007



## 398th Has Been There, Done That

It hardly seems possible, but the 398th Bomb Group has navigated the United States over and over again these past 23 years. All in the name of "fellowship," the kind earned the hard way with missions to some unfriendly places.

The reunion sites have been in 22 different states, with only Washington and Arizona visited twice (the second to

Arizona coming in November 2007.)

The preponderance of sites have been east of the Mississippi River, which is where the majority of members reside. No attempt will be made to suggest which one was "best," suffice to say that the city that holds the record for best attendance is Nashville, where 582 came to "fellowship" in 1992.

## "It's In That Cardboard Box"

It was obvious that he was dying from cancer and had but a brief time to live.

"Please Dad, won't you do a journal of your World War II days," his children pleaded. They knew he never wanted to talk of this, being an extremely reticent person.

Selmer Haakenson of Sacramento told his children —

"It's all in that cardboard box. Take it if you want it."

Daughter-in-law Michelle began copying all his letters and other documents

and prepared copies for his daughter and two sons.

The copies, they found, included a photo of shreds of the parachute Selmer used in exiting from his B-17 tail position when shot down near Slny, Czechoslovakia. (See FLAK NEWS Vol. 15 No. 4.)

The mission was recorded, as was his part in the drama, but to Selmer, it was only to place in that "cardboard box."

To be resurrected by a caring family and good friend.

## This Book Is For You If ...

You may enjoy this book called, "Brother Bob's War" ...

- If you have counted the parachutes coming out of a doomed bomber.
- If you have experienced oxygen deficiencies, extreme cold and discomforts of high altitude flying.
- If you have fired your 50 caliber machine guns at enemy fighters.
- If you have kept a careful tally of your missions and wondered if you would ever get to the last one.
- If you have watched a damaged bomber straggle and unable to keep up with the formation.
- If you have examined your plane after a raid and counted the number of Flak holes.

All that to say that "Brother Bob's War" in hard cover will cost \$19.95 or \$11.95 in soft cover and you can order by writing Willard's Books, PO Box 45804, Omaha, NE 68145-0804.

## **Flak Leave At Southport, England:**

# **Gunner Recalls R & R At Hotel**

**BY JIM BROCKMAN**  
(Written in 1979)

It was the custom in the 8th Air Force that a combat crew, after having flown half or more of their combat missions, would be given seven days' leave. This time was for rest and relaxation from the realities of war in an atmosphere of peace and quiet.

Such a place was provided for American airmen at Southport, England, a seaside city on the western English coast.

Six of our crew had flown 27 missions, while four of us had flown 21.

The ten of us boarded the train in Royston for our trip to Southport. We checked into the large hotel at which we would be staying and were pleasantly surprised at the very warm welcome that was extended to us. The hotel was staffed with American Red Cross personnel who made us feel at home. We were assigned rooms and issued civilian clothes which pleased us very much. Neckties were also presented to us, but we wore them only in the dining room as we wanted to appear as casual as possible.

We enjoyed a good evening meal and went to see the town for the first time. There were theaters, bars, stores, restaurants, and pubs. We could see that there were not as many military personnel as we had expected in the city. We looked forward to the next seven days.

Nighttime blackouts were also imposed on the city as well as other English cities. We again found it difficult to find our way around the darkened streets. After attending a movie and eating a snack, we returned to the hotel. Most of us slept late the next morning but arrived at the dining room in time to enjoy a good breakfast which consisted of fresh eggs, toast, bacon, jelly and good hot coffee.

About mid-morning, Zajic, Erickson, Dittmer and I rented bicycles for the day. The rental fee was two shillings each, about 40 cents in American money. We rode through most of the town and found very little automobile traffic, which allowed our bicycling to be much more fun.

At noon we rode back to the hotel for lunch. Later we pedaled for more sight-seeing, riding to the beach nearby where we viewed the coastline close up for the first time. Erickson and I had carried our cameras and took photos during the trip. While on the beach, we persuaded some elderly gentleman to photograph all of us with each of the cameras. These photos are still in my possession, and every few years I look at them and see four young

## **A Chapter From Brockman Book**

The late Jim Brockman, tail gunner on the Milo Sponholtz crew of the 600th, wrote a book on his 398th Bomb Group experiences, primarily for his family and fellow crew members. It was called, "Journey Back To England."

One of the chapters in his book was titled, "Flak Leave To Southport." This FLAK NEWS feature includes excerpts from that book.

Others on the crew were Lou Buffaro, John Bush, Robert Dittmer, Edwin Dutra, Roger Erickson, Delmar Morgan, Ray Zajic and Warren Seaver. Christine Brockman still lives in Wills Point, Texas.

fellows who were truly enjoying a few days away from the dangers of war.

For each night of our stay at the Southport hotel, we could go to bed and know that the gruff-voiced orderly room sergeant would not call our names for an early morning-briefing for a mission. There were mornings back at our base when we heard him as he walked to the door of the hut, as we were anticipating his call. It became a regular routine to awake about 3:00 a.m., listening for his footsteps. If he did not appear, we kept waking from what should have been our most restful sleep from 3:30 to 6:00 a.m. because we were expecting his call.

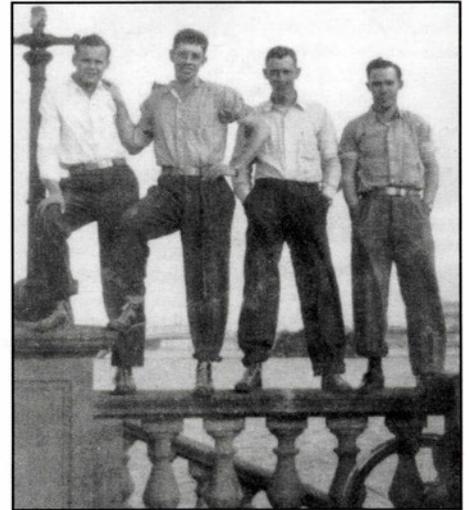
To be away from our regular routine and every day responsibilities was such a relief to us. After two or three days at Southport, we came to really appreciate the peaceful and relaxed atmosphere that prevailed at this seaside resort.

Even though our stay was most pleasant, my mind often reflected back to our base the news that had been given to us before leaving, concerning the German order to kill all 8th Air Force airmen who bailed out over Germany. It was my opinion that about 50 percent of the crews survived, whose planes were shot down. Since the Berlin raid of February 3, if this order was enforced by the Germans, our chance of surviving the war had been drastically reduced. It was something that was on the minds of all of us, even though we tried not to worry about it.

During our stay at Southport, the weather was pleasant. We saw mostly cloudy skies, some fog and mild temperatures. Light jackets and sweaters were comfortable dress.

One night, while there, I almost became a traffic victim. The few cars and taxis

## **NO FLAK HERE**



**MEMBERS of the 600 Sponholtz crew pose on a bridge while enjoying "Flak Leave" at Southport, England, in 1945. Left to right are Raymond Zajic, Robert Dittmer, Paul Erickson and James Brockman. Brockman wrote the accompanying story.**

that traveled the streets at night had their headlights almost completely covered due to the blackout regulations, and it was sometimes very difficult to see them approaching. The small British cars made very little noise at the slower speed which also was a handicap in detecting their nearness. Zajic, Dittmer, Erickson and I were crossing the street, and I was walking slightly in front of them, when suddenly Erickson grabbed and pulled me from the path of an approaching taxi. The moment the driver saw me, the brakes were applied and the rear of the taxi stopped directly in front of us. Had Erickson not grabbed me, the taxi would surely have hit me and perhaps have broken a leg. It taught me to be more careful while crossing streets at night during a blackout.

My wife, Christine, kept all the letters she received from me while I was overseas. Today (1996) after those many years, they are stored in a large cardboard box in the upper portion of one of our clothes closets. Every few years I take them down and read some of them again, reliving some memories of the past for a short time. In doing so, I truly realize

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| Baptist, Claude A.      | Bourke, Joseph E.       | Catterson, Kenneth L.   | Cundiff, Donald W.     | Edmondson, Georgie     |                         |
| Barkovich, Fred         | Bourlon, Billy L.       | Cavalier, Vincent J.    | Curtis, Glenn          | Edwards, John H.       |                         |
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| Barnes, Mike K.         | Bowman, Leonard L.      | Chase, Lewis D.         | Dacon, Charles H.      | Ehret, Clarence        |                         |
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| Fender, Keith C.       |
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| Fick, Herbert          |
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| Figueria, Arthur L.    |
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| Fisher, Wilbur G.      |
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| Fletcher, Richard E.   |
| Flickinger, Charles R. |
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| Florin, Henry          |
| Floyd, Arch C.         |
| Folger, Robert         |
| Foraker, Kenneth H.    |
| Foster, Dean L.        |
| Foster, George E.      |
| Foster, Paul           |
| Fowler, Hannibal       |
| Fowler, James          |
| Franceschini, Gino     |
| Frantz, Landis         |
| Freel, Lawrence A.     |
| Freeman, W. Noel       |
| French, Ozie           |
| Frew, George           |
| Fritog, Arthur         |
| Fritz, Jack            |

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Gagnon, Glen S.  
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Galloway, Robert C.  
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Garland, Jack S.  
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Gasbarro, John J.  
Gates, Robert N.  
Gaulke, Gerald G.  
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Gerber, Tom  
Gergenti, Leonard  
Gerloff, Harry  
Gerrain, Peter  
Giardano, Joe  
Gibb, Robert  
Gibbons, Marion H.  
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Gibson, Charles F.  
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Ginsburg, Joseph

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Hager, Herman L.  
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Hale, Robert D.  
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Hall, Richard H.  
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Haller, John A.  
Hamacher, Ross L.  
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Hammontree, Jack C.  
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Hanauer, James  
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Harbit, John  
Hardenburg, Harry B.  
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Hardy, John R.  
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Hart, Robert T.  
Hartman, Paul J.  
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Hartwell, George W.  
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Hatten, Harold R.  
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Haynes, Charles (Irby)  
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Hoak, William P.

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King, Charles E.  
King, Donald  
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Kiser, Kenneth  
Kite, Dallas E.  
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Licker, Herbert  
Like, Waldean  
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Long, Emory  
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Lorett, Leon G.  
Loss, Ralph H.  
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Lyons, Bill  
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Massey, Frank  
Masters, Marvert  
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McCurdy, Robert G.  
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McGinty, Henry  
McGlaun, Raymond  
McGovern, Raymond  
McIver, Lawrence  
McLaughlin, Garvin  
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McLaughlin, William A.  
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McMichael, Robert D.  
McMichael, Robert F.  
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McMurray, Quentin  
McNalley, J.F.  
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McQuitty, Charles  
Meador, Olan E.  
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Meingast, Joe  
Mellis, Charles J.  
Melson, Rufus  
Melville, Tudor  
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Merchant, Charles A.  
Merritt, Charles A.  
Merritt, Donald  
Mertz, Eugene R.  
Mertz Jr., Charles D.  
Meyers, Russ  
Miceli, Gaspera (Bob)  
Michael, Robert D.  
Miles, Alex  
Miller, Charles J.  
Miller, John H.  
Miller, John J.  
Miller, Lester R.  
Miller, Lewis M.  
Miller, Mike C.  
Miller, Paul  
Miller, Samuel B.  
Miller, Walter F.  
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Mills, Leonard P.  
Mills, Richard (Rocker)  
Mitchell, George  
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Monagin, Gerald W.  
Money, Arnold  
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Moore, Randolph  
Moore, Vincent  
Morauer, Richard  
Moretti, Raymond J.  
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Morrison, Robert B.  
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Goldman, Gil  
Gonzales, Benito  
Gordon, Charles  
Gosse, Earl H.  
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Graff, Stephen J.  
Grange, George  
Grant, Sam  
Gray, Charles F.  
Gray, Harry E.  
Gray, Jay O.  
Green, Norbert  
Green, Sam B.  
Greenberg, Abraham  
Greene, Richard G.  
Gregorie, Robert K.  
Gresh, Steve  
Griffin, Richard A.  
Griffo, Arthur  
Grinter, Don  
Grossman, M.  
Grothues, Al  
Gruber, Fred  
Guice, Thomas  
Guild, Herbert  
Gulledge, Thomas G.

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Mullins, John A.  
Mummert, William S.  
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Namey, John  
Naragon, Daniel J.  
Nash, George N.  
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Nelson, J.C.  
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Nemer, Marshall  
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Newman, Elvis M.  
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O'Connell, Danny  
O'Doherty, James S.  
Oeder, Robert M.  
Offutt, Marion  
Oliver, James  
Olson, Otto  
Ongley, Bert  
Osborn, John W.  
Oswald, D. Stewart  
Otto, William M.  
Ottum, Howard W.  
Overton, James B.  
Overton, Vernon  
Overturf, Thomas V.  
Owens, Blaine  
Page, Albert E.  
Painschab, Joseph H.  
Palant, Samuel  
Palmer, Charles P.  
Pappas, Venizelos G.  
Paris, Archie  
Parrish, Lewis E.  
Parsons, B.H.  
Passmore, Joseph  
Paugh, Thomas E.  
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Payne, Claude N.  
Payne, Marshall M.  
Peach, Tom  
Peek, Kenneth R.  
Penders, Robert  
Pendleton, Charles B.  
Penland, Joe  
Perkins, Guy  
Perrou, Ed  
Perry, Arthur M.  
Petersen, Tracy J.  
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Peterson, Raymond  
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Pfeiffer, Robert  
Pichette, Albert W.  
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Pilarcik, Andrew  
Pintek, Joe  
Poole Jr., Walter W.  
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Powell, Olin H.  
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Prettyman, William B.  
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Reaves, Eugene W.  
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Redican, Francis M.  
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Reid, Perry  
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Riccio, Michael  
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Robertson, Robert  
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Robinson, Hal D.  
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Roller, Norman  
Rooney, Pete  
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Schroeder, Allyn  
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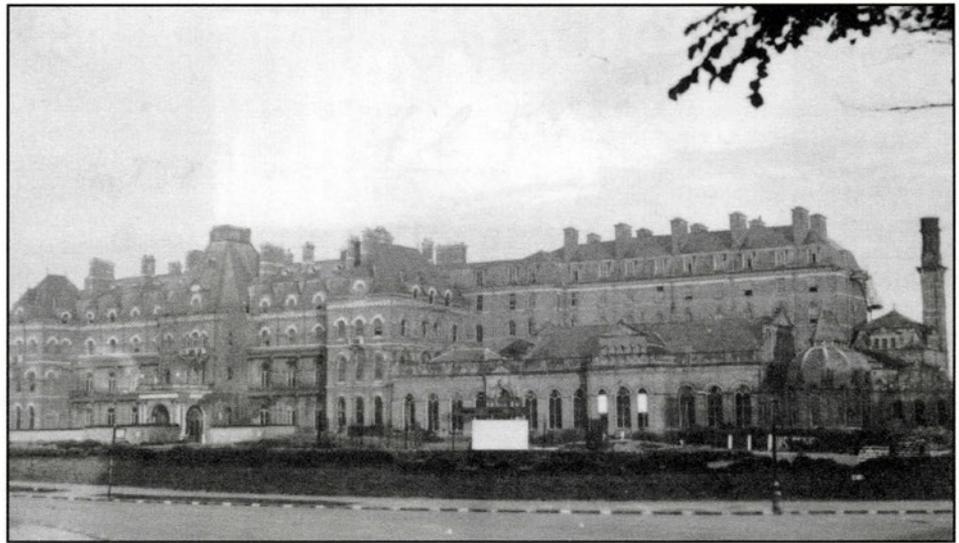
# “Somewhere In England...”

WILLS POINT, TEXAS (1945) —

S/Sgt. James W. Brockman, husband of Mrs. Christine Brockman of Wills Point, recently enjoyed a recess from serial warfare at an Air Service Command rest center, and English seaside resort hotel.

Here Sgt. Brockman lounged in restful atmosphere of this vacation land hostelry and was provided with every type of recreational facility. American atmosphere and all the touches of home are provided by the American Red Cross, copartners with the Air Service Command.

After seven days he went back to his combat station ready to play his part once again in the air battle supporting the Allied march across Germany. Sgt. Brockman has completed 21 missions over Nazi-dominated Europe.



**THE PALACE HOTEL IN SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND  
In World War II It Was A “Flak Leave” Hotel For Airmen**

Photo courtesy of Francis Murphy

## FLAK LEAVE

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how we were blessed during those years. The Lord has carried me through the dangers of war, brought me home to my family and has given us five wonderful children, along with my spiritual and material blessings. Experiencing a war taught me to not take life for granted, but to accept it as a gift from God and to give Him something in return.

The seven days at Southport seemed to pass very swiftly. On February 14, 1945, we prepared for our departure the next day back to our Northampstead base. Our civilian clothes were checked in and once again we donned our military uniforms and made ready for our trip the following morning. We arrived at our base the following afternoon. Again, to face the reality of war.

## A Dollar vs Pound Learning Experience

FLAK NEWS editor Allen Ostrom, part of the 603 Warren Johnson crew, also visited Southport as part of the Flak Leave program and recalls his first “serious” learning experience with English currency.

Forgetting that a British £ (then) was worth four US\$, he paid “way too much” for a gold ring with “a diamond and a couple of blue stones.”

That ring is now being worn, 62 years later, by daughter Aleta. “I guess it was a good buy, after all,” he says.

## It Was “Frank Buck Day” At The 398th Skeet Range

BY FRANCIS MURPHY

Navigator / Bombardier, David Swift crew, 603

The kid was about 11 years old, and after watching me shooting clay pigeons on the skeet range, the boy asked me if I wanted to shoot some rabbits.

I told him, “Sure,” and I followed him over to this large field, in the midst of which he called a “copse,” or a fair sized clump of trees in the middle.

He posted me at the further end and he went to the other, where he took off his shirt and began running like crazy, all the time yelling and whipping the shirt around in the air.

While waiting I had noticed that the entire area was honey-combed with holes. Well, soon enough rabbits by the dozens began scattering before the kid, fleeing for their lives ... right to where I stood ready with my shotgun.

As I blazed away I fantasized that I was Frank Buck, the great African hunter and I was shooting at tigers and buffaloes and the kid was my ever faithful Sabu.

After I bagged about 20 rabbits, the kid asked what I wanted to do with them. I had no answer, but the boy volunteered to take them home. “My mother will make rabbit stew for you Yanks.”

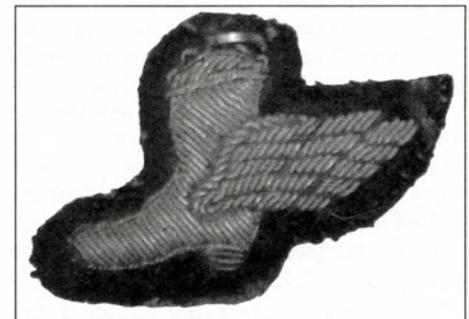
And sure enough, back he comes the next day with a big kettle of stew. Needless to say, I was the super star at our hut that day.

Turns out that the kid’s father was the game warden for Nuthampstead, so it seemed only fair that I should do some “grass roots lend lease” and give the kid

(and his game warden father) a generous amount of 398th shotgun shells.

As for the Flak Leave experience, I must give credit to our pilot, Dave Swift. He had quite a gift of gab and at the end of our week at Southport he got us a week’s extension.

We had no feeling of dereliction of duty, knowing that the Luftwaffe and Flak gunners would still be there when we got back. They were.



**THIS IS THE insignia worn by RAF airmen who were shot down over enemy territory, but managed to walk back. A replica of this “Boot & Wing” was sent to Harry Overbaugh by Czech friends after he was shot down over Pilsen on the Last Mission, April 25, 1945. (He walked out.)**

# Letters, Letters

The letter came from Noorbeek, Holland, and it was addressed to Gertrude Neff of Lexington, Virginia —

“A few days ago we came home from our vacation in France and found your nice letter. We were touched by it.

“Recently we adopted the grave of Bill Wickens at Margraten American Cemetery and then began to seek information on him through the 398th Association, the War Orphan Organization and others in Belgium and England. And as the widow of Wickens’ pilot (Bill Wells) you gave us very emotional information and photos. Thank you.

“We visited Wickens’ grave on September 10 along with others from the 398th. It was touching to see the photos of the young men who gave their lives for our freedom.

“They gave so many beautiful tomorrows for my beautiful today.”

**J.P. Wyers, Noorbeek, Holland**

“I noted the FLAK NEWS comment on Bill Wickens and the Wyers family of Holland and I will send them a thank you note for their thoughtfulness.

“Wickens was on that ‘glamorous’ crew that toured the U.S. on bond drives before going overseas. Included was a visit to Cuba (FLAK NEWS Vol. 6 No. 3).

“They all moved into my hut in the 600th and we all got along just fine. Eventually I finished my tour and said my good-byes. But Bill stopped me and said —

“ ‘Please call my wife and tell her I love her and will be home soon.’ I promised I would do this.

“Before I left England I got word that Wickens’ plane had been shot down (April 8, 1945). My promise to call really worked on me as I left for home.

“After arriving home, a month’s furlough and new assignment, I finally called her and gave her Bill’s message. She repeatedly asked if he was still alive, but I could not say that and I agonized over this for a long time.

“I never talked to her again and I often wondered how she made out. Now, I can say ‘thank you’ to the Wyers family for looking after Bill.”

**Lou Stoffer, Centralia, Washington**

“Thirty years ago my father told me of the forced landing of B-17 No. P-843 in Soumagne (near the American Cemetery at Liege). I was happy to find the story of that crash on your [309th.org](http://309th.org) on the web.

“It was about the Byron Magness crew, written by co-pilot Robert Dee, 601 crew. (Also see FLAK NEWS Vol. 11 No. 1.) I can now tell the story to my wife, Veronique and daughters Vicky and Sarah and their teacher, Mr. Patrick Vierstraete.

“My father witnessed the crash landing and was able to direct the Americans to the site, happily in U.S. occupied Belgium. Thank you very much for what you all have done for the freedom of the Belgian people during the war.”

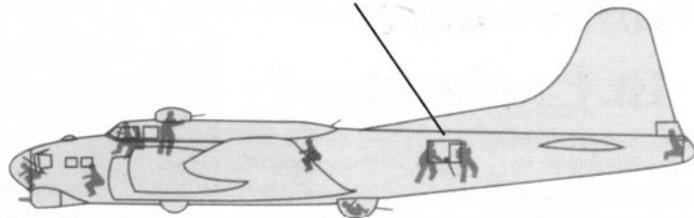
**Luke R. Delfosse, Soumagne, Belgium.**

(Navigator Ed Arbuthot enclosed \$30 to pay for Delfosse’s subscription to FLAK NEWS.)

“I had the opportunity to take a ride on the B-17 ‘Fuddy Duddy’ last summer. It had been a dream of mine to be able to do this and to sit in the bombardier seat as my father had and to see what he had seen so many years before.

“I cannot even begin to explain the emotions that washed over me in that flight. I only wish that my father was still alive so I could have shared that flight with him. Unfortunately, he passed

## Waist Gunners



The waist windows of the Fortress provided excellent defense stations; however, great skill or good luck was required to obtain strikes on an enemy fighter hurtling past. The waist guns were an important defense feature of the B-17 formations, combining the open lateral areas with a gauntlet of massed firepower.

The waist gunners had flak helmets, flak suits and an armor plate contoured to the curve of the fuselage below the windows as their only protection from the flak and bullets. Standing at their guns, their bodies filled a larger target area than was the case for the rest of the crew, who were sitting or kneeling.

B-17’s carried two waist gunners; each protected his respective side of the aircraft. Waist gunners incurred the largest number



of casualties of all the Fortress crew positions. Early waist gunner positions were directly across from each other, often causing the gunners to bump into one another and getting entangled in each other’s oxygen lines. Later, the positions were staggered, giving the gunners greater mobility. On early B-17’s, waist window coverings were on slide rails and had to be opened before combat so the guns could be swung out from their stowed positions.

Improvements introduced on the B-17G mounted the guns to the inner frame of the windows and were enclosed with a permanent Plexiglas covering, which meant the gunners didn’t have to stand in the freezing slipstream, as in earlier models.

*This presentation is part of a living History created by the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, Mesa, Arizona. The last crew position (tail) will be presented in a future issue. Special thanks to the CAF and the Sentimental Journey.*

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away in 2003 (Edward B. Beecher, 601, Roper crew).

“Instead, I carried the photo of his crew with me so they could fly together one more time. It was a honor to share this flight with several ‘old timers.’ Thanks to all for the opportunity of a lifetime. I now have a better understanding of the look that would come over him as he tried to explain to me his love of flying and the B-17.”

**Linda R. Larson, Ashland, Wisconsin**

# BRIEF-things

The request last year for a copy of FLAK NEWS Vol. 2, No. 2 revealed that LOTS of members have all their newsletters since 1986; the editor got his copy even though he had the wrong telephone number listed (he is also the proof reader) ... our ever-alert historian, **Lee Anne Bradley**, bought (\$11) a copy of the 600th Squadron Christmas Menu (Rapid City, ND) on eBay; she is still looking for the 601 Menu to round out the collection for Jack's Books; can anybody out there help? ... the FLAK NEWS mailing of last October was 1292, not too bad, considering that 400 members have been "cut" for non-payment of dues, plus 45 more added to the Taps list since last year ... veterans opting for B-17 rides (Aluminum Overcast & others) agree, "I never remembered that it was so noisy!" ... his Czech friends sent **Harry Overbaugh** an RAF "Boot & Wing" badge (Fly Over, Walk Back) ... our Friend in England, **Malcolm Osborn**, is joining the FLAK NEWS editor in assembling material for a "grand" exhibit of WW II bomber bases in East Anglia ... Director **Lew Burke** thought he had a lifetime job as VP of his Virginia Chapter of the 8AFHS only to learn otherwise (they made him president) ... there is something special about swimming (and golfing) in mid-winter, which is what will be possible at the November reunion in Phoenix (start packing) ... the Grand Canyon will not be among the 398th tours, but individual tours to the Canyon and elsewhere can be arranged with the tour company (All Aboard America!) ... 601 pilot **Bruce Binger** and his navigator, **Richard Windmiller**, were presented rides on the Aluminum Overcast in California last year by son **Erik Windmiller** of Washington, DC (what a great gift!) ... if you live in a condo, please know that it is now "legal" for you to fly the American flag from your premises; (**President Bush** signed the Flag Act of 2005 last summer) ... it's a bit late now, of course, but Group Navigator **Harold Brown** wishes the Wing (1945) people had selected one of "our own" like **Simeral, Miller or Daily** as **Col. Hunter's** replacement (instead of **Ensign**) ... **Wally**, our president, manages rather well in big time company — a few years ago he was in the same photo with **Queen Elizabeth** in England and last fall was within "shouting distance" of **President Bush** while attending the dedication of the Air Force Memorial in DC ... the Aluminum Overcast is currently in the "barn" at Oshkosh, but you can look for a Spring Tour Schedule in the April FLAK NEWS ... feeling old as a WW II veteran? Remember, there are some 14 vets from WW I days still living, all well over 100 ... the editor and all the 398th officers join in saying "thanks" for the many Christmas and New Year's greetings received from members and friends all around the world, ... feeling "crew lonely?" So are the **"Doolittle Raiders"** — only 16 of the 80 on the 1942 raid are still living ... your Editor was in L.A. at the time and the Herald Express headline said — **"Doolittle Dood It,"** picking up on a **Red Skelton** radio skit ... the **Sally B** Folks tell us that the American Air Museum at Duxford supplied England's only flying B-17 with about \$20,000 worth of gasoline for the plane's 2006 displays, which included an "emotive" tour to Warsaw, Poland (see Page 4) ... until recently it was believed that **John McCormick** (602) was the only 398th'er to go on and fly the B-36, but the obit of **Bob Morrison**, navigator on the 600 **Slavin** crew, revealed that he navigated on both the B-36 and B-29 for SAC before joining NASA and the space program ... the Senate's **"Stolen Valor Act"** makes it a crime to falsely claim to be a recipient of a military decoration or medal ... ten thousand apologies to **Don Dunn**, who WAS at the Livonia reunion last September but whose photo was misidentified in the 603 group photo ... FLAK NEWS does not have a Blackberry, Bluetooth, Razer, or Verizon Chocolate by LG in four "flavors," but the U.S. Mail comes almost every day ...

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