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## ALLEN OSTROM RETIRES AS FLAK NEWS EDITOR

*"It's been a good ride"*

BY ALLEN OSTROM

After 27 years "on the job," the time has come for this journalist to step away from the "rigors" of editing and concentrate on the "signs and wonders" of his own mortal body and soul.

The messages from the heart (and knees and hips) have been suggesting that it was time to turn things over to others.

Others, who are more youthful and more electronically tuned to the news of the day than this "snail Mail" veteran of his sports writing days of yesteryear.

At 91, it would seem prudent to duck out now before the "signs and wonders" of the body command even more attention.

It has been a good run, thank you, which is what I wrote in 2001, when "retirement" was a consideration after 15 years on the job.

I will miss the reunions, camaraderie and memories gathered up and recorded since it all began in 1984 in Rapid City, South Dakota, and before that, recorded in a diary that told of 35 tail gunner missions.

The old typewriter and the more "modern" word processor (three of 'em) have been faithful and true to the art of journalism. And it is my parting thought that the readers also feel that FLAK NEWS has been faithful and true these past many years ever since the late Bill Comstock asked this scribe to create a newsletter, which I quickly accepted in 1986... and called the first issue "FLAK NEWS."

The title seemed too appropriate, having learned and appreciated those "greetings" from the German "ack-ack" gunners far below.

(This ex-Army anti-aircraft gunner never did like the word, "ack-ack.")

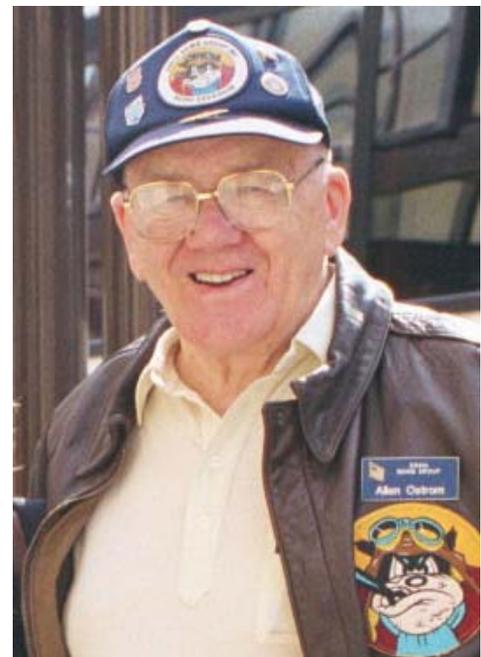
The 1986 date coincided with the first of 13 visits as tour leader to England (and Germany, Czech Republic, France, Scotland, Holland, Belgium).

The many visits to England resulted in a host of memories collected not only at Nuthampstead, but at such stations as Wildboarclough, Southampton, The Wash, Penn, Stonehenge, Stratford-upon-Avon, and so many more and not the least of which would be Anstey, where in 2000 a stained glass window was installed in memory of the men who died during the group's 195 missions in 1944-45.

Other "so many more" visits would have to include Neuss, Germany, where Col. Frank P. Hunter went down in his lead plane. And, of course, Merseberg, where this tour leader and travel guide Barbara Fish took a group of 80 in 1992. A monumental experience "on the ground" after many "in the air" during the war. And so soon after the Communist Russians abandoned the Berlin Wall.

This editor leaves behind a legacy of bound volumes of FLAK NEWS, faithfully saved since 1986 for libraries at the Mighty Eighth Museum, the Eighth Library at Penn State University, HALS at Hertford, England. And the 398th PX.

And more recently, a complete set for "Aviation High," a new high school in Seattle being built on a site between the Museum of Flight and Boeing Plant 2, where most of the B-17s were built to the tune of a dozen a day. The school officials were enchanted to have such a valued contribution for their new school.



**Allen Ostrom enjoying the 398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group's tour to Europe in 2000**

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## The President's Message:

BY MARILYN GIBB-RICE

President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

My heartfelt thanks go to the new editorial team for their first FLAK NEWS as the new editors. The members of the editorial committee did an outstanding job reporting 398th Bomb Group news in the October 2012 issue.

Many positive comments were received and are shared on page 11 of this issue.

Keep up the great work and thank you!

## THANK YOU KEITH ANDERSON!



Keith Anderson last October at the 398<sup>th</sup> BG Reunion in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Keith Anderson, one of our 398th BGMA Directors generously paid for our entire production and mailing costs for the October 2012 issue of the FLAK NEWS. This was a much appreciated donation to our Group and we all thank Keith very much.

Keith was a pilot with the 600th SQ and has several interesting stories to tell. At every reunion he has kept many a listener captivated by recounts of his days during training in the States and combat missions over Europe.

At our 2006 reunion in Livonia Michigan, Keith was interviewed for our Timeless Voices of Aviation project. Following is an excerpt from that interview:

*"One of our interesting experiences, we lead the whole 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force one day and we had a brigadier general flying as the command pilot. That was General Gross [Brigadier General William Milton Gross]. I think he had been a survivor of the Regensburg Raid or the Schweinfurt, one of the ones that about three planes out of the group came back. But, he was cool as a cucumber; you would think he was going on a Sunday picnic. First thing he did was give away his flak suit to anyone who wanted extra pieces of it. We bombed Leipzig, Germany, that day [July 7, 1944] and we were the first airplanes in, made the first drop and then instead of peeling off and heading home, he started peeling off and making circles to watch the other groups go by and see how they were doing and kind of command the whole deal. But, he had excellent fighter protection. Of course, the fighters knew who he was and we were the lead group, and we had them swarming around us and stayed out of the flak so it was unnerving in that you were still making circles over the middle of Germany, but actually not too dangerous."*

You may watch Keith's Timeless Voices video or read the transcription in its entirety (along with many other of our Veteran's interviews) on our website; [www.398th.org](http://www.398th.org).

Once again Keith, a big thank you for your October gift of the FLAK NEWS to our Membership.



### The Gene L. Douglas Crew – 600<sup>th</sup> SQ – July 25, 1944

Back row Left to Right:

**Keith W. Anderson, Co-Pilot**  
Gilbert Goldman, Bombardier  
Gene L. Douglas, Pilot  
Crew Chief (name unknown at this time)  
Alfred M. Burke, Engineer

Front row Left to Right

Pasqual Marquez, Tail Gunner  
Art Ward, Waist Gunner  
Harry Nelson, Jr., Navigator  
Kenneth E. Shutts, Radio Operator  
Noel Callahan, Waist Gunner

## FLAK NEWS EDITOR RETIRES

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So many words have come forth from these fingers telling of “those” days plus the latter days like the reunions, where the veterans have had a chance to mingle with the second and third generations and tell of enduring minus 50° days at 30,000 feet... and seeing comrades in other B-17s blown from the skies by flak and fighters.

There were so many... and many were lead ships, and it was for the deputy to take over... if the deputy was still there.

Among the “elite” assignments for this editor was receiving and publishing the individual stories from those who were there, and survived, either through sheer providence or possible via the Prisoner of War route.

I will always remember the story by John Quinn and his buddies, on a long POW march after being shot down, escaping by their wits... and surviving on “piglet brains”... until found by friendly British troops.

The books are filled with history... history made by the men we flew with, and suffered with... and died with.

Most of those stories were transcribed into FLAK NEWS by David Ruberg, a typesetter, now called a “Graphic Artist.” He did FLAK NEWS early on at Vanguard Press, Seattle, and since then as an independent contractor. He is also a church music director and organist.

Thank you, David.

And thank you for putting up with this non-computer, no e-mail writer with a land line telephone. And for accepting my mail-delivered copy and returning the proofs via the same snail-mail route. It was not the fastest system, but it worked well enough to produce four issues a year on time since 1986.

A fond memory goes to Ralph Hall, who “treasured” for the 398th for so many years starting at the same time with the new FLAK NEWS. We shared our 398th thoughts in Paris while on the 1986 tour and mutually saw our visions come to fruition.

And thanks to all those “Friends” in England, starting with the visionary David Wells and his wife Peggy. And the Dimsdales, Clarks, Tylers, Barkers, Osborns, Jenkins, et cetera.

They, and others, were part of the Nuthampstead families that saw the birth of the Memorial, the beautiful creation that stands as a tribute to the bond of friendship that still exists today.

England’s Queen Elizabeth II and Buckingham Palace have long been a part of Station 131 and its WWII history.

The first came when Prince Charles sent a warm message of welcome to the 1986 tour group coming to Nuthampstead. Some years later several tour members were invited to a dinner in London featuring Prince Andrew.

The Duke of Gloucester unveiled the stained glass window “to the glory of God” at the Anstey dedication in 2000.

And during all these years Queen Elizabeth II acknowledged the receipt of FLAK NEWS at Buckingham Palace.

*“The Queen wished me to write...”*

*“The Queen was interested to learn...”*

*“The Queen has asked me to thank you...”*

*“Her Majesty was pleased to learn...”*

And signed by a “Lady in Waiting,” or “Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen,” or “Senior Correspondence Officer.”

The letters are treasured and will become a part of the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum.



**Allen G. Ostrom**

**Tail Gunner, Warren Johnson’s crew, 603<sup>rd</sup> SQ  
September 1944 – March 1945**

This editor leaves behind the memory of having successfully started the PX, and passed it on to the likes of Jack Wintersteen, Joe Joseph and now Carolyn Widmann.

And I leave to the next editor the task of maintaining the every-growing Taps list, begun with a half-column of names and now covering five pages.

*“My husband died. Please place his name on the Taps list.”*

And some families will see fit to send their veteran’s casket flag (mine included) to Nuthampstead to fly on the tall pole. Just one more way to honor the Veterans, started with Col. Hunter’s flag.

Time will tell on what to do with my three filing cabinets crammed with 398th history and photos, gathered and compiled over these past 27 years.

This FLAK NEWS editor may have come to the end of the trail, but his “398th REMEMBRANCES” is still available in the PX.

And then there are those lucky folks who have “saved every copy” of FLAK NEWS.

Retiring does not compare to the euphoria experienced after the last B-17 mission, but like I said---

***“It’s been a good ride.”***

# OUR HEROES, WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM...

*The names on the following pages represent the men from the 398<sup>th</sup> who have passed on since arriving home from England in 1945*

Abernathy, John R.	Aukerman, John V.	Becker, Max N.	Bongiani, Bruno	Buck, Chester S.	Chorba, Robert T.
Adam, Walter H.	Aune, Arnt M.	Beckley, Robert John	Bonner, Donald C.	Buck, Herman J.	Chrisman, Estil L.
Adamek, Edward	Austad, Kermit	Beckstrom, Kenneth W.	Borchers, Doyle J.	Buckingham, James S.	Christofer, George B.
Adams, Eugene R.	Auten, William E.	Beecher, Edward B.	Bordonaro, Vincent L.	Buckley, Francis X.	Christopher, Arthur C.
Adelman, Joseph Paul	Avello, Vincent	Behr, Jack	Bornstedt, John W.	Buckley, Thomas D.	Christos, Christy A.
Adkins, Max E.	Aver, Donald M.	Beigle, Forest	Borts, Donald E.	Buckowitz, Stanley	Church, Fred M.
Adleman, Milo M.	Axson, Jr., Jason M.	Belcher, Jess	Borys, Raymond J.	Bugbee, Herbert A.	Church, Harold M.
Agnew, E. Harry	Ayers, Robert F.	Bell, Marvin G.	Bosshart, Herbert	Bur, Nicholas J.	Churchill, Wesley H.
Agnew, Robert	Bachman, John J.	Bell, Robert	Boswell, Marion L.	Burke, Alfred M.	Cifrese, Paul F.
Agnone, Anthony	Bachman, Kenneth	Bendixon, Donald L.	Bottoms, Millard S.	Burris, Jr., Thomas E.	Civitarese, William A.
Akins, Kenneth L.	Bacon, Adrian S.	Benefiel, Phillip L.	Bourke, Joseph E.	Burroughs, Kirby W.	Clack, Bill S.
Albert, Dwyer D.	Bacon, Gerard R.	Bennett, John L.	Bourlon, Billy L.	Burton, John	Clafford, Lloyd
Albro, Albert M.	Bacon, James C.	Bennett, Norville W.	Bowcock, Jr., Harold Guy	Busbee, Charles R.	Clament, Jesse R.
Alderson, Richard	Baer, Howard F.	Benningfield, Harley O.	Bowman, Leonard L.	Buscani, John P.	Clark, Benjamin L.
Alessio, Louis F.	Baethge, Henry G.	Benoe, William I.	Boyes, Haskell	Buschbaum, Louis	Clark, Francis C.
Alexander, Claude	Baffaro, Louis	Berggren, Cecil E.	Braddock, Heyward M.	Buschle, Jr., Louis C.	Clark, Joyal O.
Alfano, John A.	Bagan, Wesley	Bergquist, Carl G.	Bradford, Oliver William	Bussard, James L.	Clarke, Atwell S.
Alhadeff, Isaac N. "Ike"	Bagley, Bernard	Bergsma, Norman E.	Bradley, John A.	Butler, John	Clarke, Walter F.
Allare, John E.	Bahling, John W.	Bernard, John R.	Bradley, Jr., Frederick C.	Butts, Donald L.	Claude, Charles L.
Allen, Bobby D.	Bailey, Adrian A. "Bud"	Bernier, Loyola A.	Brady, Jack H.	Buvinger, Davis C.	Clements, Jerauld N. "Jerry"
Allen, George E.	Bailey, Ray E.	Berry, Jr., Kearie L.	Braica, Jr., Benny	Buzza, Kenneth	Clifton, Ernest
Allen, Jr., Stanley Woodruff	Baird, Harold L.	Berryhill, Earl J.	Brandstatter, John D. "Jack"	Callahan, Noel	Clisham, Raymond Joseph
Alpert, Stanley	Baker, Albert A.	Berthoud, Charles E.	Brass, Ernest H.	Cameron, Carl C.	Clyne, Harold J.
Altman, Frank	Baker, Cova B.	Berz, Marvin S.	Bream, Burt D.	Campbell, Edward A.	Coatley, Andrew
Alves, Alfred	Baker, Hermus C.	Bestervelt, Harold J.	Breault, Alfred L.	Campbell, Homer J.	Cochran, Curtis G.
Alwood, Joseph G.	Baldiga, Edward M.	Bethel, Marvin F.	Breimeyer, Royal H.	Campbell, Roger W.	Codan, Peter
Amer, Gerald E. "Jerry"	Baldwin, Mondo L.	Bewley, James A.	Brewer, Darrell F.	Campbell, Thomas J.	Coe, Dewey
Anaya, Alfredo	Ballard, Charles W.	Biancardi, Andrew	Brewer, Val M.	Campbell, Thomas K.	Coene, William G.
Andersen, Russell M.	Bancroft, Joseph D. "Dave"	Bickford, Cleo M.	Bridges, Clarence W.	Campbell, Van B.	Coffee, Marvin W.
Anderson, Allen C.	Bangson, Barry D.	Biette, William P.	Brindley, Earl M.	Campbell, Wallis L.	Coffee, Jr., Donald J.
Anderson, Charles J.	Bankert, James W.	Bigda, Joseph T.	Briody, James J.	Campton, Alfred E.	Cohan, Daniel T.
Anderson, Earl W. "Andy"	Baptiste, Claude A.	Bingle, Henry	Briskie, Edward F.	Cannon, Floyd H.	Colantoni, George
Anderson, Frank P.	Barkovich, Fred	Birch, Oral B.	Britt, Thomas F.	Canter, Charles H.	Colburn, Warren C.
Anderson, Norman R.	Barnes, Lynn W.	Bird, John C.	Britton, John H.	Cantrell, Floyd	Cole, Harold
Anderson, Ralph G.	Barnes, Mike K. "Sonny"	Bischoff, Albert J.	Brockman, James W.	Cantwell, Robert Harvey	Cole, William R.
Anderson, Robert George	Barnett, Robert	Bissin, Albert	Brokaw, Rev. Raymond S.	Capen, George H.	Coleman, George F.
Anderson, Roy L.	Barnhart, Joseph E.	Bittner, Walter	Brooks, Harrison F.	Carlson, Kenneth G.	Coleman, Thomas A.
Anderson, William G.	Barnshaw, Thomas J.	Blackwell, Jr., Wallace H.	Brooks, Henry A.	Carlton, Donald P.	Coleman, Winsor O.
Anderson, Jr., Emil R.	Barnum, George E.	"Wally"	Brown, Arnold W.	Carr, William R.	Collins, Alvin J.
Andreko, Andrew	Bartimus, Neil R.	Blancett, Marvin L.	Brown, Clyde R.	Carter, Nigel B.	Collins, Hamilton P.
Andrews, Kenneth E.	Bartusiak, Leonard J.	Blanco, Manuel	Brown, James C.	Carter, Richard J.	Collins, Phillip D.
Anglim, Harold R.	Bartusis, Anthony J.	Blanda, Guido	Brown, Joe E.	Carter, Robert C.	Collins, Jr., Broadus B.
Arbogast, Filbert E. "Phil"	Basco, John J.	Blank, Theodore P. "Ted"	Brown, Lawrence	(Saferite crew)	Colville, Paul
Ariotti, Joseph	Bash, Clare C.	Blankenship, G. W.	Brown, Logan Edwin	Carter, Robert C.	Colvin, Charles E.
Arlin, Alan A.	Basham, James E.	Blehm, Frederick W.	Brown, Orland D.	(Watson crew)	Colvin, Jr., William L.
Armstrong, Robert D.	Bassman, Fred G.	Bley, Winston C.	Brown, Paul W.	Carver, Robert W.	Colwell, John J.
Armstrong, Sidney A.	Batayias, Peter K.	Blum, Lowell	Brown, Richard	Carwile, Allan P.	Combs, Calvin C.
Armstrong, Walter G.	Battaglia, Francis A. "Frank"	Bobbitt, James M.S.	Brown, Robert E.	Case, Royce Leo	Combs, Ralph S.
Armstrong, Jr., Arthur E.	Baughman, John	Boeger, Orville W.	Brown, Samuel M.	Cason, Alfred G.	Comstock, William G.
Arndell, James	Bauhoff, Christian J.	Boehme, Alfred H. "Herb"	Brown, Sidney	Cassel, Arnold	Conrad, John P.
Arnold, Robert Waite	Bawduniak, John	Boersma, Ted	Brown, Jr., Hillyer B. "Pete"	Caster, William	Constantine, Lyman R.
Ashour, Martin Denis	Baxter, Richard W.	Bogard, Williard B.	Brozena, Jr., John M.	Castro, Edward R.	Contento, John D.
Ashton, Jr., Leonard C.	Bearden, Edgar T.	Bogdanski, Edward J.	Brubaker, Franklin P.	Catterson, Kenneth L.	Cook, Eugene I.
Ashworth, Dean H.	Beattie, Hugh Donald	Bohn, Jack L.	Brubaker, Wayne L.	Cavalier, Vincent J.	Cook, James P.
Atkins, James R.	Beatty, Oscar L.	Boland, Walter Edlund	Brumley, Thomas Clayton	Charbonneau, Francis	Cook, Jr., Dewey B.
Atkinson, Herman	Beavers, Cecil	Bolthouse, Charles G.	Brunke, Earl H.	Chase, Lewis D.	Coombs, Leo S.
Atkinson, Vernon C.	Beck, Charles M.	Bolton, Vencil	Brunsborg, Arnold Norman	Chaudet, Louis P.	Coombs, William Frank
Atwood, Doyle	Beck, John W.	Boltz, Phillip T.	Bryan, Virgil J.	Chavez, Martin C.	Coomes, Ralph S.
Audet, Paul E.	Becker, Eugene J.	Bonanno, Salvatore	Bryant, Edward M.	Chesshir, Kenneth P.	Cooper, Beryl C.
Augustine, Joseph J.	Becker, John J.	Bonasch, Robert W.	Buchsbaum, Louis	Chmielewski, Ramond J.	

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# WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE...

Cooper, Joseph D.	Davidson, William H.	Duncombe, David M.	Farmer, Edward	Fritz, Jack	Gray, Jay O.
Cooper, Jr., D.G. "Bud"	Davis, Elwood B.	Dunlap, Jr., Fred M.	Farmer, Jack D.	Froelich, James S.	Green, Sam B.
Coopet, Joseph L.	Davis, Jack	Dunn, Richard J.	Farmer, John M.	Fuemmeler, Clarence J.	Greenberg, Abraham I.
Corbiere, Ovilla Stanley	Davis, Jerald Adams	Dunne, William G.	Farnsworth, Dexter B.	Gabriel, Frank E.	Greene, Norbert
Corcoran, Joseph W.	Davis, John H.	Durbin, Francis	Farrell, William A.	Gabriel, Stanley W.	Greene, Richard G.
Core, Orville Benjamin	DeBrocke, Walter R.	Durtschi, William John	Faughn, Joseph F.	Gagne, George H.	Gregorie, Robert K.
Cornett, Earl M.	Decker, Gerald A.	Dutra, Edwin V.	Fay, Andrew F.	Gagnon, Glen S.	Gresh, Stephen J.
Corrigan, James E.	Dee, Jr., Robert H.	Dutrow, Gordon P.	Fedder, Gordon E. "Gene"	Gailey, Samuel Allen	Griffin, Donald E.
Corry, Fr. George	DeGuissepe, Amedeo Gerald	Duvall, Rev. James T.	Feinman, Gilbert	Gallardo, Octavus	Griffin, Richard Arthur "Pop"
Corsuti, Anthony	"Gerry"	(Protestant Chaplain)	Fellows, Charles E.	Galloway, Robert C.	Griffo, Arthur J.
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Cosens, Loren A.	Delbart, Raymond S.	Dwyer, Jr., William J.	Ferguson, Reginald C.	Ganz, William	Grossman, M.
Costanzo, William H.	Delcamp, Clarence E.	Earley, Robert J.	Fernandez, Frank	Gardipee, Francis J.	Grothues, Alphonse
Cote, Arthur	DeLorey, William J.	Ebbeson, Dr. E. Dalton	Ferrante, William J.	Gardner, Raymond A.	Gruber, Fred N.
Coupart, Bernard	Delorier, Joseph G.	Eberhart, Jay J.	Ferris, Garwood	Garland, Jack S.	Gruber, Robert V.
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Courtenay, Gordon T.	Delph, Clarence	Echevarria, Jose M.	Fick, Herbert A.	Gary, B.	Guice Jr., Thomas L.
Coville, Paul A.	Demander, John L.	Eck, Harold	Fields, Jerome G.	Gasbarro, John J.	Guild, Herbert D.
Cowen, Harry R.	Derderian, Charles	Eckstein, Julius C.	Figueira, Arthur L.	Gates, Robert N.	Gulledge, Thomas G.
Cowley, Jr., John J.	Desh, Herb	Edgell, Harry	Finn, Edward J.	Gaulke, Gerald G.	Gulyas, Theodore S.
Cox, Howard W.	Devan, Samuel	Edgington, Gilbert	Fischer, James N.	Gaynor, John L.	Gurney, Jr., Julius
Cox, Merle C.	Devaney, Francis P.	Edick, Charles Kenneth	Fischer, Llewellyn Lee	Geddes, Gordon G.	Gustafson, Leonard A.
Cox, Norman	Devlin, Steve P.	Edmondson, Georgie G.	Fishbeck, Frank G.	Gehris, Sidney H.	Gustaves, Selmar
Cox, Paul E.	Dexter, Robert L.	Edwards, John H.	Fisher Jr., Clarence	Gelwicks, Frank I.	Guy, Chester L.
Coxey, John T.	Dezan, Burton H.	Ehil, Edward	Fisher, Kenneth F.	Gerber, Thomas W.	Haakenson, Selmer K.
Cranston, Jr., Lyman N.	Dick, Russell O.	Ehret, Clarence	Fisher, Wilbur G. "Bill"	Gergenti, Leonard J.	Hadjes, Willard
Craver, Robert W.	Dickhart, Clarence D.	Eichman, Eugene M.	Fleckenstein, Norbert J.	Gerle, John L.	Hafer, George C.
Crawford, Paul F.	Dierolf, Claude E.	Eiselle, Francis C.	Fleming, Horace	Gerloff, Harry E.	Hagedorn, Forrest L. "Hank"
Creech, Warren	DiGeorgio, Jack C.	Elderkin, Jr., James K.	Fletcher, Maurice C.	Gerlt, Larry E.	Hager, Herman L.
Crenshaw, Billy W.	Dimich, Peter M.	Ellzey, Mark J.	Fletcher, Richard E.	Gerrain, Peter	Haight, David E.
Cridland, William C.	Dimino, Charles A.	Elmore, William Hughes	Flickinger, Charles R.	Giardano, Joe	Hakomaki, Floyd
Crocker, Lawrence F.	Dionne, Simeon A.	Elsrod, Orville William	Flipse, David	Gibb, Robert B.	Hale, Robert D.
Cron, Robert G.	Dippel, Francis W.	Elton, Leroy	Flood, George M.	Gibbons, Marion H.	Haley, John T.
Cronk, Robert N.	Dixon, Gerald E. "Dick"	Elwell, Ellis B.	Florin, Henry	Gibeau, Raymond C.	Hall, Joseph F.
Cross, Albert B.	Dixon, Roger E.	Elwood, Kenneth C.	Floyd, Jr., Arch C.	Gibson, Charles F.	Hall, Ralph
Crouch, James Cletus	Dobie, Richard	Emmons, James W.	Flynt, Harold Lewis	Gillenwater, Joseph A.	Hall, Richard Harding
Crowder, Rod J.	Doerfler, David J.	Engard, Robert	Folger, Robert A.	Gillis, Jr., W. Bruce	Hall, Walter W.
Cubranich, Julius P.	Doerstler, Wayne	Engel, William E.	Fong, Jimmie W.	Ginsburg, Joseph	Hall, Jr., Howard Jefferson
Cucco, Joseph F.	Doherty, John H.	Engle, George W. "Bill"	Foraker, Kenneth H.	Giordano, Joe	Hallberg, Charles T.
Cullinan, Stephen P.	Doles, Robert F.	Ensign, Col. Lewis P.	Forsyth, George W.	Giuliano, Pete	Haller, John A. "Jack"
Cummings, D. L.	Dollar, James B.	Enzweiler, Walter J.	Foster, Carl F.	Glickman, Barney M.	Ham, Charles King
Cundiff, Donald W.	Domnissey, Aloysius H.	Erickson, Edward H.	Foster, Dean L.	Glissman, Dale F.	Hamacher, Ross L.
Cunningham, Byron B.	Donahue, Clifford E.	Erickson, Mahlon R. "Mac"	Foster, George E.	Gloor, John M.	Hammer, Philip M.
Currie, Warren H.	Donelian, Thomas	Erickson, Paul W.	Foster, James	Godfrey, John	Hammitt, Harold "Bud"
Curtis, Glenn E.	Donovan, George A.	Erickson, Roger	Foster, Maston M.	Godsey, Jr., James H.	Hammill, Frank D.
Cutcher, James L.	Doran, Robert E. "Red"	Erler, Donald J.	Foster, Paul E.	Godwin, John K.	Hammontree, Jack C.
Cyr, Raymond J.	Dorfmeier, Donald D.	Esterbrooks, James H.	Foster, Robert J.	Goldbach, Ernest	Hamor, Jr., William T.
Dacon, Charles H.	Dotson, Robert L.	Evans, Clarence E.	Fowler, Hannibal C.	Goldman, Gilbert	Hampton, Ralph C. "Red"
D'Addio, Phillip P.	Dougherty, Allison L.	Evans, Donald	Franceschini, Gino	Goldsmith, John G.	Hanauer, James
Dailey, Donald H.	Dougherty, Thomas E.	Evans, Harrison A.	Frantz, Landis A.	Gonzales, Benito	Hancock, Leonard J.
Daily, Edwin Bruce	Douglas, Gene L.	Evans, John H.	Frazier, W.R. "Dick"	Gonzales, Federico "Fred"	Hancock, William C.
Dalton, Hal W.	Dover, Harry J.	Evans, William J.	Frazier, Willis E. "Bill"	Gordon, Charles W.	Hancock, Jr., Murdic D.
Dalton, Hollis L.	Dowling, T.	Faas, William E.	Freel, Lawrence A.	Gosse, Earl H.	Hanna, William S.
Daly, William J.	Downing, Robert A.	Faber, Herbert G.	Freeman, Roger W.	Goveia, George	Hansen, Herman J.
Dames, John J.	Drager, Keith N.	Fagelman, Sidney	Freeman, William Noel	Grace, Harold Wayne	Hanson, Martin D.
Darcy, Lawrence	Dreyer, Charles G.	Fahrendthold, Frances L.	French, Ozie	Graff, Stephen J.	Hapgood, Alfred
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## *Ode to a Veteran*

Written by Dorothy Stahlman Ahl  
 In honor of her dad, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Philip Stahlman, B-17 Co-Pilot, 398<sup>th</sup> BG, 601<sup>st</sup> SQ

You left your home and family  
 To face the great unknown.  
 You didn't have your loved ones near  
 You set out on your own.

If you were scared, you didn't say  
 Courage you showed, not fear.  
 For your country you would fight  
 To keep us safe back here.

The rifles fired, the bombs were dropped  
 On enemies near and far.  
 Your life was put up on the line  
 To try and end the war.

And when the war was over  
 You worked to keep the peace.  
 You helped to bring the message to all  
 To make the fighting cease.

Some, like you, flew in airplanes  
 Others marched in the ranks.  
 But no matter how large or small the task,  
 You all deserve our thanks.

You've kept this country safe and free  
 And each night, for you, I pray.  
 You are shown the respect that you deserve  
 On Veteran's and every day.

They say there are no heroes left  
 For us to look up to.  
 But I can tell you they are wrong,  
 My hero, dad, is you!

### **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!**

Just a reminder that  
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 January 2013 and every  
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Please mail your Dues to:

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**The Dalton Crew – 601<sup>st</sup> SQ – February 1944, Rapid City**

Standing Left to Right: 2LT John McAllister- Bombardier, 2LT Philip Stahlman- Co-Pilot, 2LT Hollis Dalton- Pilot, 2LT William J. Schwan- Navigator.  
Kneeling Left to Right: SGT Harold W. Kanable- Ball Turret, SGT Joseph T. Bigda- Waist Gunner, S/SGT Gene Johnson- Radio, SGT Alfred Alves- Waist Gunner, S/SGT Cova P. Baker- Engineer, SGT William K. Durst- Tail Gunner.

# THE FAIRBANKS CREW'S DREAM GIRL

It was a special treat for Timeless Voices interviewer Marilyn Gibb-Rice when she was able to interview the pin-up girl for the E. J. Fairbanks crew of which her brother Joe Hauldren was a member. Ellen Alexander attended the most recent reunion in Philadelphia with her son, brother and sister-in-law and sat in on the interview which will become part of the Timeless Voices project. Ellen donated a war time photo of herself which the crew took with them to Nuthampstead.

Ellen also donated a crew photo (see below) and a letter written to her by her brother's crewmates in Rapid City on April 9, 1944, one month before "Crew 24" was sent overseas to Nuthampstead (The Fairbanks crew was Original Crew number 24 leaving from Rapid City). Following is an excerpt from the letter the boys sent to Ellen:

"Dear Ellen,

...Thanks a million for the picture and I want to say, as well as the rest of the boys, that no matter how long we looked we couldn't have found anyone that would have come up to our expectations as a pin-up girl as well as yourself. I'm not kidding when I say that either. No, we haven't another pin-up girl. Even if we had had to wait twice as long for your picture we would have been just as glad or even more so to get it. We are just sorry that you are married. A girl as pretty as yourself should stay single and let all the boys have a chance to try and make you their wife.

The picture is very good. After the picture came we put it in a frame and I took it all over the barracks showing it to the boys and asking them how they liked my girl. They said I was lying from the beginning for any girl that beautiful wouldn't have anything to do with me. Then I told them the truth.

I'm sending you a crew picture. It's not very good but it's about all we have. We haven't a separate picture of each of us and then I don't think they would be as good as a group picture of the whole gang. Our pilot had a large picture made just like the one I'm sending you. It is much clearer but he was the only one that could get the large ones. You see they are made here on the base and they wouldn't make any for us. Please don't be mad with us and maybe at some later



**Ellen Hauldren Alexander**  
A Beautiful Pin-Up Girl For The Fairbanks Crew

date we will be able to have a larger and better one made even if it is in England or some other far-away-place....

...Gotta sign off now. Will write more later. Please write to us and continue to use the same address until you get another. Just, "Crew 24"



**E. J. Fairbanks Crew**  
**601<sup>st</sup> SQ - Original Crew # 24**

Photo Date: February or March 1944  
Rapid City, ND

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| E. J. Fairbanks,        | Pilot            |
| Gerald L. Skow,         | Co-Pilot         |
| Charles A. Gunn,        | Navigator.       |
| Eddie Hinson, Jr.       | Bombardier       |
| James D. Cagle,         | Engineer         |
| Harry Fuerst,           | Asst. Eng/Gunner |
| Machent Moore, Jr.,     | Radio Operator   |
| Joseph F. Hauldren,     | Ball Turret      |
| Wellington E. Stichter, | Waist Gunner     |
| Daniel J. Conner        | Tail Gunner      |

**CAN YOU MATCH THE NAMES ABOVE TO THE MEN IN THIS PHOTO?**

**If so, please contact:**  
**Geoff Rice**

**Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8HS**  
[crewpictures@398th.org](mailto:crewpictures@398th.org)

# BRIEF - things

The October 2012 issue of FLAK NEWS was a big success! We had an overwhelming positive response from our readership and we are very pleased. We will strive to continue to make it the best Bomb Group newsletter out there, just as it has *always* been. Thank you all for your support... **Jeanne Graham** tells us that organist **Phyllis Rahe**, who contributed many hours to make her wonderful "Toe Tappin' Music" during past reunion dinners, passed away on Oct 1, 2012. She always enjoyed her music, she will be missed... Sorry folks, due to our extensive TAPS list in this issue we are keeping "Brief Things" 'brief' in order to have room to print a few of your letters. And here they are:



"The picture of "How Was It, Well?" in [the October 2012] FLAK NEWS page 9 brought back memories. She was 42-97249 not the number under the picture. She flew 112 missions. We, Paul Wagner's crew, "The Youngest Crew", flew her to Munich Germany on her 111<sup>th</sup> mission."  
**Ellis O'Neal, Gainesville, FL**

*Editor's note: Yes, you are correct Ellis, that IS the serial number... we think 'Kilroy' had something to do with the misprint. Thank you for catching our mistake.*

"Another fine – no even better - publication than last issue's! Thanks so much!... each article was well-chosen and written and I read them with great interest. Very nice format changes! Keep up the excellent work!"  
**Allen Ashworth, SFC, US Army (Retired)**

"You guys do a great job... I am the nephew of SSGT Clement A. Lescale of the 398<sup>th</sup>. He was part of the Lt. W. Wells crew that went down on 8 April 1945. I served 34 years in various components of the USAF. Your newsletter has helped me connect with the memory of a man I never had the honor of meeting (my uncle). I have read and have several books on the history of the 398<sup>th</sup>. One of the things that has amazed me is how much the USAF has changed and how much it's the same. Thanks and God Bless ya."  
**MSGT. Clement A. Lescale, USAF Retired**

## The "AO" at the Sacramento Reunion?!?!?

Get out your pen and paper and write to the EAA to encourage them to have the "Aluminum Overcast" in Sacramento during our 2013 reunion! Sacramento is a scheduled stop for the AO tour and our new reunion chair, Ken Howard, was informed we might be able to encourage the EAA to schedule the stop *during* our reunion, September 4 – 9, 2013.

The last time we had the AO at one of our reunions was when we were at St. Paul. Several of the group took advantage of the opportunity to fly with members of their crew or family. It was one of the highlights of the reunion. It would be great to have that chance again. Please write to George Daubner, EAA Aviation Center, PO Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086, or call 920-379-2245, or e-mail George at [gdaubner@eaa.org](mailto:gdaubner@eaa.org).

**Let's get the Aluminum Overcast to Sacramento!!**

# 398th Bomb Group PX

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## THE BIG DIG!



***The recovery team, L to R: Lee Anne Bradley, Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Peter & Brenda Godfrey, Alistair Forbes, Russ Abbey, Ian James, Harvey Ditchman, Dominic Pike, & Dan Jacobsen on location at Station 131 in Nuthampstead. Photo By Geoff Rice.***

Museum Curator, Russ Abbey, recently managed a planned recovery of items from the old Station 131 airfield. Russ pulled together a number of Museum volunteers and Trustees for the 'Big Dig' on the old airfield last fall. A large number of items were recovered, including some rare 100lb incendiary bomb crates. Other items recovered for the Museum's expanding collection were 'bomb transit plugs', a wartime US fire extinguisher and items from a B-17 crash site. Russ said of the event, "Due to the support of Martin Barker, we were given the rare opportunity to recover items for the Museum's artifact collection. This is especially important if we are to preserve what is left, as the passage of time is beginning to take its toll on the artifacts still buried in and around the old airfield. We now have an opportunity of preserving some of those artifacts for the public to see and enjoy in the new Museum."