

Welcome Aboard our Membership Formation. Here we connect our PAST and FUTURE.

WINTER - 2010

"First B-17's over Berlin" - 1944
**95th Bomb Group
News**

WWII 8th Air Force
Heavy Bomber History

95th BG B-17 "Blondie II"
Tail #42-30182,
has only 5 missions left.

FORTS over FJORDS!

UP HERE - TIME IS SHORTER...

FINAL Draft

remove THIS before printing 14

**ACTION PACKED
ISSUE**

IT'S ALL ABOUT
TEAMWORK
IN FORMATION.



A new Gallagher.

95th Bomb Group (H) Briefs

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"First B-17's over Berlin" 3/4/44



Carley Brackney

Our future will know our past.

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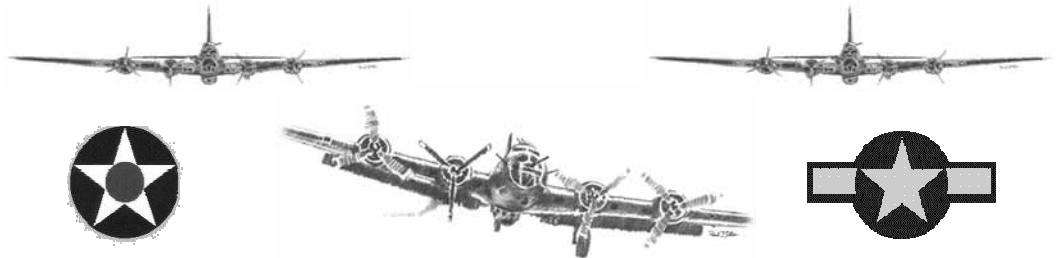
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OUR MISSION- The 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation was created for "the express purpose of overseeing the maintenance and operation of the 95th Bomb Group Association's Memorials."

These include, but are not limited to:

- The Ring of Eight, Horham, England
- Tucson Memorial Room, Pima Air Museum, Arizona
- Dayton Memorial, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- Eighth Air Force Heritage Center, Savannah, Georgia
- Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia
- U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- David T. McKnight Bench, Dayton, Ohio

The mission of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation is to educate the public regarding the history of the 95th Bomb Group and its role in the air campaign over central Europe during World War II, to promote the study and recognition of the total involvement of the air crews and their related support units, and to provide and maintain appropriate recognition of all members of the 95th Bomb Group who gave their lives in the successful effort to preserve freedom as their legacy to future generations.



COVER: In this stunning photographic moment, formation of 95th BG B-17's *flies high* over the frozen Fjords of Norway. Top *plane, BLONDIE II, will be shot down 5 missions later over Emden, Germany, 11th December, 1943.* Thanks Norman Feltwell for this photo.



Janie leads Memorials Event.

95th Bomb Group (H) Notes

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"Last B-17 down in WWII" 5/7/45



Ken Wright & crew tell us.

Notes from Janie

To borrow a phrase from the 1960's, "We've come a long way, baby!"

The "founding father" of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation was the 95th Bomb Group Association. The Association was composed only of 95th veterans and wives were usually the only family members who attended their annual reunions. Fortunately, our veterans had the foresight to envision a future that included the next generation, and beyond. In 1995, the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation lifted off with less than a dozen sons and daughters on board, under the excellent guidance of our seasoned veterans. The following year, President Bob Cozens sent a letter to this small but determined "legacy" contingent which read in part:



"The future of the Foundation is embodied in your willingness to devote your time and effort toward the successful continuation of its mission to educate the public regarding the history of the 95th Bomb Group and its role in the air campaign over central Europe during World War II. I know that it is difficult for the majority of you to take the time away from your family and employment responsibilities to participate. This fact alone makes it doubly meaningful to our generation to recognize that you are willing to make such sacrifices on behalf of our cause. We are most appreciative."

We're 14 years into this mission, and I'm delighted to report that we now number in the hundreds. Not only have we been entrusted with the care and upkeep of our memorials, but also the stories and relationships that enrich the community we call the 95th Family. It's heartwarming to see new faces at our reunions, with more and more of them being the legacy generation's children and grandchildren. The vitality of our organization will eventually lie in their hands, and it is up to us to make sure they are prepared to accept this extraordinary gift. I'll close with these words from our President Emeritus, **Bob Cozens**:



"The years ahead will be challenging as you... make room for the next generation to pick up and carry on the recognition of the contributions that our generation made in an effort to protect the freedom of our nation. We know that you can do it and we expressly thank you most sincerely."

Janie

Janie McKnight—President
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Irv Rothman

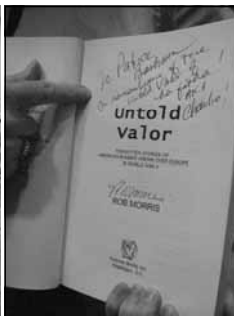
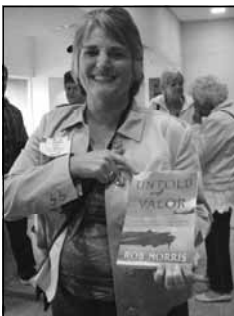
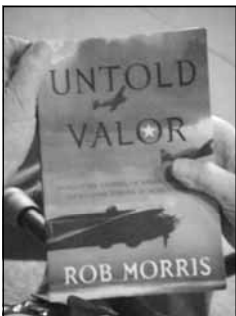
(95th BG Legend) recounts his tale to noted author **Rob Morris** for our exciting "Unit History" book.

Irv's amazing tale includes; being shot out of the sky, surviving a dangerous B-17 bail out, landing, evasion and ultimate capture. Whew, then begins a long stint as a prisoner of war in an enemy Stalag. Yet, through all this, Irv was successful in keeping his Jewish heritage hidden from the Nazi guards.

SO GLAD YOU MADE IT, IRV!



*Original artwork used here is by our own 95th BG artist **Paul Dillon** for Rob's upcoming book, "**Unit History of the 95th Bomb Group (H).**"*



Check out **Rob Morris** other air war books;

*"**UNTOLD VALOR**"*

*"**COMBAT BOMBARDIER**"*

(The story of our **Leonard Herman**.) See links on our website.

LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR YOUR 95TH BG MEMORABILIA? Margaret Blagg and Gerald Grove from our Memorials/Repository Committee are ready to help if you are interested in donating your 95th memorabilia, photographs and artifacts. We are not a collection agency but we have identified several museums (including the Library of Congress, the Red Feather Club in Horham, England, the Mighty Eighth AF Museum in Savannah, GA) which we feel would be appropriate repositories for artifacts from the 95th Bomb Group.

HISTORY is told by what we see and hear. Preserve your VALUABLE ARTIFACTS NOW. Contacts for info.
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PARTICIPATE—have fun with HISTORY!

COME SHARE HISTORY WITH YOUR AMAZING 95th FAMILY !



2010 - A YEAR OF EVENTS!

Fri. 7th May, 2010, 10:00am. "LAST PLANE DOWN" 65th Anniversary, 95th BG Memorial Service Dayton, Ohio, Wright Patterson AFB / US Air Force Museum Memorial Garden. This event is hosted by **Megan & Kevin Brackney** to honor the last B-17 down IN WWII. Megan & Kevin are working with the museum to plan an extraordinary ceremony. The public is invited to attend this special event at this amazing Museum.

Fri. 14th May - Wed. 19th May, 2010—RETURN to HORHAM TOUR. Here is another opportunity to return as a group to our Airbase and the wonderful village of Horham, England. **OPEN DAY is 16th MAY, 2010** Contact Reunion Chair **Brad Petrella** for info. Phone: 440.937.9663, Email: Bradpetrella87@adelphia.net

Wed., 25th August — Sun, 29th, — 2010 ANNUAL REUNION—Washington, DC.

Details are shaping up nicely. We have secured great rates at the Sheraton Hotel. Still working on tour & event plans. Stay tuned for a future "95th News" mailing. Plan to attend as this will be fun.

Our 95th Reunion Hotel will be the **Sheraton National**, overlooking the Pentagon, Air Force Memorial and pretty much all of Washington. Activities & Events begin on Thurs. Aug., 26th. Here we can have "a room with a view". We've secured a fantastic nightly rate of \$95 plus taxes. You can visit the Sheraton website to see more. They've provided us with an online booking link if you want to start planning now. <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/95group>



Thurs. November 11, 2010—11am—Veterans Day. Please honor our veterans

at this time, on this day wherever you are. Historically, this moment was selected to end World War I so everyone knew **when** to stop fighting. Sadly, wars keep happening. It was expanded to be the day and time we honor all our veterans from all wars. Just take a quiet moment at 11am and give thanks for the sacrifice our men and women have given of their lives and time toward defending the Freedom we live with today.

So wherever you are on **11-11-10 at 11:00am**, reverently thank all Vets for their service to us.

WE'VE BEEN INVITED.... (To what could be the first "unofficial" **gathering of the 13th Combat Wing**)

The 8th Air Force Historical Society will be hosting veterans and their guests at the **Willow Run Air Show**, located just outside Detroit, **September 5 thru 8, 2010**. Air Show organizers are expecting 8 to 10 B-17's to attend, 2 B-24's, and the usual cadre of other WW-II aircraft. (NOTE: Detroit is also a Non-stop flight from several airports). Attendees registered with the 8th AFHS and staying at our hotel will have preferential (back door) bus transportation to and from the event with delivery to a private tented seating and viewing area at center stage. Admission includes lunch & dinner Saturday, a symposium Saturday night, as well as lunch again on Sunday. Optional tours available Friday and Sunday for those who only want to attend the Air Show Saturday. Full information can be found at www.8thAFHS.org or contact: **George Hoidra** 8th AF Historical Society. 6504 Old Sandy Spring Road. Laurel, MD 20707-2954 Ph: 301-953-2813

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RETURN TO HORHAM 2010 - OVERVIEW 'n SCHEDULE

We're off again to Horham, England, May 14-19, 2010

The tour will be limited to a maximum of 45 people and will predominantly focus on the Red Feather Club and the surrounding area. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED RESERVATIONS. If there are more respondents than the 45 limit, they will have to make their own accommodations, transportation and travel.>>>The Horham Host Committee recommends that travelers stay with local host families. For those who wish to stay in a hotel, there are a small number of rooms available at a hotel in Framlingham that the committee has arranged. Breakfast and shuttle transportation to and from the day's activities are included in the cost of the hotel stay.>>>Bus DEPARTS from the Premier Hotel Parking Lot at 11AM Friday May 14. Arrive at least the evening before in order to acclimate to the time change. Everyone must make their own Heathrow Airport Premier Hotel accommodations by contacting our group's hotel directly by telephone or online (see registration form). Buses return to Heathrow before 6PM Wednesday May 18.>>>Fill out and return the registration form with full payment drawn to the order of **95th BG Mem Fdn**, and sent to **Grace Hammesfahr, PO Box 71, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0071**. Update us with your flight info as it becomes available.>>>Our cancellation policy: Any medically necessary or extenuating circumstance cancellation is fully refundable up to 1 week prior to the trip. Airline and hotel arrangements are subject to their respective rules of cancellation. You are responsible to make these changes.>>>Check our website: www.95thbg.org for latest updates.

Call or email these committee members according to your time zone.

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RETURN to HORHAM - 2010

ABBREVIATED ITINERARY (Check website for full particulars/or call committee member)

Friday	May 14	Mattingly USAF Cemetery Horham Community Center Red Feather Club Reception:
Saturday	May 15	Redlingfield Memorial Red Feather Club 1940s Dance at Red Feather Club
Sunday	May 16	Grand Open House at Red Feather Club Church Service, St. Mary's, Horham
Monday	May 17	Full day excursion to Suffolk Coast
Tuesday	May 18	Thorpe Abbotts Museum (100 th) Parham Museum (390 th) Pig Roast & Buffet at Red Feather Club
Wednesday	May 19	Depart for Hendon Air Museum & Heathrow
Tour with Home stay (per person)		\$ 350.00
Tour /w Hotel Option (per person dbl occupancy)		\$ 740.00
Tour /w Hotel Option (per person single ")		\$1,000.00



Brad plans great tours.



Full itinerary and registration forms on website. If you have no Internet connection, call your Committee member, indicate your interest and forms will be sent to you.

Notes to you from your Reunion Chairman: Brad Petrella

2009 was a great year for Reunions and Events. The 95th invaded **Horham**, UK once again in May with over 100 members and Vets making the journey. We outdid ourselves this fall with over 175 members and Vets attending our reunion in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, October 7-11. We enjoyed just about everything Texas had to offer - trips to the Fort Worth Stockyards, the US Bureau of Printing & Engraving, the State Fair of Texas (with a special tribute to our Vets from the USMC Drum & Bugle Corps arranged by our own **Major Vanna Walker**) and the piece de resistance of the reunion: the **Vintage Flying Museum Hangar Dance** where we were the guests of honor for the evening among more than 700 swing music dance fans. We extend a special thanks to the entire staff of the beautiful Marriott Solana for their tremendous hospitality to the 95th BG and to all the organizations and people who helped make our trip so enjoyable.



FRANK SHERMAN - UK
w/Drix

Some of the highlights were: our newest programming smash hit - the "95th Bomb Group 101" taught by **Margaret Blagg & Gerald Grove**, who knew????; the Red Feather Club hosted each night by the Rothman crew (**Irv, Nina, Gary & Peggy**); the annual POW/MIA Memorial Service officiated by our own Nina Rothman; the evening dinners where we were serenaded one evening by pianist Aileen Hummel and next by an award winning Western singer, Devon Dawson and her troupe of Texas Outlaws; a preview of a documentary film "On the Wings of a Mighty Fortress" from members **Mark Werkema & Jim Koehn** about the crew of the 95th own "Easy Going"; and the grand finale - our evening Fireside Chat, where our Vets shared memorable stories from WWII.



Onward to Washington, D.C. - August, 2010

(WWII Monument)



BJ & Harry Hull as Dudes.

95th Bomb Group (H) MORE

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Paul "Son of Red" & Red Dillon



I was visiting with dad, my hero, **EARL W. EGAN** who is now 87 years old. He proudly showed me the news letter from the 95th Bomb Group. I asked him to detail that time of his life for me, and here is what he said. He was in the 8th Air Force, 3rd Division, 13th Wing, 95th Bomb Group. He proudly flew "Shoo Shoo Baby". On his 3rd mission over Berlin he froze his feet because his heated flight suit failed. He was flying in the position of the ball turret at that time, and he was 6 foot tall if you can imagine. While in the hospital the crew's tail gunner, **Gussett** was killed. Upon his release from the hospital he assumed the tail position. Dad's crew consisted of **BRUCE D. HENDERSON** as Pilot, **WALPOLE** as Co-Pilot, **ANDERSON** as Navigator, **MURRAY KIRSHMAN** as Bombardier, **MAX LIPHITZ** as Top Turret, **JOHNSON** as Top Turret, **JABLONSKI** as Waist Gunner, **EARL W. EGAN** as Ball Turret and Tail Gunner. When **MAX LIPSHITZ** was killed in a ground

accident his position was taken over by **JOHNSON**. There was another Waist Gunner but he couldn't remember his name. As I said, "Dad, it's so impressive you could list those names and positions," and he said, "there are just some people you don't forget when you spend that kind of time with them." My dad flew 33 missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 4 clusters. If any of the men that flew with Earl W. Egan on "Shoo Shoo Baby" are still alive please feel free to call him as he is living in Mesa, AZ and his number is 480.641.9773 I know he'd love to hear from any of his "buddies"

I want to thank my dad for instilling in me patriotism. It is because of what he taught me I was able to pass that along to my son who is now serving our country as a B-52 pilot following in his Papa's footsteps. My dad later flew the B-36 and was in a crash when his plane hit a mountain in Goose Bay Labrador, and he was one of the lucky ones that lived to tell that story also. "PPS (Dad) said to add that his crew's favorite thing to look forward to was when Bert's pub got their rations of beer in, they were the first to enjoy the spirits!!!" Thank you all, **Karen Pommer**— Earl's Daughter



Shoo Shoo Baby at USAF Dayton Museum.

HORHAM TOUR REFLECTIONS "This past year we spent time (traveling).... However, the week we spent in the tiny hamlet of Horham was most memorable. Horham is perched in the tranquil English countryside of East Anglia where once the mighty 8th AF roared. In the merry month of May, 20 or so octogenarians gathered with kith and kin to attend a 95th BG reunion. There they were welcomed into the hearths, hearts and homes of the townsfolk. We were wine, dined, housed and bused around and about the beautiful rural countryside from manor to castle to palace and three former bomber bases circa 1942-45. What the local citizenry did to convert the derelict air bases into living museums is nothing short of amazing. So, what was special about this week of May '09? Was it the conviviality? The intoxication of the countryside?



Herb waves.

The nostalgia of a time long ago? Whatever it was, we'll be back."



Herb's Plane



Bob Capen & Adam Hinjohs

Saluting all our MISSING MEN.

95th Bomb Group (H) RESEARCH

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LAPTOP RESEARCH in the Lobby



WHO IS THESE? Our researcher Helynn wants to know the story behind this interesting picture. Perhaps Horham Ground Crews? Do you know? Please tell Helynn. Her contact info is to the right. For a closer look at the "unknown" photos view see pages 15,16,19.

QUESTIONS or INFORMATION ASK OUR RESEARCHERS

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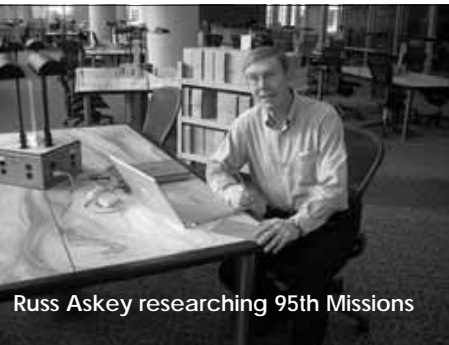
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"HEAVY DATE" is a popular painting showing Right Waist Gunner **Ray Perry's** plane returning from combat to our Horham airbase,

Texas Governor **RICK PERRY** could not be present at the reunion in Dallas. He did send a note of welcome which was read at the General meeting. The Governor is the son of **Ray Perry**, a lifetime member of our organization.

"A recent trip by 95th Bomb Group researchers to the **National Archives** to scan mission files confirmed that 8th Air Force Combat Camera Unit cameraman George Howell flew with 95th Bomb Group crews on both the Regensburg, and first **Russia Shuttle Missions**. Film reels from these missions are in the Archives. How much of the film on these reels came from 95th Bomb Group **"Camera Ships"** is unknown. Anyone who has additional information or stories about combat cameramen flying with the 95th, or who has seen any of the films of the Shuttle Missions please contact researcher **Russ Askey**. Thanks!"



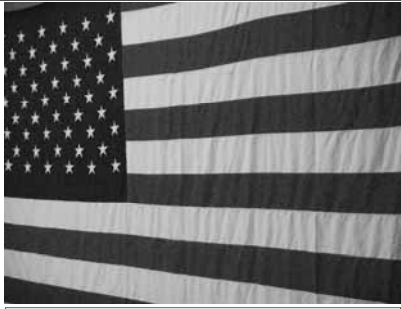
Russ Askey researching 95th Missions



Actual Mission Report

It is an important process to scan our thousands of mission reports. Volunteers needed, contact Russ.





"OLD GLORY."

95th Bomb Group (H) REUNE TEXAS

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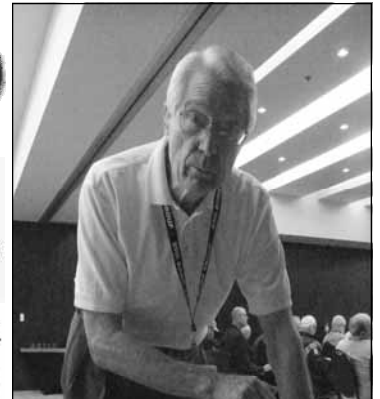
Bob Pieper & Russ Askey



Alan UK Johnson



Dallas Reunion - October 2009



Bertram Wow's



Cheers Russ



PEGGY flashes Tom



UK Kowboys



Mangan Parachute Ouch!



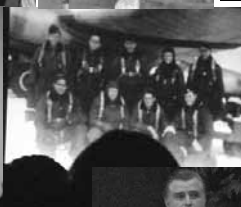
STARRING DOTIE



BettyLou, Bob, Dub



Vanna presents Dad's Bag.



Mark Werkema's 95th BG movie preview .



Megan & Kevin Brackney

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Keith Murray



Betty Grable?



Philip Mutton—Rob Morris



Jackie DeHart



Our Wild Texas Hawk Klan



Charlie Gallagher



GREAT TEXAS REUNION 2010

You can SEE THE FUN! Stories, talks, tours, walks—it was a great time for new and old. Brad's Texas cowboy themed meal, B-17 Hangar Dance, photo sharing, researching history first hand...



Nicholas—Brad—Gail Petrella



Stewart McConnell & Crew



Gerald & Jeremy Grove



Co de Swart, Researcher

95th Bomb Group (H) WAR STORIES

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Jim A. & Bill B.



Marty Minnich, CoPilot

"Co" (Jacobus) de Swart, our Danish Researcher friend, has researched the crash and follow-up of **Walter Baker Crew's** B-17 "**Our Bay Bee.**" Lt. Col. **Henry P. Sarnow**, while flying on his eleventh mission, was shot down over German occupied Belgium during a daytime bombing mission. The plane, "**Our Bay-Bee,**" lost engine power after being hit by ground anti-aircraft fire on the morning of August 17, 1943. Dropping helplessly out of



Kraft, Fighter Pilot

formation, their plane became an easy target for the German fighter planes. Two German fighters attacked and quickly set **Our Bay-Bee** on fire. The pilot gave the order to bail out! All ten of the crewman made it out of the burning aircraft and parachuted to the ground, seven were quickly captured by German troops. Henry and the badly burned copilot, **Marty Minnich**, hid in a canal for nine hours, while German patrols for the downed flyers. The heroic local people of the **Belgium Underground** risked, and gave, their lives during two fearful months to smuggle these two fliers to their airbase. Co's amazing research includes interviews and photos of the brave Belgium underground from yesterday and today including records, photos, appearance on TV and even interviews with the German fighter pilots who shot down "Our Bay Bee" in '43. We'll post on our website. For more info Email: Co de Swart jdeswart@orange.nl



"I've Got A Secret" 1952

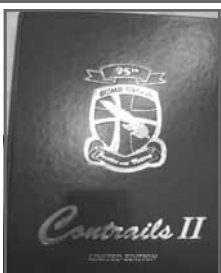


Haunting self portrait.

Can you see the wide eyes of combat on this masked airman ?

More info re: last issue Theo Dillenberger's 95th BG-book "IMPACT" Contact: Theo Dillenberger - Neustr. 4 - 56348 Weisel - Germany Phone: 0049-6774-520 Email: claiss@t-online.de LINK: www.lulu.com/content/paperback-book/impact/4427153





95th Bomb Group (H) CONTRAILS II

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CONTRAILS I & II



95th BG Headquarters



Leo Makelky stopped by to donate a copy of **Contrails II** to the Dakota Territory Air Museum in Minot, North Dakota.



CONTRAILS II is our popular pictorial history of the 95th BG. A few copies are still available from our PX.

LEGACY in PRINT

First **Contrails I** (master) was destroyed on it's way to the printer in a B-17 crash in 1945. **Contrails II** is a re-creation and update produced by **Dub Vandegriff & team**. It is an incredible photo history of the 95th BG. It's great when people donate a copy of **CONTRAILS II** to a local library or museum for future generations to learn history.

Mary Jane Lippert presents **CONTRAILS II** to library officials and State representatives at the Veterans Museum Research Library in Kenosha, WI. Hooray M.J.!



HI GRACE,
AN INTERESTING NOTE, I THINK!!! AFTER ALL THIS TIME OF LOOKING THRU CONTRAILS II, I DISCOVERED MY PICTURE. IT IS IN THE FLYING CONTROL SECTION ON PAGE LISTED AS TAKE OFF.
I AM HOLDING SIGNAL LIGHT USED TO CLEAR PLANES FOR TAKE OFF. I WAS AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER. ALSO DID SOME WORK IN THE CONTROL TOWER. INTERESTING WORK.HARD TO BELIEVE I WAS EVER THAT YOUNG.REALLY ENJOYED PICTURES IN HERITAGE ASSOC. NEWSLETTER. - HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU..TOM ELIASON

GRACE maintains the ROSTER.
ADDRESS CHANGES, UPDATES,
MEMBERSHIPS, DUES,
DECEASED, DONATIONS
WIDOW LEAGUE, GIFTS, the PX
Not sure - contact her!

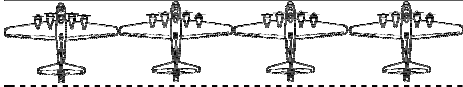
95th Bomb Group (H) Grace Notes

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Grace & Russ, Grace & Nancy



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I'm delighted to report that Jackie DeHart has taken over as chairperson of the "Widows League". Thanks Jackie!!!!

LAST CHANCE If I have not heard from you in some time, presume you will be placed on the inactive list and will no longer receive mailings from us, until I hear from you again.

Dues statements (\$25.00 for the year) will be going out shortly. If you'd care to send dues and/or donations in early, it will be appreciated. (Will also save postage.) The Treasury needs replenishment.

We sent a contribution to the **Horham Heritage Association**, bought new flags and paid for part of the Unit History in 2009. Balance in the checking account at the end of year was \$5000. Lowest it's been since my appointment in 2001.

There are still a few bricks available at the **Dayton Memorial**. Memorialize your 95th veteran by having his name inscribed on a brick at Pima. The cost is \$75.00.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS since last Newsletter.

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Ore Mt. Air Battle	Museum	Czech.	www.museum119.cz
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Neill	Carol	MA	
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Memorial Contributions

In Loving Memory of our friends...

Allman, Russell P.	Mathews, Valgene
Aslagson, Harry	McGuire, John
Bingert, George	McKnight, Dave & Grace
Blagg, Joe	McMurtry, Robert P.
Brudnak, Sr., George A.	Metheny, David B.
Feingold, Louis	Morris, Lester W.
Felix, Sr., Charles E.	Nairn, R. E. (Lefty)
Griffin, Hiram	Olsen, Raymond
Hansell, Robert	Paulson, Donald T.
Hapner, Francis (Hap)	Pharazyn, Philip H.
Heard, Sr., James H.	Pierce, Francis X.
Henrietta, James V.	Powers, Hal
Johnston, Donald M.	Reynolds, Paul J.
Larnard, William	Roberts, Donald Petroske
LeCorchick, Edwin	Robinson, Richard E (Robby).
Liston, Gary David	Siefker, John S.
Maclay, John C.	Thornhill, Harold Edw.
Mangan, Kenneth	Vasquez, Guillermo (Bill)

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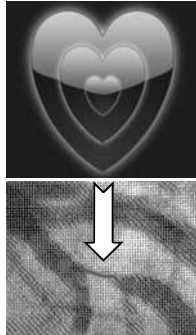
"Last B-17 down in WWII" 5/7/45



Drix at Thorpe Abbotts Tower

HEART to HEARTS

I dodged a heart attack by just 5%.
My Heartery (see pix) was 95%
clogged. Yikes! I now have a stent
to hold it open. And while it's open,
I want to thank everyone for their
notes, nods, hugs & prayers. My
heart beats right here with the 95th!



Yes, that riveting
pix of me was
reflected in the
shiny body of B-17
"Chucky" at the
TX Hangar Dance.

Wanna' help the 95th online?

We need a few more crew to help us
keep our cybers in synch. Got Net? Want
to help us run our Forums, Tweet our Twit-
ter & keep our online fresh? Volunteers
needed. Know Database speak? We can
use your knowledge too. Contact me and
we'll go from there. Thanx, DRiX.

PURPOSE OF THE WEB SITE

This web site is to honor the heroic endeavors of the men
of the 95th Bomb Group during World War II. We do this by:

- ▶ Being an historical reference and research tool for people interested in the aerial conflict during World War II and individuals of the 95th
- ▶ Providing up to date information on activities and events relating to the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation
- ▶ Being a central location for relevant news pertaining to 95th Bomb Group members, both veterans and legacy.

THE NEWSLETTER

Several times a year, members of the 95th
Bomb Group Memorials Foundation are
treated to a giant newsletter, brimming
with photos, reunion news, information and
queries from our research team, notes from
our English friends, and updates on our be-
loved veterans who have left the formation.
All this is lovingly assembled by our own
quirky newsletter editor, Drix, who adds his
unique flavor to the contents. *(Thanx Janie!)*



Go Getter - crew. U know them?



Rare 2006 UK 50 pence with
a wounded brother in arms.

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Memorials Foundation is a
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The MISSING MAN ceremony..

95th Bomb Group (H) WIDOW LEAGUE

Memorials of: Stone-Bronze-Paper-Data

"First B-17's over Berlin" 3/4/44



Jackie DeHart has graciously volunteered to be the head honcho of the *Widow League*. She sent Christmas cards to all the widows and got some wonderful responses. Here is one of the best from **Ruthmary Griparis**:

Dear Jackie: Thank you for the Christmas Card you sent me indicating that we were not forgotten by the 95th BG Memorials Foundation. My husband flew 35 missions over Nazi Germany as a bombardier. He flew with **Warren G. Helm**. As a teenager in my last year at school, I came home from Plainfield High School one day and my Mom said, "You have 2 messages from Andy". Andy had finished his 30th run and he was one of the four who made it back. Warren Helm's father & mother jumped out of their bed and got down on their knees to pray for their safety. Warren & Andrew flew 35 missions over Nazi Germany and they were the 2 who made it home. I came home from school and my Mom said "Look on top of the refrigerator. You have a message." My sweetheart said in his message, "Sweetheart, I'm coming home".



Ted DeHart



Sweet Jackie DeHart has her Ted's love with her always.



Ann Cook points to Dad

Dad is Mac Makarewicz



Mae Kerlac speaks at Ladies Breakfast.



Chuck & Chuck Hill



Unknown Crew-16



Please carry on you: WIDOWS—DAUGHTERS—SONS—FRIENDS—FANS



Bob Cozens

95th Bomb Group (H)

REPORTS

Our Greatest Memorial is You!

"Last B-17 down in WWII" 5/7/45



Bob Cozens' crew

Date: September 12, 2009
 To: Board of Directors -95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation, Inc.
 From: Bob Cozens
 Subject: President Emeritus' Report

As requested I offer the following as a report from the President Emeritus:
 As I look back over the years since the Foundation was established I do so with a feeling of nostalgia, followed by a feeling of remorse realizing that this will be the first annual meeting of the Foundation in which I will not be in attendance.

It was some twenty years ago when, at the request of **Dave McKnight**, I traveled to Tucson to meet **Joe Moller** for a personalized tour of the 390th Memorial Museum to discuss the desirability of including a "95th Bomb Group Memorial Room in the then proposed expansion of the Museum.

I left there not only convinced that the 95th should do everything possible to accomplish that goal, but also convinced that the 95th Bomb Group Association should give serious consideration to the formation of a 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation.

Sometime thereafter, association president **Grif Mumford** asked that I chair a committee to study the pros and cons of establishing a 95th Foundation. I submitted a positive report to the Association at the Spokane meeting in 1994 which was approved and an interim committee was established to undertake the formation of the Foundation.

The final steps were taken at the 1995 meeting in San Antonio where the formation of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation, Inc. was completed. In preparation thereof I had earlier asked **Nancy (McKnight) Smith** to seek attendance of veteran's children. I don't recall how many were in attendance, perhaps ten or twelve, but I do remember how enthusiastic they seemed to be. It was there where the term "legacy committee" was introduced.

There was a small contingent of Legacy Committee participants at the 1996 meeting in Savannah. In a letter to each of those attendees I included two paragraphs as follows:

"The future of the Foundation is embodied in your willingness to devote your time and effort toward the successful continuation of its mission to educate the public regarding the history of the 95th Bomb Group and its role in the air campaign over central Europe during World War II.

I know that it is difficult for the majority of you to take the time away from your family and employment responsibilities to participate. This fact alone makes it doubly meaningful to our generation to recognize that you are willing to make such sacrifices on behalf of our cause. We are most appreciative."

As you may recall it was only a few short years later when **Nancy Smith** and **Margaret Blagg** were elected co-presidents of the Foundation. Today the Board of Directors has a majority of "Legacy" officers and members.

You have done well and are to be commended. We 95th Veterans thank you and wish you well. The years ahead will be challenging as you reach the point of your retirement from the board to make room for the next generation to pick up and carry on the recognition of the contributions that our generation made in an effort to protect the freedom of our nation.

We know that you can do it and we expressly thank you most sincerely.

Bob Cozens



Bob & Pat & Patsy Ann II



Whole Cozens Klan



Briefing in the new Blue Lounge.

Horham Airbase Museums of the 95th Bomb Group (H)

What Remains is History



Blunden's Berlin Mission painting.

=★= 95th BG HORHAM AIRBASE TODAY =★=

CONGRATULATIONS to **JAMES MUTTON**, Chairman of the **95th Bomb Group Heritage Association** in Horham, England, AND honorary member of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation Board of Directors. James was recently honored as a recipient of the Community Achievement Awards 2009 of the Mid Suffolk District Council for his work at the 95th Bomb Group's Red Feather Club. Here's an excerpt from the Program: "James received three nominations for a Community Achievement Award for his tireless work for the Red Feather Club. He is well known locally for his passion for the Club, which provides local residents, tourists and visitors from America an insight into life in the 1940's. The project is



James Mutton



Blue Lounge

also an excellent resource for local schools and further provides a community area for functions. James was at the forefront of the project from sourcing funding to hands-on building! He has provided the community with both a memorial and living community asset. He would probably not wish to take the credit for all he has done but he certainly deserves it."

HORHAM UPDATES—NEWS—NAMES—BRICKS

The **Horham Association** is selling bricks for its wall in the **Blue Lounge** of the **Red Feather Club**. It is NOT necessary to be a veteran to be included here. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to be part of this fabulous enterprise. Bricks are only \$25.00. Checks should be made out to the **95th BG Heritage Association** and mailed to (guess who?) Grace Hammesfahr, PO Box 71, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0071. Buy lots and let's have EVERYONE represented here in Horham.

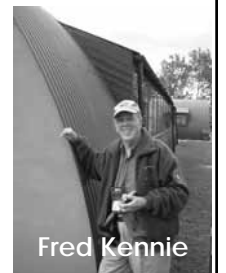


Red Feather Club



Alan Roper's Car

Also, the next project on James & Company's agenda is the **wooden floor** for the Blue Lounge so they can hold 40s dances and other functions to help their fundraising. It really completes the "40's feel." Again, if you are interested in participating, send checks as above (marked accordingly). Plus, if you would like to receive the **Horham Newsletter**, dues are just \$20. So, as **Fred Kennie** would say - (lovingly), "Doesn't she ever stop asking for money?" The answer is NO.



Fred Kennie

Tony & Val Albrow are working hard at the **95th Bombardment Group Base Hospital Museum**. Those of us who visited last year were amazed at what had been accomplished. Inasmuch as this is a personal undertaking on their part, we are unable to channel Foundation funds to them.



More info: tony@albrow.org - www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk



Waving across the Banquet room.

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WHO?

Our Greatest Memorial is You!

"Last B-17 down in WWII" 5/7/45



Mary & Dub Vandegriff wave back.

KNOCK KNOCK - CREW - CREW WHO? Can you help us identify these unknown crew photos. Any clues would help us learn; who they are, who is who & where they were taken. Refer to the photo by caption name and contact researcher **Rod Hupp** with what you do know. It all helps the 95th history. We put some on other pages & website too.



215 Finances Depot



95th BG Band



Unknown Crew - 2



Unknown Crew - 4



Unknown Crew - 12



Unknown Crew - 5



Unknown Crew - 9



Pistol Packin Mama - Crew



Lucky Strike - Crew



Lloyd Krueger has his Horham brick.

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THIS ORDER FORM and WEB SITE info have changed a bit. Please call Kathy H. for particulars and ordering info. 732.295.3250

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95-016



95-031



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95th BG
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 95th BG Artist PAUL DILLON "Son of Red"
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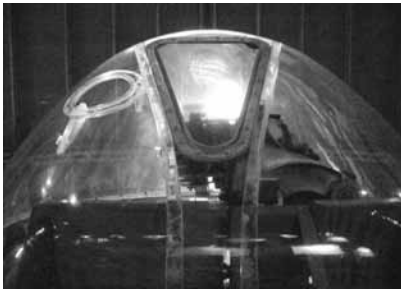
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	95 - 036 - 00P	Book, "Fateful Flight" (Soft cover)	\$14.00	
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	95 - 020 - 000	Poster "Berlin Bessie"	\$6.00	
	95 - 013 - 000	CD - Oral History of the 95thBG	\$25.00	
	95 - 017 - 000	Bumper Sticker - "We flew for you."	\$1.50	
	95 - 012 - 000	Sticker, Window - 95thBG Crest	3 / \$1.00	
	95 - 001 - 000	B-17 Note card Packs - x 10	\$10.00	
	95 - 038 - 000	Note Pads - B-17 (5 per pack)	\$13.00	
	95 - 018 - 000	Lapel Pin - 95th Crest - color	\$10.00	
	95 - 025 - 000	Lapel Pin - B-17 - silver	\$7.50	
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	95 - 010 - 00S	Patch, Small B-17 & 95th BG	\$5.00	
	95 - 010 - 00L	Patch, Large B-17 & 95th BG	\$7.50	
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	95 - 023, Md-XLg	Polo Shirt (Gray) Md	\$28.00	
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	95 - 032, Sm	Polar Fleece (Blue) Half Zip	\$45.00	
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Things change fast with new shirt colors too. Call Kathy for info. (732.295.3250)	Subtotal	
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We won't forget.

Bye Pals of the 95th Bomb Group (H)

We shall miss your company.



Col. Dave

Thank 'em all ...

Russell D. Brainard -
Deceased 10/14/09. Ball Turret Gunner 95th BG. For many years Russ "hyped" Dallas Fort Worth as THE place for a reunion. We finally made it October 7/2009. He wasn't there in person but he WAS there in spirit.



Keep 'em flying, Russ.

Lawrence A. Buchholz.
Deceased 1/15/10. Larry was a B-17 Radio Operator/Gunner for 30 missions. Larry was a great contributor to our online forum. We enjoyed his presence with his wife Pat at reunions.



Larry will be missed...

Albert A. Forrester
Deceased 11/23/09. Navigator/Schwartzberg Crew. He made the trip to Horham a few years ago under his own steam. He was a wonderfully warm-hearted man and "sharp as a tack". We will all miss his open heart and ready humor at our Reunions.



Thanks Al, for lots...

Francis (Hap) Hapner
Deceased 10/11/09. Navigator with 25 missions. He designed and was project manager of the 95th Bomb Group Memorial at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. He and **Mary Hapner** were avid attendees at many reunions.



Again, we say "good bye" to a dear friend of many.



Claude R. Nelon
Deceased 8/30/09. Pilot/"Better Duck" 334th Squadron. He piloted his B-17 on its last combat mission to Oranienburg, Germany. He flew POWs from Lens, Austria, to France and 4 Chow Hound missions dropping food to the Dutch. In 1945 he flew his crew back to Bradley Field, CT, still in the "Better Duck." Claude was a veteran of 3 wars with over 15,000 flying hours.



Claude flies again...

FRANK X PIERCE Francis X. Pierce
Deceased 6/30/09. Navigator-Bombardier, Sam Gunn Crew. Frank was Secretary of the 95th BG Association for many years. Helped immeasurably when a new Treasurer began her duties in 2001. His records were impeccable. Widow, **Agnes**, resides in Warminster, PA. and continues her ties with the Foundation through the "Widow's League."



Thanks Frank.



Hap built this!
Our 95th BG
Dayton, OH
Memorial.

Memorial Foundation,
Enclosed you will find a check in memoriam of Ray Cooperider. He was a Tech Sgt. who worked on maintaining soldier's personal weapons. That job also meant keeping their guns. When engineers gave up on repairing B-17s, Ray would go out to see what he could do to help get the planes back in the air. He would go to his tech machine shop and design and build the tools to make the damaged parts. He received the Bronze Medal for service beyond the call of duty. He passed away on August 31, 1999. I can't believe the loss has gone 10 years. We were married for 58 of those years he lived. Thought this information might interest someone.
Respectfully, Katherine Cooperider

Ray Cooperider made it fly.

LEAVING FORMATION



Deceased reported since last newsletter.

Last Name	First Name	Deceased
Brainard	Russell D.	10/14/2009
Buchholtz	Lawrence A.	1/15/2010
Chamberlin	Thomas	10/14/2009
Clay, Jr. *	Sam A.	8/3/2008
Drahos	Edward M.	10/6/2009
Faunce	Linwood D.	11/1/2009
Forrester	Albert A.	11/23/2009
Gavioli	Robert	7/2/2009
Gerhart *	John K.	1/9/1981
Gracen	Sidney	6/5/2009
Hapner	Francis S.	10/11/2009
Jackson	John William	12/1/2009
Lansberry	Harold O.	06/19/09
Livoti *	Charles (Lennie)	2002
Lytle	Milton	7/26/2009
Malkin	Arnold	9/6/2009
Massinello *	Mike	8/10/1985
Nelon	Claude R.	8/30/2009
O'Neil *	James F.	11/24/1990
Pierce	Francis X.	6/30/2009
Reynolds	Paul	11/13/2009
Seyda *	Joseph H.	12/15/2006
Soisson	Richard H.	7/22/2009

* Reported in 2009

"...and so, we honor ALL, when we honor the **MISSING MAN Flag.**"



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