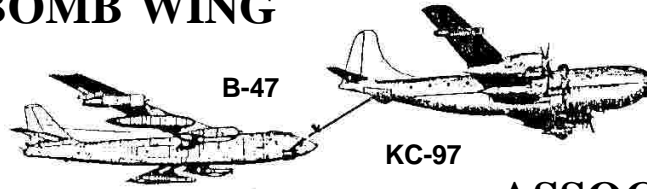


307TH BOMB WING



ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

For all former members of the 307th Bomb Wing at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska

History Book Cancelled

Chairman's Report

I am really sorry to report that the History Book project had to be canceled--not nearly enough biographies. We had about a hundred and ten submitted, and we need something like two fifty to three hundred to make it work. All of you who did submit should have had them returned along with the money submitted. But, while fresh in your mind, please send a copy of your bio and two pictures to our historians for their use in history being collected for future use. At the same time, all of you look about and through your things and send anything you have which could enhance our efforts to collect historical information and artifacts for the compilation of our history. Things we could use are pictures, letters, equipment, orders, mission reports, old newspaper articles, and stories only **you** can tell--write them down for us.

The historians' names and addresses are on Page 2 in the Chairman's Committee List. One more thing, we really could use the help of a couple of aircrew members (pilot and radar/nav volunteers) to help us with the history--to collect, sort, arrange and tell the stories **of the air**--special missions, near misses, stories of bold adventure, moments of fear, bad times, and good times. How about some crew stories which haven't been told? Spin your memory bank, dig out the stories and send them to **Bob** or **Ernie**. Maybe in time we can generate enough to

produce our own history book.

Bud Flanik tells me actions are continuing to enable placement of a 307th Memorial at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Many of you have been generous in your contributions and our fund is growing (see Treasurer's Report, page 5), but as you can see we still need more dollars to put it over the top--our goal is \$4,500. It isn't too early to make plans to do Dayton in June, 1996 and participate in the dedication--PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR. Please complete the enclosed survey to help the committee make plans!

Here are a couple of TIDBITS of information you might find interesting. Don Hesse tells me a B-29 has been reworked, assembled and placed in a big new building (Pima Museum) in Tucson. I think I'll plan a trip to see it for old times sake. Thanks, Don! Also, Don tells me he was flying a cover mission in a B-29 when the surrender documents were being signed on the deck of the *Missouri*, ending the war with Japan. He sent me a copy of the documents with signatures; they are reproduced in this newsletter.

Tony Minnick

You can always tell when you've landed gear up, by the extra power needed to taxi.

Anonymous Aero-Clubber

Wing History News

Ernie Pence, one of the two volunteers to serve as 307th Bomb Wing Historian, says:

This summer I dropped by **Billy Williams'** house for a cup of coffee. We live in different cities and don't get together that often. While I was there, Billy's wife (**Jean**) looked me in the eye and casually mentioned that the Wing needed volunteers for the historian department. All old Air Force people immediately recognize authority when they see it. And having been married for thirty-five years, I am also well schooled in the unspoken language and nuances of eyebrow command, so of course I volunteered on the spot.

So far we have one other person working as an historian. **Bob Loffredo** from Des Moines in on the team. He's an A&E man and a full fledged airplane nut like the rest of us. So we have an A&E man and a Crew Chief. All we need now is a Crew Member to round out the team. Bob and I, being old enlisted people, are by nature, fair minded to a fault; however, if we can't come up with a Crew Member on the staff it may appear that the enlisted people won the Cold War. As we all know, that's pretty close to the truth. We would, nevertheless, appreciate some input from a Crew Member. We'd even accept a staff weeny if he served at least a year on Combat Crew status. If any of you are interested in volunteering, the pay is the same, only the hours are better. Contact **Tony Minnick** at (402) 467-3000, or **E. V. Pence** at (402) 353-5327, or **Bob Loffredo** at (515) 255-2173. (Take note: the "first volunteers" were a crew chief and an A&E man!")

Back In Touch

Former 307th members who have "reappeared" since our last newsletter.

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The 307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC97 Association is a non-profit veterans organization. The Chairman is elected by majority vote of members in attendance at each business meeting. The Chairman's Committee serves at the pleasure of the Chairman.

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Pierre A (Pete) Martineau, 8155 Walnut Fair Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Larry Masters, RFD #1, Box 18B, Raymond, NE 68428.

The 307th Invades Cyberspace



Some members of the 307th have recently hooked up their computers to on-line services, such as America On Line, Compuserve, Prodigy, and Internet. As a result, they now have a convenient

way of exchanging E-mail messages. We are listing below, the members names and E-mail addresses that we know about, but we suspect there are many more of you that we don't know about. How about sending Mike Gingrich a message identifying yourself and your E-mail address, and we'll then publish an expanded listing in the next newsletter?

Vern Biaett. Prodigy: "SGDH46A".

Roger (Bud) Flanik. Internet: "airbud@aol.com". America On Line:

"airbud".

Mike Gingrich. Compuserve: "71336,121". Internet:

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Lee Herridge. Compuserve: "72647,175".

Robert Loffredo. Internet:

"mustang475@aol.com". America On Line: "mustang 475".

...and, for emergency use only:

Bill Clinton

Internet: "president@whitehouse.gov"

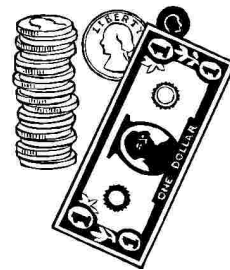
Newt Gingrich

Internet: "georgia6@hr.house.gov"

Donations

Following is a list of members who have made donations to the Association since August 1994. The Association thanks you for these donations which help defer newsletter and administrative costs.

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Carol Cannarozzi
Margaret Duch
Karol Franzysen
Bill Gillespie
Larry Hall
Marv Lundgren
Pete Martineau
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Bernie Randolph
Clayton Robson
Elmer Sensenig
Paul Shepler
Sybil Sholtz
Don Stone
Bill Stringfellow
Hal (Pete) Todd
Richard Westerman



Donations To Memorial Fund

We wish to acknowledge those who have made donations to the 307th Wright-Patterson Memorial fund. The generosity shown in these donations will assure that the spirit of the Wing and its people will be remembered at the Air Force Museum.

John H Allen
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Bill Gillespie
Larry Hall
Marv Lundgren
Al Masserini
William E Miller
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Bernie Randolph
Clayton Robson
Elmer Sensenig
Paul Shepler
Lonnie Shoop
Don Stone
Bill Stringfellow

Out of Touch

The following persons have had recent newsletters returned with no forwarding address:

Helmut P Meining, Lloyd A Petrash, Dale O Rosenett, Ray Ross, Joseph Rossario, Richard Seebach.

If you know where any of these are now located, please let us know.

Editor's Note



You may have noticed that your Newsletter is a bit late this issue. There are a couple of reasons: first, your Newsletter crew is also involved in

planning the Dayton Reunion in 1996. Many arrangements must be made well in advance of the scheduled date. Hence, priority one for Mike has been to get things underway. Because I don't do much until he tells me too, and because an Editor has no work until there is material to edit, a late issue; second, we wanted this issue to include preliminary information about the Reunion. The committee has met twice thus far, which is, by the way, fun because we get to see folks, and enough plans have been made that we have some early information for you in this issue.

I want to call your attention to the article called, "**Spotlight on Members.**" **Meg Chittenden** sent an informative brochure to **Dot Lally**, who sent it along to the Newsletter staff. Also, a member sent in a newspaper clipping about the Lincoln Continentals, so that we could profile **Wally Whitehurst**. We would like to be able to publish a similar article about every member of the Association. You don't have to write a book to be spotlighted. I am certain that there are a myriad of interesting success stories out there, just waiting to be told. Please write something, and send it in. Remember, that if you write it yourself, you will

probably like what it says. If one of your old buddies or friends writes it, there may be something revealed that you would rather keep a secret.

As we've always said, this Newsletter is for you and about you. The more material you send in, the better it can be. Most of the feedback we have had specifically mentions "Member News," as the favorite feature. Let's have some stories about "post-Air Force careers!"

I encourage you to complete the **Interest Questionnaire** included in this issue. We will publish names of those of you who let us know that you are planning to come, or at least thinking about it. Someone out there may be waiting to see if **you** are coming before making a decision about coming as well. Some old time television star always said, "Keep those cards and letters coming, folks." I completely agree. It would even be great to hear from someone who remembers who it was that always said that.

We've Heard From . . .

Paul D. Shepler, who says he would have written sooner, but "because of my 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' outlook, I haven't corresponded." Paul says that after reading a Newsletter, he feels very good about having been a part of the 307th. After leaving the Air Force in 1961, Paul returned home to Michigan to serve an apprenticeship in the tool room of an auto related machine shop. He spent the next 31+ years there, and retired in April, 1993. Paul keeps busy, with wife **Gayle**, living in a one hundred year old farm house. They have two children and three grandchildren. Paul also works in the community, maintaining three cemeteries and the town hall. He concludes, "Seems like a person should never spend much time in a rocking chair."

Ethel and Hale Dodge, who are still

undergoing extensive dental work. Ethel says, "one should be used to snow and cold having lived here in Nebraska some forty years, with a few minor interruptions."

Kenneth E. Smith, who lives in Langley, OK, and who remembers coming to Lincoln from Forbes AFB at Topeka in July, 1954, with twenty-six others. Ken says he is looking forward to the reunion in Dayton, as he expects to see several good friends there. Ken also plans to attend part of the ARS Reunion if it is just a weekend apart.

Bob King, who says that he and **Shirley** are very busy with Eastern Star activities—they've become fund raising experts, specializing in ham dinners. Bob includes a recent Seattle weather profile, which makes it seem a good idea to have been there in June and July. He and Shirley are looking forward to "96."

Pete (and Mona) Martineau, who recalls coming to Lincoln in March 1960, and becoming **Pete Pollard's** co-pilot. He and Mona had two daughters when they arrived, and added two more by September 1962. After leaving Lincoln, they had tours at McCoy, AFIT at Michigan State, then CCK as a C-130 AC, then SAC Hq, Pease, Mather, and finally the Pentagon. Pete worked for the federal government for eleven years, and ended up at McClellan. He retired in 1990. He and Mona have three daughters and two and a half grandchildren nearby in Fair Oaks, California.

Margaret Chittenden, who with husband **Jim** was a co-host in Seattle. "Meg" is a Harlequin Romance writer, with an impressive list of published books. (See article elsewhere in this issue.) In a phone conversation, Margaret mentioned that she is branching out into mystery writing, so look for "*Dying to Sing*."

Newsletter Schedule

The 307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association Newsletter is published for the benefit of all former members of the 307th Bomb Wing of Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. It is expected to be published three times a year.

Issues are scheduled to be published during **January, May, and September of 1995**, and in **January and May of 1996**. The subsequent publication schedule will be determined after the 1996 reunion.

Contributions for publication in the newsletter are requested from all readers. Please mail your contribution to the editor to arrive no later than the calendar month prior to the scheduled publication date. Your contribution of material for this newsletter is essential for its success.

Spotlight on Members

Margaret Chitenden, met Jim at Greenham-Common while he was with the 307th. Originally from England, Meg lives in Ocean Shores, Washington within splashing distance of the Pacific Ocean. Jim, aka "he who walks in front," does quadruple duty as chauffeur, travel guide, research assistant and photographer. Also in residence is Shandy, a feisty but lovable cocker spaniel, and Annie, a mild-mannered calico cat who moonlights (literally) as a mighty hunter. Son Steve is a chiropractor in Tacoma, WA, daughter-in-law Susan works for Tacoma's *News Tribune*, and daughter Sharon is Director of Administration and Human Resources with a computer company in the San Francisco area.

Meg has been writing nine to five, five days a week, for twenty-four years, publishing 100+ short stories and articles in magazines that include *Good Housekeeping*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Boys Life*, and *The Writer*. She has also produced three children's books and twenty-three romance, suspense and mainstream novels. Some of her books deal with reincarnation, magic, or ghosts.

Meg has spoken at writers and readers gatherings in Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, California, Illinois, Nevada and Japan. She is a member of The Pacific Northwest Writers Conference Literary Council and recipient of that group's Achievement Award. This year, she is a nominee for Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. Her books have been reprinted in many foreign countries and have appeared on Waldenbooks and B Dalton's bestseller lists. Meg enjoys reading, beachcombing, canoeing and traveling the world in search of stories.

She is currently working on the first in a new mystery series for Zebra--*Dying to Sing*, which will be released in hardcover to be followed a year later by a paperback version. The stories in the series take place in Northern California and feature Charlie Plato, an amateur female sleuth with an attitude. This is a straight mystery series, by the way, not romantic suspense.

In 1994, Meg spoke at six writers' conferences, including Romance Writers of America's national convention in New York and the Las Vegas Writers' Workshop. She also attended the 307th reunion in Seattle, and hopes to be in Dayton in 1996, if research or other projects don't find her and Jim somewhere else.

Wally Whitehurst, is a member of a local men's club which has:

called Lincoln, (NE) home for almost fifty years;

has donated thousands of dollars to a speech therapy institute in Wichita, KA;

draws near-sellout crowds to the Lied Center every spring;

and, is one of the largest men's singing groups in the state of Nebraska.

The name of this group: *The Lincoln Continentals*--a barbershop chorus. The Continentals were recently asked to sing at a pep rally prior to a Nebraska football game, where thirty-five thousand packed Memorial Stadium to see and hear the Continentals arrangement of the National Anthem.

Wally is president of the Continentals and he, along with other members, recently manned telephones on Nebraska Public Television during a membership fund-raising event and raised over \$12,000.00.

The Continentals recently placed first in a divisional contest in Kansas City, where choruses from a four-state area gathered for the annual convention and competition. This was their fourth consecutive first-place finish.

If Wally is able to come to Dayton in '96, the reunion committee is likely to "request" that he sing for all of us.



The Last Flight

Edythe Blewitt, Rockford IL, 10 Nov 1994.

Lloyd P Buehler, Oak Harbor WA, 15 June 1994.

Jim Buesher, 1987.

Howard E (Hap) Conklin, Wing Vice-Commander, Santa Maria CA, 1994.

Frank A Fish, Fairfield CA, 22 July 1994.

Walden E Fonderhide, Oliverhurst CA, 1 September 1994.

Donald R Owens, Roca NE, 21 June 1993.

Miller A Peeler, Carmichael CA, January 1994.

Olga Richard, Little Rock AR, 1 June 1994.

A Friend

*Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by, and weeks rush on,
and before I know it a year is gone.
And I never see my old friend's face,
For Life is a swift and terrible race.*

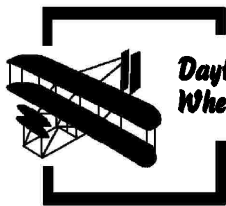
*He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men:
Tired with playing a foolish game,
Tired with trying to make a name.*

*"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes - - and tomorrow goes,
And the distance between us grows and grows.*

*Around the corner! - - yet miles away . . .
"Here's a telegram, Sir . . ."
"Jim died today."
And that's what we get, and deserve in the end;
Around the corner, a vanished friend.*

Charles Hanson Towne

Submitted by George A Davis



**Dayton ...
Where It All Began**

Dayton, home of the Wright Brothers and the site of their innovative bicycle shop, is also the home of much of the leading edge technology of the Twentieth Century. From Huffman Prairie, where Wilbur and Orville strove to improve their flying machines, to McCook Field, where parachutes were first developed for the Air Service, to Wright Field, to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton has blazed the aviation trail. Beyond this aviation heritage, Dayton has also given us the cash register, automotive self starters, the ubiquitous pop-top beverage can, electronic ignition, inertial navigation, full color photo copying and ink jet printers.

Wright-Patterson AFB, the largest Air Force installation in the country, attests to the significance that aviation has always played in this area. It is presently the home to the Air Force Materiel Command, which provides all developmental and logistical support for the Air Force. Aeronautical Systems Center, and its predecessors, have researched and developed all USAF aircraft since World War I. The Air Force Wright Laboratories (Avionics, Flight Dynamics, Propulsion, and Materiel Labs) provide the leading edge technological base for our air superiority.

Wright-Patt also serves as the home of the United States Air Force Museum; a facility considered by many to be the finest aviation museum in the world. How appropriate to schedule a reunion of the finest SAC Bomb Wing in Dayton!

Planning is well underway for the 1996 Dayton Reunion of the 307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association. Reunion activities will start on **Thursday 20 June** and will run through **Sunday 23 June**. The reunion committee has been formed and meets with regularity to plan an interesting, memorable weekend in this Heartland of America location. Your Dayton reunion planners are **Charlie and Peggy Baker, Dick Finke, Bud and Jan Flanik, Mike and Marjean Gingrich, Ray Jones, Glenn and Dot Lally, Jim**

Mann, Paul Navin, Tom Saltsman, and Tom and Eunice Taylor. Mike Gingrich, the stuckee as reunion chairman, has stated that with such a capable committee, that he should have no real work to do...only the fun stuff!

The committee is striving to make this reunion not only exciting, with a variety of activities, but meaningful as well. The centerpiece of our reunion will be the dedication of a 307th Bomb Wing Memorial Bench at the Air Force Museum. **Bud Flanik**, who is serving as coordinator of the memorial project, has an article elsewhere in this issue with details.

The **Holiday Inn I-675 Conference Center and Homewood Suites** has been selected as our reunion headquarters. In proximity to both the AF Museum and WPAFB, the hotel is situated in an excellent location within a new office/shopping park. This hotel has a special program for military reunions, and offers many amenities as a result. Particularly attractive, the committee believes, is that the hotel will offer free airport shuttle service, and free shuttle service to the AF Museum and to a new, nearby upscale shopping mall. Within five minutes walk are several restaurants, book stores, and small shops, as well as numerous offices of aerospace companies serving the Air Force. Immediately across the street is Wright State University, one of the fastest growing institutions in the country. (Wright State achieved national attention a decade ago with Dr Petrofsky's pioneering research of computer con-

trolled nerve stimulation which enabled paraplegics with spinal nerve separations to exercise, bicycle, and walk under their own power.)

The committee is avidly shopping at this time to achieve maximum value for the attendee's reunion dollar. The hotel package seems excellent, and will offer a choice of either the Holiday Inn or the adjacent Homewood Suites, both under Holiday Inn management, with complete reciprocity of guest privileges. The committee is also hard at work on a tiered pricing option at two other adjacent hotels. As in Seattle, where a variety of wonderful activities were enjoyed, transportation to events will be provided for all attendees.

The committee's overall goals are twofold: to provide a memorable weekend in Dayton, and to do so at a price level that will permit all who wish to attend to do so. The final cost will be somewhat dependent upon the number of attendees - "the more the merrier," and to a large extent, "the more the reasonabler." To that end, we have included in this issue a preliminary interest survey, in hope of obtaining a "ball park" figure of how many members **might** attend. Please take the time to complete and return this survey. Please keep in mind that a positive response at this point does not obligate you to attend, nor does a

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Treasurer's Report

As of 1/14/95.

ASSETS:
Beginning balance 8/10/94.....3688.27
Donations since 8/10/94.....345.00
Returned from 1994 Reunion.....597.24
Interest income.....33.26
Total assets.....\$4663.77

EXPENSES:
Newsletter printing.....511.20
Postage.....244.13
Phone.....75.77
Reunion Planning.....42.20
Total expenses.....\$873.30

ENDING BALANCE:.....\$3790.47

WRIGHT-PATTERSON MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE:
(includes \$408.79 donations and interest since 8/10/94.....
.....\$3683.97

By Ethel L Dodge, Treasurer

negative response mean that you cannot attend if your plans should change and you find in fact that you can come.

The committee will choose three names at random from among those who respond to the survey by April first. Each winner will be awarded one night free lodging at the Holiday Inn. Names of the winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

In order to help you in your consideration of the survey, the committee wishes to provide you with the following tentative information.

Wednesday, 19 June:

- Registration opens at 3 PM.

Thursday, 20 June:

- Golf.
- Evening affair at the Air Force Museum, with cocktails, dinner under the wings, open cockpits for viewing and entry, and a possible feature film presentation in the Museum's IMAX theater.

Friday, 21 June:

- Memorial dedication at the Air Force Museum. Special film showing for the 307th in the Museum Theater.
- Possible optional mid-day luncheon/antiquing excursion to the historic Golden Lamb Inn, in Lebanon Ohio.
- River boat dinner cruise and entertainment on the Ohio River in Cincinnati, or a dinner theater excursion.

Saturday, 22 June:

- Association Business Meeting.
- Reunion cocktail party and banquet, with orchestra, dancing and entertainment.

Sunday, 23 June:

- Association Brunch.

As usual, we will have a hospitality room open throughout the reunion as a gathering point for visiting, war story telling and the like, with military memorabilia from Boomerang Publishers expected to be on sale.

The schedule is designed to keep your evenings occupied, and to provide free time during the days for visiting, museum touring, shopping, sight seeing or pursuit of other interests.

Sights to see in Dayton include the Aviation Trail, the National Aviation

Hall of Fame, and the Wright Brothers Memorial...more in future issues. Don't forget Wright-Patt's excellent BX complex.

For your general planning, we expect the approximate Holiday Inn room rate to be \$68 a night, and Homewood Suites to be \$78 a night. We are looking for lower rates at adjacent hotels for the budget minded.

The river boat dinner cruise, or dinner theater, and the possible optional Lebanon lunch/antiquing excursion, are estimated to fall into the \$30 to \$45 per person range. The cost of reunion events has not been finalized yet, but will be comparable to past reunions.

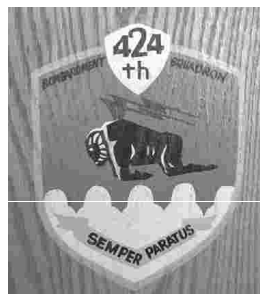
The weather prognosis for Dayton: Historically, mid-June is the best time of year, weather-wise for activities such as our reunion. You can expect sunny days, highs in the mid to upper seventies, with night time lows in the sixties. Humidity will be moderate as compared to July when the thunder boomers start. Also, we have never been blown away by a tornado during June!

So...please complete this issue's reunion survey to help out your reunion planning committee...and your committee will see to it that you enjoy your visit in

Dayton ... Where It All Began...

Urgent

The only 424th Bomb Squadron patch or symbol known to us is that illustrated in the inset picture. This picture was taken

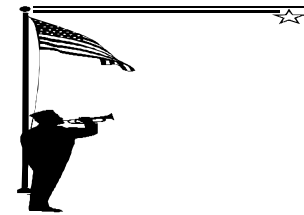


from a wooden plaque belonging to "Red" Lally, a former commander of the 424th. The 424th and ARS patches are notably missing from our Association historical archives, and also were not to be found when the 1990 reunion book was assembled in Lincoln.

We need to borrow both a 424th and an ARS squadron patch to assist with our

design of the AF Museum memorial. If you have either of these patches, please contact Roger (Bud) Flanik at (513) 277-8286. Bud's mailing address is 3207 Zephyr Dr, Dayton, OH 45414.

MUSEUM MEMORIAL UPDATE



After a somewhat fallow period, things are starting to move ahead rapidly with the new USAF Museum Wall

Memorial. In our last report, the museum staff was still awaiting board approval of the wall memorial concept. Board approval was given this past fall and the staff immediately set to work preparing the various bid documents. Bids were accepted and I received word on December 7th that the contract had been awarded to Dodd's Monuments of Xenia, Ohio. Our notification was to see if the 307th BW was still interested in proceeding with a bench and if so, served as a notice for us to resume our planning activities.

We were told that work would begin in mid-December on the memorial base, weather permitting. Otherwise, the project would not start until May 1995. As luck would have it, Dayton set a new winter record for the latest date without any snow and, in fact, we were basking in 50 and 60 degree temperatures in late December. I knew that the memorial would be well under way before we got moving again and that the museum staff would be waiting for our input.

For reasons known only to them, the start of construction was delayed until April 1995 and they expressed gratitude to our organization for our patience during this period. So, we find ourselves right on the timeline. On January 22, 1995, Mr. Robert Bobbitt, Public Affairs Specialist, notified me that our organization paperwork was in order and they

firmly committed one of the three bench sites at the memorial to us. This is what we had anticipated, but it is always nice to have things confirmed.

Upon receipt of this commitment, I again met with the people who will do the work on our bench. The good news here is that we will be using the same company that was awarded the Museum contract for the Memorial Wall. We are assured a quality job by a caring contractor and that our choice of materials will blend with those used in the wall itself. I am extremely satisfied with the professional knowledge they offer our organization and their keen interest in maintaining the highest standards of quality throughout the project.

One of the harder tasks associated with this memorial is deciding on what to say and what to depict on the bench. Both the

museum staff and the monument company have strongly recommended that we keep things simple. I've received several comments from our members and some of them have been tentatively incorporated into our design work. Our next task is to get the "CAMERA READY ARTWORK" completed and receive approval from the monument company and the museum staff.

Based on our latest meeting with the memorial company, our original estimate of cost for this project is holding up fairly well. The company can't give us a final bench cost until we give them the 'CAMERA READY ARTWORK' for etching and engraving costs. It does seem that we can complete the bench memorial for approximately \$3500. The major unknown at this time is the actual cost to the USAF Museum Foundation for siting and future maintenance costs. Their

estimates of cost are being skewed due to ongoing revisions in military policies concerning museum support. There is a trend at the federal level toward ensuring a self sustaining ability for projects similar to this. As a result, I am forced to revise my total cost estimate upwards slightly, but believe that we will be relatively well off when all of the final numbers do come in.

The latest information from Tony Minnick shows that the memorial fund is relatively close to reaching our goal. We are still approximately \$500 short of our objective and I would like to personally thank each of you who have contributed so generously to this point. As I've said in the past, this is a memorial to ALL of

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Tanker's Lament

*On the flight line at Lincoln, on a November morn,
There sat a Boeing all battered and worn;
The Strato Cruiser Tanker is what it is called,
And many a gallon the damn thing has hauled.*

*They sent us to England a few days to stay;
They said the weather was clear every day.
Fifty dash eight and test flying too,
A hundred and one were the minimums that we knew.*

*Its IFR's leaking, the Oleo's flat,
The "form 1" is red lined I'll promise you that,
Un-saftied plugs that fall out of the can,
Runaway props, but we don't give a damn.*

*Two yards on the throttles and the mixture full rich
The prop lights were blinking, replenish the witch,
Ten slow on line speed, the pilot did say;
The torque wasn't there, but we got off OK.*

CHORUS:
*OH! that three seven five, you're lucky that you're still
alive.
With sixty five inches she won't even cruise,
The guys who get in her will certainly lose,
OH! that three seven five.*

*Pull up the gear, rack her up in a turn;
There goes an engine, she's starting to burn,
Engine fire checklist, the AC did wail,
To hell with the checklist, the IP just bailed.*

*We gangbarred that engine and the oil flow did stop,
At thirty-six hundred we sure lost that prop,
It tore off the hub and took out number four;
"No sweat" says the pilot "we've done this before."*

*So we called up the tower, how's the weather we cried;
"A thousand and five," but we knew how they lied.
We turned on the final at one sixty nine,
Then all the inverters went off of the line.*

*Needle ball, alcohol, that's all we had,
We busted two hundred, the viz was real bad;
"Go round" said the tower, "don't make it too slow,
There's a B-forty seven just starting to roll."*

CHORUS:
*OH! that three seven five, you're lucky that you're still
alive.
With sixty five inches she won't even cruise,
The guys who get in her will certainly lose,
OH! that three seven five.*

*To hell with you tower, we can't go around,
So I chopped off the power and started her down;
I pulled on the yoke and rounded out high,
She shuddered and shook, but it wanted to fly.*

*We floated and floated, it wouldn't come down,
The engineer shouted, "let's take her around;"
The five thousand marker went by like a flash,
We stood on the brakes, we were ready to crash.*

*The tires were smoking, the brakes were red hot,
We threw on the air, but the preload was shot;
Slapped full reverse, and we pulled up the gear,
It's class twenty-six, let's go out--get a beer.*

*Stopped down on the runway, looked all round;
The colonel came up, says "she looks pretty sound,
Jack it up, fix it, put'er on the wash rack,
She's flying tonight, she's assigned to SAC."*

CHORUS:
*OH! that three seven five, you're lucky that you're still
alive,
With sixty five inches she won't even cruise;
The guys who get in her will certainly lose,
OH! that three seven five.*

Submitted by Don Fraker

the 307th Bomb Wing members. The small contributions are needed. We want each of you to be a part of this permanent memorial. Your donation is needed to reach our goal. We know that some of our members can't give at this time and that others are willing to make up the difference. No one on our committee has any doubt that this project will be fully funded but we don't want this to turn into a memorial "by the few, for the few." Your contribution is important and we hope that you can all be present at the formal dedication ceremonies planned as part of the 1996 307th Bomb Wing Reunion here in Dayton.

If anyone has any questions, comments and/or suggestions about the memorial bench, please do feel free to call me anytime at 513-277-8285. If I'm out, just leave a message on the answering machine and I'll return the call as quickly as I can.

Bud Flanik

Reunion Committee Profile--Part One

We have a great group of people working to plan the 1996 307th Reunion in Dayton. We want you to know them all. The committee members not profiled in this Newsletter will be included next issue.

Charlie and Peggy Baker are both originally Kentuckians, but they met in Kettering, Ohio, when both turned up at a Sunday afternoon barbecue given by friends. Charlie and Peggy were married after Charlie left the Air Force. He was in OMS at Lincoln for four years.

The Bakers have three children, Travis, who is an Air Conditioning and Heating specialist and lives in Miamisburg, Ohio. Twins, Jason and Joshua, are still high school students, and live at home with mom and dad in Carlisle, Ohio.

In addition to planning reunions and working in the auto industry, Charlie enjoys reading, sports, and gardening. Peggy spends her time sewing, decorating, crocheting, reading and designing flags. We have already enlisted Peggy to

be decorations chief for the reunion activities.

Red and Dot Lally, live in Enon, Ohio, not far from Wright Patterson AFB. Those of us who have seen them off and on over the past two years know that much of their time, and an enormous amount of effort by both of them, has gone into Red's recuperation and rehabilitation following a severe stroke. It is so wonderful to see Red walking, caneless, as the result of his dedication to recovery.

The Lallys grew up in the same neighborhood in St. Paul, Minnesota. After living a block apart for many years, they decided to trade their long friendship for an even longer marriage. It is not difficult to see that marrying your best friend is a very good idea.

Red and Dot have two children, Patrick who works for the State Auditor's Office in Columbus, Ohio. Maureen lives in Olympia, Washington, and is an Administrator for the State Department of Judicial Education. Both Patrick and Maureen are married, and Dot and Red enjoy their grandchildren. When the grandkids aren't around, they enjoy bridge and reading.

Mike and Marjean Gingrich live in Beavercreek, Ohio, just a stone's throw from Wright Patterson, and the site of the hotel selected for the reunion. Mike and Marjean met in Lincoln when Mike was Bob Byrom's co-pilot and Marjean was Pat's babysitter.

Both of the Gingrich children were born at Andrews AFB Medical Center while Mike was with the Air Force Technical Applications Center in Alexandria, Va. Ann is "under-Chef" at a gourmet, Northern Italian restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. Matt is a neo-natal respiratory therapist at Doctor's Hospital, also in Columbus. Mike and Marjean joke that they sent their children to Columbus to attend Ohio State, and Columbus didn't send either child back, nor any of the money they took with them.

Mike works now as a Program Manager for a consulting engineering firm, and Marjean works in the county prosecutor's office as an advocate for victims of crime. Mike enjoys photography, sailing, and his computer. Marjean spends her leisure time reading, and also enjoys cooking and buying more kitchen stuff every

chance she gets. They also have enjoyed having three exchange students from the same family in Madrid. Lolita, the current student, enjoys the reunion committee get-togethers.

Bud and Jan Flanik are fun to have on the committee, although apparently they wouldn't agree with each other about that. Bud's hobbies are "boating, sailing, fishing, golf, travel, and camping." According to Bud, Jan's hobbies are "none of the above."

Bud and Jan live in the City of Dayton. Bud recently retired as the Airport Manager at Cox International Airport in Dayton. Jan is involved in civic activities, serving as editor of their neighborhood association newsletter.

The Flanik's have two children, Jennifer who lives in Chicago and works for U.S. Air. Barry is in Atlanta, Georgia, and according to Bud is a "professional student." Actually, he is doing post-masters studies, having spent four years in the U.S. Navy.

Bud's response to "How and where did you meet you spouse?" is,

"It was a dark and stormy night . . . I met her when she was an underaged teeny bopper. And I waited for her to grow up. When she was old enough, we dated; then, we married."

Bud says, "We look forward to seeing many old friends in '96. The Memorial Dedication is a "must-see" event. For those who have never attended a reunion for whatever reason, try to come. Renew old friendships; start new ones. Enjoy the time we have together and recall the roads we've traveled."

More next issue.

The Air Force Museum

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MUSEUM, near Dayton, Ohio is the oldest and largest aviation museum in the world. An excellent display, the Museum uses both chronological and subjective layouts to tell the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. Exhibits include over two hundred (200) aircraft and missiles, plus

family oriented and historically interesting aeronautical displays. Over one and a half million visitors from around the world come to Ohio each year to tour this unique attraction. It is Ohio's busiest **free** tourist attraction.

Visiting Hours--The U.S. Air Force Museum is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day only.

Special Features--All exhibits and displays are well identified to permit touring without guides. Photography is encouraged, although flash equipment will be required for most interior pictures. Documentary films are shown free in Carney Auditorium on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. A gift shop, bookstore, clothing shop, model shop and poster shop, operated by the Air Force Museum Foundation, sell aviation-oriented items with profits used to assist the Air Force Museum. A cafe is available for refreshments. Picnic tables are available during the summer months. Handicapped facilities include special parking, an elevator to the second floor, restroom facilities, lowered water fountains and a volume-controlled telephone. A visitor's center, operated by the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau, is available on the grounds to assist travelers.

Research--A research facility is located at the Museum, maintaining prints, technical manuals, aircraft drawings, photographs, and other USAF-related documents. These reference materials are available to serious researchers on weekdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by prior appointment.

Memorial Park--Adjacent to the Museum is a Memorial Park of statuary memorials, plaques and trees dedicated to individuals, organizations and military units associated with the Air Force. These have been funded by families, friends and members of various organizations or veteran associations.

Friends of the Air Force Museum--The "Friends of the Air Force Museum" membership program draws together aviation enthusiasts interested in the activities of the Museum and assists in the growth of the facility. For a nominal annual fee, members receive such ben-

efits and privileges as discounts in the giftshop and bookstores, newsletters, and Museum calendar, plus much more. (More next Newsletter on this.)

IMAX at the Museum--Seeing an IMAX film is an amazing emotional experience. It puts you at the center of the action in a way no ordinary movie can, drawing you in with images that are so real you want to touch them, so powerful you can feel them. Some people experience a touch of vertigo. This stunning film experience relies on the best motion picture system available in the world--the IMAX system. IMAX incorporates state-of-the-art technology, film frames three times the size of conventional 70mm frames. The six channel stereo sound system is critical to the IMAX experience, adding to the sensation of being in the middle of a real event. Shows start on the hour seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Evening shows are by arrangement. The IMAX Theatre is operated by the Air Force Museum Foundation.

In Case You Didn't Know...

- Boxcar Willie, the popular country entertainer from Branson, Missouri, was a KC-97 Flight Engineer with the 98th Bomb Wing at Lincoln.
- The POW Commemorative Silver Dollar, produced by the US Mint, was issued on July 19, 1994. Ten dollars from each sale goes to the National Prisoner of War Museum in Andersonville, GA. The Commemorative Silver Dollar, as well as coins honoring Vietnam Veterans and American Service Women, can be obtained from the US Mint, 10001 Aerospace Road, Lanham, MD 10706, or call 1-800-777-VETS.
- By 1957, more than 2000 B-47s had been produced, and SAC had 28 B-47 Medium Bomb Wings.

One peek from under the hood is worth a thousand cross-checks.

Anonymous student pilot

JOB FAIR

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We thought you might be interested in the present and past occupations of some 307th Association Members:

Duane Cassidy was *Commander of MAC*--

Peter Rollin was a *Flight Engineer for Air America*--

Gerald Post was *Chairman of the Board of the Air Force Village Foundation*--

Clark Peterson spent thirty years with the *Nebraska State Patrol*--



Walter Johnson was the *University of Nebraska football equipment manager*--

Leonard Heilman was a *fire captain with the City of Lincoln*--

John Haley was *president of a railroad*--

Perry Esping founded *Mastercard*--

Willis Estabrooks was a *space shuttle simulator instructor*--

Roderick Clutter was *Mayor of Booneville, Indiana*

Theodore Childress spent time with the *Federal Bureau of Investigation*--

Jim Carlton is *Mayor of Ketchikan, Alaska*



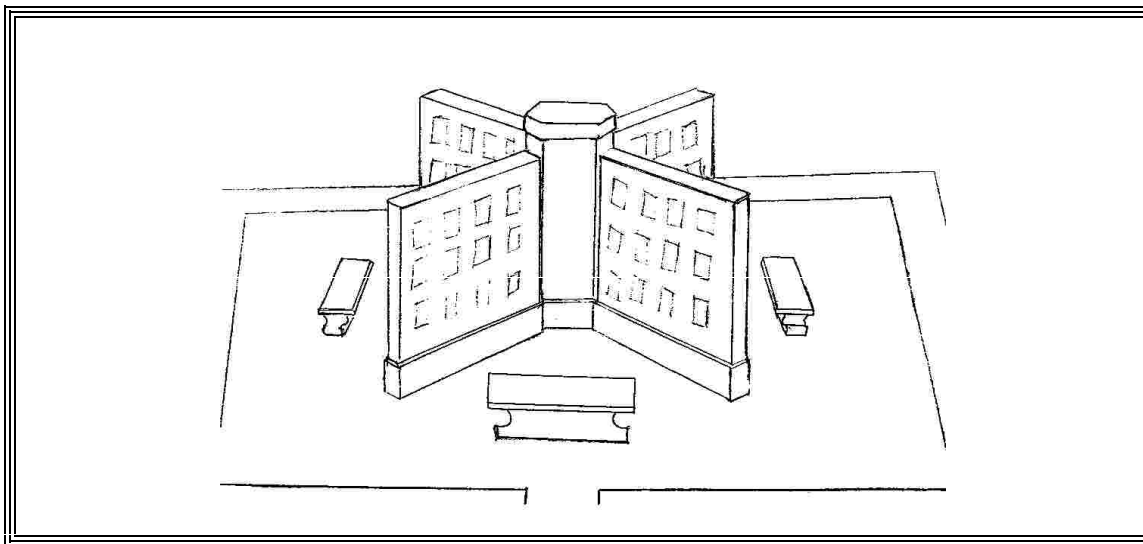
Barbara Boerigter is a *sculptor and creates artist-designed paper*, she also did the line drawing of the Memorial Wall at the Air Force Museum

Elmer Andrews is past *President of the Air Force Sergeants Association*

We think there are stories here to be told, and would like to hear them from these members. How about it folks?

US Air Force Museum Memorial Wall

Shown below is a drawing by Barbara Boerigter of the Memorial Wall at the Air Force Museum. The 307th portion of the Memorial will be one of the three benches. The wall itself will contain ninety six plaques commemorating various units and organizations. After the wall and benches are completed, the Memorial Park will be closed to new additions.



World War Two Japanese Surrender Document

INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

We, acting by command of and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945, of Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government of his direction.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Signed at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 09047
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945

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By Command and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan
and the Japanese Government.

梅津美治郎

By Command and in behalf of the Japanese
Imperial General Headquarters.

Accepted at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 09087
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945

for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in
the interests of the other United Nations at war with Japan.

Douglass MacArthur
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

W. L. H. H. H.
United States Representative

徐永昌
Republic of China Representative

Bruce Fraser.
United Kingdom Representative

王明
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Representative

G. Blane
Commonwealth of Australia Representative

C. J. Rogers
Dominion of Canada Representative

Leclerc
Provisional Government of the French
Republic Representative

M. M. M.
Kingdom of the Netherlands Representative

Leonard H. Smith
Dominion of New Zealand Representative

Looking For

In the past two years we have located approximately 100 of our "missing" Lincolnites. However we are still looking for about 450 people we know about. So, once again we'll start running the names of the "missing". If you know where they are, please tell us.

Charles C Adams
John Aldrich
Melvin S Ames
Neil H Amtmann
John P Anderson
Bruno Antionette
Henry L Archbold
Anthony P Arena
George F Armstrong
William J Arnold
Charles Bach
Jess Baker
Richard L Baran

Ral W Basinger
Charles B Beagle
David L Beatty
Les Beers
Joseph F Behan
Bobby Bennett
Roland B Bennett
K Y Benson
Walter Berg
Mary E Bergman
Alvin Biery
Uriel W Blacksher
William D Blair
Beth Blount
Charles E Blue
Max Bodenhause
Robert E Boehme
Lee R Bohlen
Tom Boles
Robert N Bowers
James L Brainard
Elroy Brandt
Willie Brannan
Paul T Brannon

Terry Brooks
James C Browder
David Brown
Neil C Brown
Ralph Brown
James Brumbaugh
Kenneth J Bunch
James O Bunkley
Patrick Burk
Howard Burkett
Joe A Burkhart
John F Butcher
Morris L Butts
Earl M Buys
Thomas J Cain
Robert W Cameron
Logan Campbell
James A Carr
Robert D Carson
Jake C Cassel
Frank D Chamberlin
George S Chamberlin
William C Chamberlin
Ray Chappel

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MEMBERS NEEDED

If there is an "at" symbol (@) next to your name on the address label, it means the Association does not have a membership application on file for you. We've made it easy for you. Just fill out the form at the bottom of this page, clip it, and mail it in. That's all there is to it! No cost, no obligation!

Why? As a non-profit Veteran's Organization, we have to keep membership records for the IRS. Your completed form is the record. Also, it indicates your interest in continuing to receive Association mailings. Should financial considerations ever force the Association to cut back on the scope of its mailing, the signed up members will continue to receive all mailings.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

307th BOMB WING B-47/KC-97 ASSOCIATION

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street City State ZIP

Spouse Name _____ Deceased: Yes _____ No _____

Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

Approx dates assigned LAFB _____

Squadrons assigned to _____

LAFB job assignment _____

Current occupation, interests, hobbies, etc. _____

Signature _____ If both husband and wife desire membership, both sign at left.

Signature _____ Date _____ Mail to:
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5920 Robin Court
Lincoln NE 68516



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Send your application to: Society of the Strategic Air Command, Inc, Bank of Bellvue Base Branch Office, Bldg 147, Offutt AFB, NE 68113. Membership dues are \$20 per year.

Supply of Address Lists Exhausted

The bad news is Bob King's supply of association address rosters is used up. The good news is if you really want one, we can find a way to get one to you!

Our past practice has been to dispose of the excess supply of address rosters from each reunion, by mailing them to requestors for the mere postal cost. We have recently found that it would now cost three to four dollars for each roster produced at a commercial copy service, and about a dollar and a half for mailing costs. Hence, for the time being, the low cost address roster offer is discontinued. If you really need one, contact our Chairman, Tony Minnick, in Lincoln, and he'll try to serve you.

By the time of the next reunion, we'll try to have a continued supply of rosters available.

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