



Attlebridge Notes



Summer 2018



*Remember how much fun
you had in New Orleans?*

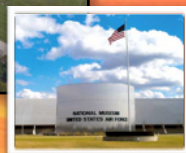
*Don't miss out on the 44th Annual 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion
October 10-14, 2018 in Dayton, Ohio, "The Birthplace of Aviation!"*

Reunion Info INSIDE!

Registration

Deadline:

September 7!



**Friday night's 466 BGA
Rendezvous Dinner
features our own
Bill Curtis and
his new video
"Attlebridge Memories"!**

The Reunion's
Thursday night buffet
includes a special
viewing of the new
documentary,
"The Cold Blue"
Don't miss it!!



Watch a video about the museum's B-24 display:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlSrUAmz9gE>



The President's Report

Sooner than you think, our 2018 reunion in Dayton, Ohio, will be here, October 10-14. The main attraction in Dayton is the National Air Force Museum, which has over 300 planes on display -- the largest such collection in the world. There's still time to register for this reunion, so make your plans now. (All registrations and payments must be received by Sept. 7. See the back of this newsletter for registration forms and details.)

The 466th Bomb Group Association continues to maintain its prominent role in keeping its historic role in World War II alive in the U.S. and in England. All this takes money, and we would greatly appreciate your help with a donation to our treasurer, Bill Curtis:

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Thanks to all on the Board and to all who continue to make the 466th the best of the best. See you in our hospitality room.

Respectfully,
Frank Youngquist
President, the 466th Bomb Group Association

A note from Frank:

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society lost a great contributing member this year with the death of our 466th's Ralph Lynn. I missed Ralph when he was no longer able to go to the reunions. I remember when we were in Cincinnati and toured the Air Force Museum in Dayton. I was with Ralph the entire day and loved every minute, listening to his memories.

He introduced me to a friend, a museum volunteer who made it possible for me to come back to a special event and meet some very famous people. Ralph introduced me with such a glamorous background I had to look around to see whom he was talking about. But it wasn't me, it was Ralph, who had the background so worthy. He was a pilot and flew during the most dangerous times of the Eighth Air Force. He completed his missions before a lot of people, like my brother-in-law, arrived in England.

Ralph not only had class. He also was one of the finest individuals I have ever known. The 466th has had an abundance of these fine people, such as Elmo Maiden, Earl Wassom and Richard Baynes.

From the Editors...

Dayton is calling us! Helen was born at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton on June 15, 1946, while her dad, Eugene A. Jackson, was working as a civilian scientist at Wright Field. Yes, it was still "Wright Field" back then. "Patterson" was added to it a year later. Eugene then applied for a similar job at the new Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha, NE at Offutt Air Force Base. Dad was Chief of Science and Technology, Operations Analysis, SAC, when he died in 1966. But we stayed. Steve's dad, a veteran of the 466 BG as a co-pilot, continued his service with the USAF, retired as a full colonel in 1975 and migrated to Florida. Col. Harold "Ken" Jordon died in 2001.

We plan to locate the apartment complex where Helen lived for almost four years (photo) and enjoy the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB. We also are excited to renew our 466 BGA friendships and meet new friends! See you soon!

The reunion is October 10-14! The deadline for registration is September 7. See pages 12-15 for information.

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Do we have your E-MAIL address?

Our database for the 466th BGA currently has very few email addresses. If you would like to hear from us via email, either as a way to get the Attlebridge Notes in pdf format or possibly for interim updates from the board, please send your email address to: Secretary466thBGA@gmail.com





Frank Spurlock's letter to the Kansas City Star on Veterans Day

From Frank Youngquist: Frank Spurlock was the Radio Operator on my brother-in-law's plane. He wrote a fantastic diary and mailed it to my brother-in-law, Al Reynolds, after the war. The book "Attlebridge Diaries," which is not an easy one to get, contains many of Frank Spurlock's stories. Frank came home and worked for the Kansas City Star, retiring as a reporter and editor. Frank died in May this year in his home town.

Veteran's memories

In World War II, our B-24 Liberator bomber crew flew 35 missions over Germany without being shot down, but the missions that I remember most were ones in which things didn't go right.

Once, we were over the target and the bombardier pushed the button to release the bombs, but the bombs didn't release. The pilot pulled the red emergency handle, but nothing happened. The pilot told me to go back to the open bomb bay and kick the bombs loose. I did so and half-heartedly kicked one of the bombs, but it didn't release. I returned and told the pilot that nothing happened, and he made a mighty tug on the red handle and the entire wire came out of the casing, and the bombs released.

Another time, I was taking a message at my radio desk. The flight engineer was coming down from the top turret to relieve himself. He saw me bending over, and he grabbed the hose to my oxygen mask and squeezed it. With the flow of oxygen, I quickly regained my normal posture. I had forgotten to clear the hose while I was taking the message, and it would have taken only a few more minutes and I would have been gone. Thank goodness the flight engineer had to go.

Finally, we were ready to take off on a practice mission when our pilot discovered that his radio didn't work. He asked me to go to the plane ahead of us to tell the crew our radio did not work and we would stay close after we took off. I let myself down from the plane and took one step. Then I stopped, because two or three more steps and I would have been decapitated by the whirling propellers. I circled around and delivered the message.

- Frank Spurlock

Calendar Notes!

Nov 15, 2018 - Special Remembrance Service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the American Chapel. Here's a link with info about the April 2018 tour by the Boy Choristers, and the history of the chapel: <https://stpaulsusa.org/story/>

June 8-15, 2019 - Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF) Reunion in NORWICH, ENGLAND!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The Heritage League Executive Board is pleased to announce that the 2019 Heritage League convention will be held in Norwich, England, next year. We are excited to be revisiting Norwich to see our many British supporters and friends, visit the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, tour several WW II bases, meet the 2nd Air Division Trust Governors, and see some of the countryside where our fathers may have visited, and certainly flew over.

Stay tuned for additional details. The trip is being designed as a cost-effective, educational and fun trip centered in the "big city" near the WW II 2nd Air Division bases.



This Taildragger visited the SW suburbs of Chicago!

466th BG Gold star son Art Peterson sent this about a B-17 fly-over at his daughter's home: "My daughter and grandson were lucky enough to be in their yard when it flew over...low!" They got to see and hear it. "Sounded powerful, like it meant business," she said. Unfortunately it didn't get to the far NW suburbs where I live. Those B-17s just don't have the range. "Now a B-24 could have made it up here easily!" You can reach Art at: Ghostrider44@mchsi.com

Did you know about Flightaware.com? Type in a tail number and you can track almost any flight to see where it's been. Pretty cool!

Welcome to new 466 BGA Member...

Bob Weihenmayer of New Albany, Ohio

Bob is a 94-year-old veteran who worked with eight people in the Attlebridge Emergency Equipment Group. He arrived at Attlebridge early in 1944. He remembered that he and Lt. Roberts set up the Emergency Equipment Group and supplied each B-24 with two life Rafts, 10 First Aid kits, fire extinguishers, water kits, etc. He remembered helping to pull guns out of the B-24s and equipping each with two 1,000 gallon gasoline tanks to haul gas to Patton. During the Battle of the Bulge he and another man from his group were pulled out and sent for infantry training. The training ended three days before VE Day.

My Friend , Ralph Lynn - By Bill Curtis

My wife and I attended our first 8th AFHS Reunion in 2000 in Salt Lake City when Martha's dad, Bill Horney, invited us to come. It was there we first met men and women who would have a profound influence on us and motivate us to want to preserve the historic legacy they have left us. We started attending reunions annually in 2006 and I videotaped all the reunions until 2016. The wonderful friendships we built over these years have greatly enriched our lives. Ralph Lynn was a great friend. He was always there. He was always bright and cheerful. He was the official photographer for the reunions as well as a valued member of the board of the bomb group association. He was my chief source of information for anything B-24 or 466th BG related.

I had the opportunity to interview Ralph on a number of occasions. He was co-pilot on the Joseph Hayes Crew. They were one of the original crews that flew combat missions from Attlebridge. During his pilot training he had never let on that he had already learned to fly before the war. He said the instructors were not very kind to those who learned to fly elsewhere and might have washed him out on principle. He missed his first combat mission because he contracted strep throat on the cold, wet decks of the Queen Mary.

Ralph flew 32 combat missions at the very height of action, when high numbers of B-24's were shot down and life expectancy of a bomber crew was very short. Ralph was flying an early mission when six 466th aircraft were lost in one day over Germany. He fought tears as he recounted taking off on a mission and hearing a frantic "MAYDAY!" on the radio and hearing the reply from the tower "Shut up! Stay off the Radio" and then seeing a flaming B-24 (John Wunder Crew) pass over them as they were rolling down the runway and then the giant explosion in front of them. He wondered if they had received permission to land, if there would have been survivors but noted that once a mission was started nothing could stop it.

His aircraft, "Our Baby," was nearly lost on their fourth mission, when they were attacked by enemy ME-109's. Two 20mm shells came through the windshield, one nearly missing the pilot's head and then bouncing around in the nose before exploding near the navigator's leg. The other shell buried itself in a parachute pack without exploding. About 200 holes were found in the skin of the airplane. Three other crew members were wounded, but they returned home.

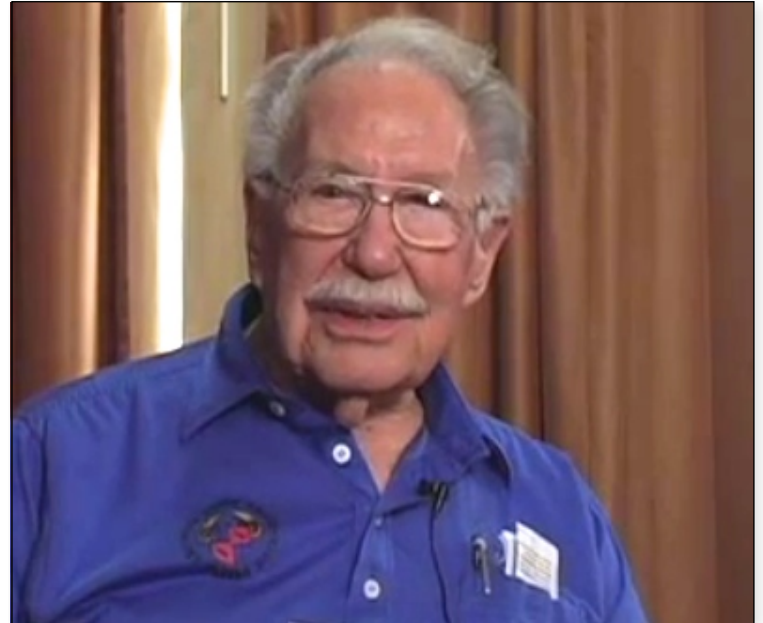
We will miss Ralph greatly, and we will work to keep the memory of his service alive.

Checking in: Elmo and Earl

From Nancy Shattuck in California on April 29, about her dad, Elmo Maiden, Veteran and long-time member of the 466 BGA: "Dad is doing well. He just had a check-up, and his doctor told him he is disgustingly healthy and that he's not going to make any money off of him! He spends his time reading or doing crosswords, sunbathing or enjoying the swing in his back yard, watching westerns, ballgames, or the news, and of course attending his weekly veterans group meeting, as well as activities that WOW plans. He makes sure to fit in some calisthenics every day. It's great to be only a few minutes away so we can drop in on Dad often. Tom lives about 35 minutes away and comes in several times a week also. Best to all of you in the 466th! So proud to be part of this grand group!"

And, from Bill Curtis on June 30. as he and Martha were headed north for their annual vacation: "We spent our second night with Earl and Cindy Wassom (Earl is a Veteran and they are both long-time members of the 466 BGA). Went to a veterans dinner with them. Earl drove (very exciting!) We had a great time with them and they look good. They've made tentative reservations for the reunion."

Photo: Elmo Maiden, Tom Maiden and Cindy Wassom in New Orleans last October





Ann Reeve: Norfolk Dialects

In Norfolk, England, we have a strong dialect which would have been spoken by most of the locals in 1944, certainly by my grandmother, although we are losing a lot of it nowadays. Our visitors to Station 120 at that time must have gotten quite confused on the odd occasion not least by the local pronunciation of some of our village names. Here is a selection of them, many of which are still used. Most are within a 20-mile radius of Weston Longville.

Aylsham is pronounced Elshum.

Belaugh (not far from the Wroxham Flak House) is Beela.

Costessey (where Paul Hindle lives) is Cossy.

Crostwick is Crozzick.

Happisburgh is Hayzbra.

Hautbois is Hobbiss

Helhoughton (near Sculthorpe, another US base) is Hellatun.

Hindolveston is Hilverstun.

Hunstanton is Hunston

Keswick is Kezzick

Letheringsett is Larnsett.

Mundesley (another Flak House) is Munzley.

Neatishead (RAF Station, now a Radar Museum) is Neetsted.

Postwick is Pozzick.

Salle is Sorl.

Stiffkey is Stewky.

Wymondham is Windum. (There's another

Wymondham in Leicestershire which is pronounced Whymundum!).



**Ann Reeve's Seadell Shop,
Hemsby, Norfolk, near
Great Yarmouth**

A couple of limericks by Alan Helsdon as published in The Merry Mawkin, the magazine of The Friends of Norfolk Dialect. Just to test you!

*For a burglar called Robert from Hautbois,
Robbing rich houses his jautbois,
Through windows he wangles
At impossible angles
Yes, a rubbery robber our Bautbois.*

*There was a schoolteacher from Costessey,
Got chased from the class for being bostessey;
She led a good race
At a really fast pace
But was finally caught by the postessey.*



T. Sgt. John Glenn, right

Ann Reeve asks: I've been approached by a lady with whom I share Great Great Grandparents. Her mother, now 93 years old, had a boyfriend on the base and they are wondering if he might still be alive and, either way, if they could make contact with his family. The lady's name is Cicely Eva Ann Tyson, nee Fenn. Born 1925.

Our airman is in Attlebridge Arsenal p. 139 as T.Sgt John Glenn (E) of the Roy E Hurst Crew, 786th Bomb Squadron. They flew in "Crow's Nest," "The Falcon," and "What's Cookin Doc". Cicely's daughter Maggie tells me that he had a sister Mary Lena and in 1944 her mum used to write to his mother, Mrs L. A. Glenn at 1703 W 3rd Ave, Gastonia, North Carolina. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could reunite these people?

A Note to Paul Hindle at Attlebridge

Dear Mr. Hindle, Your efforts to restore the Attlebridge AFB are not going unnoticed! Here is another small donation in honor of airman Claire Eclov, who died in the "Berlin Bound" crash on February 17, 1945. I hope to be visiting the visitor center in September of this year. I have also been in contact with Nigel Crossland at nigel.crossland@btinternet.com, who has found an eye witness who saw the plane go down and then visited the site soon after the accident. Needless to say my research of the past two years on my uncle's service in England has been dramatically enhanced by your hard work and the work of so many others involved with the 466 Bomb Group.

Peter Woodcock: the Name Rings a Bell!

An introduction: probably most of us 466 BGA Members who have travelled to Attlebridge Airfield have met Peter Woodcock, who grew up on the base and ran across the runways to get to school from his home. Peter has great stories to tell, and great admiration and gratitude for the Americans who came to keep the Germans from overtaking Great Britain. This is from his local newspaper, the Dereham Times, April 7, 2018:

And now Peter Woodcock has been honoured for his decades of service with a special bell-ringing marathon. The 84-year-old got the bug as a Sunday school member when he was invited into the tower at All Saints' Church, Shipdham, near Dereham, to see the bells, and was taught how to handle a rope safely.

Over the decades, he has rung at about 2,000 churches across Britain, interrupted only by his three years of National Service with the RAF in Northern Ireland when he couldn't find anywhere to ring. He now lives in Dereham, but he has always retained a soft spot for the six bells in his former home village. He has been tower captain for many years and has taught 50 men, women and children to ring.

A quarter-peal was rung in his honour at All Saints' on Easter Monday and he said: "Ringing has always been a part of my life, and it's been nice to be recognised and welcomed whenever I've gone to other towers in Norfolk. Also, ringing is a typically English art that's still practised in the village every week – not everywhere can say that, sadly, but we can."

He dedicated the quarter-peal to his wife Mary, who celebrated her 87th birthday in the same week.

Mr. Woodcock, a retired factory worker and bread delivery roundsman, was helped at the special ring by Dereham Junior Academy pupil Jayden Stebbings, aged 10, who has been ringing for just four years. The youngster took the treble bell in his first quarter-peal attempt. The 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles took about 45 minutes of continuous ringing to complete. The schoolboy was just six when he first heard the bells at St Nicholas' Church in Dereham and, together with his father, Chris Stebbings, practises at Dereham, Shipdham and Swanton Morley churches. Mr Stebbings is now Dereham's tower captain.

His son said: "I just love the way they sound."

Joining them in the special ring were Rosie Parsons, Phil Dentten and Aaron Hall, who conducted.



Young and not quite so young bell-ringers Peter Woodcock, left, and Jayden Stebbings. Picture: Aaron Hall



*Peter Woodcock
at Attlebridge Airfield,
June 5, 2014
Photo by Helen Jordon*



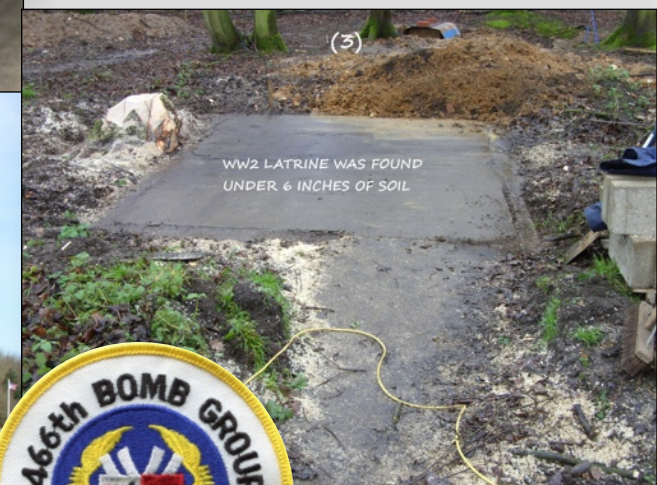
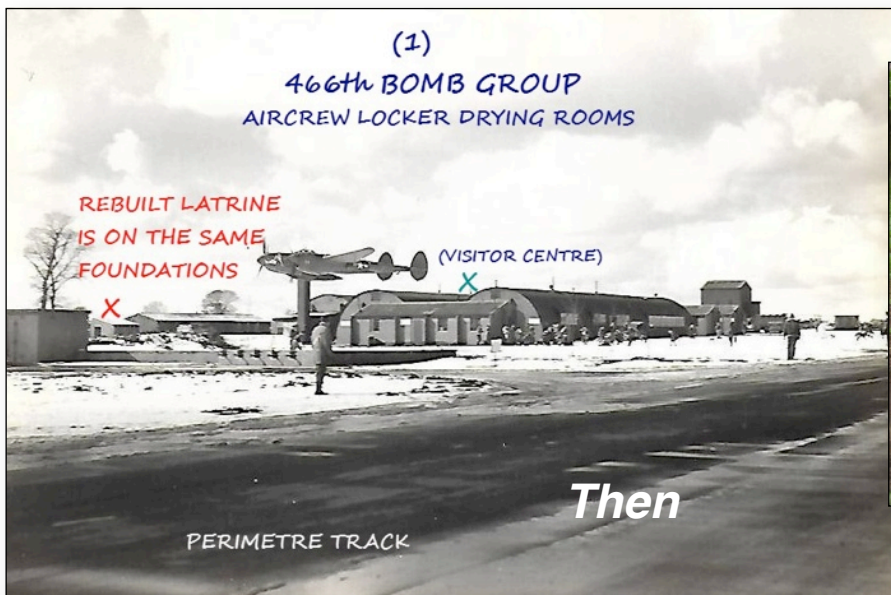
Across the Pond....

Paul Hindle's brilliant news from Attlebridge

The 466th Bomb Group "Visitor Centre" project will soon have its own Latrine/Toilet Block. This has been rebuilt on the same foundations of the old one (70+ years ago). Luckily, we found it under 6 inches of soil and scrub, situated behind the air crews' Locker/Drying Rooms (Visitor Centre). It can clearly be seen on the old photo No 1.

To save donation money on the rebuild, we used concrete blocks reclaimed from turkey sheds that have been demolished on the airfield. The (Crittall) windows were bought off eBay and to match up. We welded in glazing bars, and you wouldn't know the difference. We have a septic tank and water that we connected into the old war-time 3" cast iron pipe that was nearby, and we have an electrician friend who is going to run an armoured cable to the L/block and fix the lighting. When finished, we will have one disabled-persons toilet and two standard toilets for visitors; when finished it will mean we can start having "Open Days" to raise funds for this "Awesome" project.

Lisa & Paul have finished the huge task of digging out tons of soil and scrap metal from the air raid shelter near the Latrine/block. This is the first one of four that will be open to visitors.





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More News! Green Label Poultry Ltd. are working hard to modernise their Weston Airfield turkey farm,. They are in the process of replacing the old turkey sheds with new steel insulated buildings for their "Free Range" turkeys. The new hut near the "Visitor Centre" looks amazing behind the American flag now flying again at Attlebridge 120.

Again we must thank Green Label Poultry Ltd and the Matthews family for their help and understanding in this Visitor Centre project. We have been working on this project since March 2017. Myself, Keith, Shaun, Lisa & Paul, Barry, Mark, Steve, Tony, and Mike are all volunteers. Things are going well, but we need money donations for building materials.

If you can HELP us, please use Paypal account eileenhindle@talktalk.net

Many thanks!

Yours Sincerely Paul Hindle

466th Bomb Group Association tour guide and Visitor Centre project manager



TAPS



If you know 466th veterans or their family members who should receive the Attlebridge Notes, or know about one of our veterans who has died, please contact Beverly Baynes Tomb or Martha Curtis to update our mailing list and our TAPS record. See Page 3 for their contact information.

From Martha Horney Curtis -

On Memorial Day this year, it was wonderful once again to see the beautiful wreath made by the new Norwich flower shop, “Emma Kate Florist,” and have it placed by the always dedicated team team of Paul and Eileen Hindle. Eileen's message to us when the wreath arrived was: “They are just fantastic!” Paul lovingly cares for our 466th BG memorial, there at a busy crossroads near the Village of Weston-Longville and the Bernard Mathews property. With that wreath, we remember the 333 men of Station 120, Attlebridge, who lost their young lives in the service of their country in 1944-1945.

Here in TAPS we remember veterans of the 466th BG who have passed. We have only recently learned of the deaths of two of them from a number of years ago. But it is important to here note their passing and record their service details for their families, for the generations that followed them, and for those who served with them.

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Frank J. Cook, Jr., Ocean View, DE, date unknown, Crew #652, #475, Navigator

Frank flew with John Blumenstock's crew for 15 missions with the 786th Squadron and then 15 more as a lead crew with the 784th. They had several close calls, flew four different planes, their favorite being “Hard T' Find.” Frank's son said that his father went to some of the early reunions but didn't share much about the war. Many of us of the sons and daughters of these men could say the same thing. It was usually only much later in life, probably when our dads were in their 80's (as a son just shared recently in an email), that we of the new generation got any personal details about the war and their service.

Gordon Robinson Currie, Prospect, KY, March 24, 2018, Crew #546 & #471, Navigator

Gordon was born April 25, 1923. Raised in Schaller, Iowa, he left to become a part of the great doings of the mid-20th century. He enlisted and was assigned to the 8th Air Force in England in 1944-45, flying multiple tours as lead navigator of his B-24 unit, the Robert A. Harken crew. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.



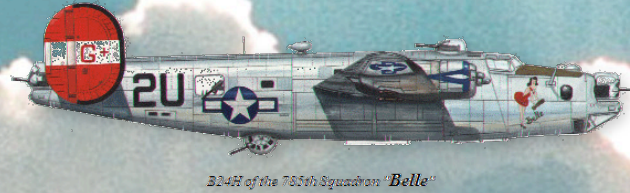
After the war, he found his calling in business finance and management. Moving to Chicago, he met and married Virginia Bernice Eberly of Creighton, Nebraska. She helped him stay his course and together they raised their family. Their children, Mark, Sarah, Todd and Amy, were born in Lakewood, Ohio, before the family moved to Kentucky. Gordon and Virginia celebrated 65 years of marriage together in October 2015. She preceded Gordon in death in January 2016. He is survived by a brother, James; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Gordon was a graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Later working for Mack Trucks, he was selected for the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. The family moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where Gordon served as Vice President and Controller of Mack Trucks. “Retiring” early at age 55, Gordon bought the Mack Truck distributorship in Louisville and learned to drive the rigs himself. Later he became a Certified Financial Planner and a business consultant. At 71, he spent a month as a SCORE consultant at a truck factory in Vladimir, Russia.

Passing 80 years of age, he served as a census worker, an election proctor and a volunteer driver for Senior Citizens East in eastern Jefferson County. He also taught accounting and finance at Webster University's campuses around the world. His community contributions included teaching Sunday school and serving as treasurer for nonprofits. He was a competitive sportsman, hunting, playing golf, tennis, bowling and bridge. Gordon believed in a greater good, a promise he never lost faith in his nation to achieve.



TAPS



Ralph Lynn, Jr., Laurens, South Carolina, March 16, 2018, Crew #406, Co-Pilot

Ralph had been active until, at age 95, his declining health caused him to move to his daughter Cheryl's home. He died from complications at age 98 following a fall. Ralph was born in New Canfield, Ohio. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, faithfully attended many 8th AFHS reunions. Ralph was the official photographer for the Society and was presented with the Roger Freeman Award in 2015. He was also a Board Member of the 466th BG for many years, and was the former editor of "Attlebridge Notes."

Ralph was co-pilot on Joseph Hayes crew, part of the #784 Squadron which flew 32 missions between March and July of 1944 with their plane, "Our Baby." On D-Day they flew two missions. On their fourth mission, the plane was so shot up and with wounded crew members aboard, he and Hayes decided to fake going down to avoid the German fighters. It worked, as they were able to pull out of the dive and limp back to England! Ralph received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three gold oak leaf clusters. Returning to the states, he served as an Air Corps instructor.

Ralph used the GI Bill to earn a Master's Degree from Emporia State, Kansas, and worked on a Doctorate at Northwestern in Chicago. He was a textbook salesman for Scott, Foresman, & Co., retiring in 1985. Ralph was an active member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the Military Aviation Preservation Society. He served as a tour guide in North Canton, Ohio, passing on his knowledge of aviation and often reciting John Gillespie Magee's famous poem, "High Flight."

John William Smith, Billings, Montana, August 7, 2017, Crew # 555, Navigator

J.W. Smith went by "Smitty" during the war and "Bill" later in life. As the navigator on Paul Bridgeman's crew, part of the 785th Squadron at Attlebridge, he flew from the end of August 1944 until almost the end of March in 1945, a total of 35 missions. They flew in probably the worst weather of the war that December of 1944, providing air support for the Battle of the Bulge. The crew flew four different planes, the most notable being "Dixie," and many times returned "shot up" but without injuries. Bill's son, Doug, recounted that his father mentioned one mission when they had so much flak damage they had to land at an RAF fighter base with a "steel mat" runway, which was not designed for a B-24. Needless to say, they ran out of runway and the plane was severely damaged.

After his bombing missions, Bill remained overseas with the Air Transport Command, flying supply missions into Stockholm, Sweden, with Pilot Melvin Westbrook, Co-pilot Bill Pond (crew #553) with the 492nd BG. They were known as "Carpetbaggers" and flew special operations missions for the OSS (the forerunner of the CIA). They flew as "civilians" in unmarked B-24s at night, one time being intercepted by radar-equipped German fighters. Smith returned to the States and was stationed in Rapid City, South Dakota, until the end of the war. For his service he received the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, one of them silver, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Before the War, Bill had been an accountant. Afterward, he operated the family farm in Hardin, Montana, until the late 1950s. He worked for Big Horn County State Bank until his retirement. He was active in the American Legion, serving as the State Commander. Thankfully, he was finally able to share some of his wartime memories and photos with his family when he was in his 80s. Until then, his son said, all had been "filed."



William R. Turnbaugh, Wilkes Barre & Bear Creek Township, Pennsylvania, PA, date unknown, Quartermaster

Although we have no details of Mr. Turnbaugh's life and death, we do know he served at Station 120, known as Attlebridge, as a Master Sergeant under Quartermaster Commander Capt. Frances Meduna. His company, the 152nd, came to England on the Queen Mary in December 1942 to open up air bases throughout East Anglia. Meduna was assigned to Hethel Air Base and then in September 1943 his assignment was permanently at Attlebridge, receiving the base from the RAF. There they became the 1233rd Quartermaster Company. Their responsibilities included just about everything that was necessary to take care of the base and the airmen -- the food in the mess halls, coal in the stoves, laundry and dry cleaning, gasoline for vehicles, and, don't forget, Hershey Bars and cigarettes! Turnbaugh is listed on the program for their company's First Anniversary celebration on December 16, 1944. His company returned only when the base was closed, setting sail on the Queen Mary on July 4, 1945! We remember M/Sgt Turnbaugh for his lengthy and dedicated service to our nation and to the men of Station 120.

8TH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 10 – 14, 2018
CROWNE PLAZA – DAYTON, OH

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 1:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration**
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Welcome Reception with Cash Bar and Snacks, followed by dinner on your own
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
- 7:00pm - Until Hospitality Suites open

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:00am - 8:30am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet for 8AFHS overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel guests
- 8:00am - 11:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
- 9:00am - 2:00pm DAYTON CITY TOUR (*description follows*)
- 1:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 2:10pm - 2:50pm Curator's Corner
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Seminar on Crash Site Excavations, Uwe Benkel & Maj Arie Kappert *
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Cash Bar Reception
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Buffet Dinner and World Premiere, "The Cold Blue" by Erik Nelson & Peter Hankoff *

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 7:00am - 8:30am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet for 8AFHS overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel guests
- 8:00am - 11:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
- 8:00am - 9:15am Group Meetings
- 9:30am - 2:30pm NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (*description follows*)
- 1:00pm - 6:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm Q & A WWII Vets
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Cash Bar Reception
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Rendezvous Dinners

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 7:00am - 8:30am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet for 8AFHS overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel guests
- 8:30am - 11:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
- 8:45am - 10:15am General Membership Meeting
- 10:30am - 11:30am Heritage League Meeting
- 11:30am - 12:00pm Box lunches available for pick up (pre-purchase only)
- 12:00pm - 3:30pm 8th AFHS Board Meeting
- 12:30pm - 4:45pm CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK / PACKARD MUSEUM (*description follows*)
- 5:00pm - 5:30pm **Reunion Registration Open**
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception
- 6:30pm - 6:45pm WWII Veteran Group Photo (Tentative timing. Please check final schedule for update).
- 7:00pm - 10:00pm Gala Dinner and Program

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 7:00am - 8:30am Complimentary Breakfast Buffet for 8AFHS overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel guests

***SPEAKERS ARE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME AND WILL BE CONFIRMED PRIOR TO THE REUNION.**

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

DAYTON CITY TOUR

Thursday, October 11

The birthplace of aviation, Dayton was once home to powered flight inventors, Orville and Wilbur Wright. Your guide will narrate the significance of the many interesting sites along this tour, including Oregon District, the city's oldest suburb; the Civil War Monument; the Flyover, an award-winning sculpture of flight; the Korean War State Memorial; and Memorial Hall, where veterans are remembered. Learn the history of the Miami Valley from the first settlers in 1796 to the influence of such entrepreneurs as Patterson, Deeds, Kettering, and Frazee. These notables and others made immense contributions to aviation, the arts, sports, government, and industry. There will be a short stop at the Esther Price Candy Store, now a successful candy distributor, which opened 50 years ago in Mrs. Price's basement. Enjoy lunch on your own at Dayton's upscale shopping and restaurant district, The Greene – featuring Cheesecake Factory, Chipotle, Panera, Subway, and many other dining choices.

9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel

\$38/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE US AIR FORCE

Friday, October 12

The United States Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The Museum tells the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk to the Space Age. More than ten galleries showcase various exhibits including over 300 aircraft and missiles, plus historically interesting aeronautical displays. Exhibits are known to change and move, but lots of planes are on display, such as the P-51, P-47, P-38, B-24, and B-26. The newly refurbished B-17 Memphis Bell, one of the most recognizable symbols of WWII will be on permanent display at the museum. In addition, the Presidential Gallery is located here featuring a collection of presidential aircraft, some of which you can walk through. The museum also features an IMAX theater and flight simulators (admission on your own). Have lunch at your leisure in one of the cafes on the mezzanine or second floor. The buses will shuttle back to the hotel at 12noon, 1pm, and 2:15pm.

9:30am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel

\$38/Person includes bus and escort.

Lunch and IMAX on your own.



CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK / PACKARD MUSEUM

Saturday, October 13

Carillon Historical Park celebrates the history of invention, transportation, and pioneer life in Dayton and the Miami Valley. It is home to a variety of collections, which document the area's history. While touring the Park, you may visit Newcom Tavern, Dayton's oldest standing building; view the Wright Flyer III; and board a 1903 Barney & Smith Parlor car. Antique automobiles, a working 1930's Print Shop, and vintage bicycles are some of the other exhibits you will see along the way. Continue the tour and step back in time at America's Packard Museum, where the Packard Motor Car Company comes to life again. Located in the original Packard Dealership Building, which was built in 1917, the museum has officially taken the name of the original dealership - The Citizens Motorcar Company - but has become known as "America's Packard Museum." View the world's largest collection of "Packard only" automobiles in the actual showroom. This unique museum showcases "the world's finest motor car" from its beginnings in 1899 to its demise in 1956. Note: This tour may be limited to the first 100 people, or different schedules may be followed. A lunch break is not included on this tour, so consider pre-purchasing the box lunch to eat before departure.

12:30pm board bus, 4:45pm back at hotel

\$54/Person includes bus, escort, and admissions.

All Trips require a minimum of 35 people.

Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the published time.

Driver and Staff Gratuities are not included in the tour prices.



CROWNE PLAZA DAYTON – DAYTON, OH

(937) 224-0800

www.cpdayton.com/

Location

33 E. 5th Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Ideally located near the Dayton International Airport and situated in the heart of the city, near the Oregon Arts District, guests can enjoy shopping, dining, and entertainment just minutes away.

Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the 8th Air Force Historical Society or please go to www.afr-reg.com/8afhs2018 and click on the hotel reservation link at the top of the page. The hotel will allow no more than two reservations per call. Reservations should only be made for yourself and/or a family member. Separate names will be required for each room reservation. Please encourage your friends and family to make their own reservations instead of holding multiple reservations as a 'just in case.' This practice caused a premature need for overflow hotels last year.

Group Name: 8th Air Force Historical Society

Reunion Dates: October 10-14, 2018

Rate: \$124 + tax (currently 13.25%) for 1-2 people (\$10 add-on per night, per person for 3rd and 4th person). *Rate includes hot breakfast each day.*

Rates will be offered three days before and after official reunion dates, with advanced reservation notice and subject to group block availability.

Cut-off Date: 09/7/18. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: All reservations must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee. Reservations can be cancelled up to 6pm on the day of arrival. No shows and late cancellations will be charged.

Parking & Shuttle Information

Complimentary airport shuttle service is offered to and from the Dayton International Airport. Call the hotel once your airline ticket is booked to make your shuttle reservation and to obtain more information. The hotel also offers a complimentary shuttle service to the local area. As is the case with all complimentary shuttles, space is limited and considerable wait times may be necessary during busy arrival/departure times. You may want to pay for a taxi instead. The hotel also offers complimentary parking for guests staying at the hotel.

Wheelchair Rental

ScootAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scootaround for details or to make reservations

Unit Hospitality Rooms & Friday Events

A limited number of hotel meeting rooms and parlors will be used as hospitality rooms for individual groups, as well as meetings on Friday. Depending on the size of the room and the number registered for Friday's dinner, the same rooms may be used for those dinners. Rooms will be available to set up beginning Wednesday afternoon, and should be vacated by Sunday morning at 10am. Groups are allowed to bring in their own beverages and dry snacks. Ice will be provided. Hospitality Room bars must be closed when Receptions show on the reunion agenda (each evening). Rooms will be assigned based on the size of the group after the cut-off date and may need to be shared if lots of groups are interested. Small groups may need to combine with others for hospitality and/or Friday night's dinners. None of this can be confirmed until we know how many groups would like a hospitality room and how many people register from each group to determine final counts. To be included in group counts, each person must have paid the registration fee and be a dues-paying member of the Society (or the guest of one). Please contact Donna Lee, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. at DonnaLee@afri.com immediately to let her know if your group is interested in a hospitality room.

8th AFHS ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 10 – 14, 2018

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will participate in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as confirmation. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/8afhs2018 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before September 7, 2018. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. Your contact information will be shared only with reunion attendees.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

**322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 8th AFHS**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/7/18

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>DUES</u>			
The principal attendee must be a member of the 8AFHS to register for this reunion. If you are not a member, please pay your yearly dues here.	\$40		\$
<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Includes meeting expenses and other reunion expenses.	\$45		\$
Reg. Fee for children ages 8-16 attending more than 1 function & staying at hotel	\$30		\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
Thursday, 10/11: Dinner Buffet (Chicken w/ Honey Brie Dijon Sauce & London Broil w/ Chimichurri sauce)	\$42		\$
Friday, 10/12: Rendezvous Dinner (Rosemary Lemon Chicken)	\$38		\$
Saturday, 10/13: Box Lunch (sandwich, chips, cookie, water)	\$16		\$
Saturday, 10/13: Banquet (Please select your entrée below)			
Herb-Roasted Prime Rib	\$45		\$
Grilled Salmon w/ Creamy Leek Sauce	\$45		\$
Chef's Choice of Vegetarian Entrée	\$45		\$
<u>TOURS</u>			
Thursday, 10/11: Dayton City Tour	\$38		\$
Friday, 10/12: National Museum of the US Air Force	\$38		\$
Saturday, 10/13: Carillon Historical Park / Packard Museum	\$54		\$
Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u>			\$

Please Print. **If a WWII Veteran is registering on this form, please list his name first.**

MEMBER NAME (for nametag) _____

8AF VETERAN OTHER VETERAN NEXT GEN HERITAGE LEAGUE OTHER

IF A VETERAN, PLEASE CIRCLE: WWII Cold War Era Korea Vietnam Gulf War Desert Storm Iraq Other _____

WWII GROUP AFFILIATION FOR UNIT TOTALS & SEATING ARRANGEMENTS (please list BG/FG, not BS/FS) _____

SPOUSE NAME (if attending) _____

GUEST NAMES _____ NEXT GEN

PHONE # (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CONFIRMED HOTEL:
 CROWNE PLAZA DAYTON OTHER _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

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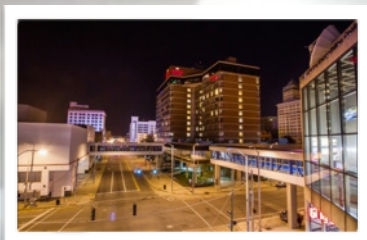
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8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion

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Dayton, Ohio
Reunion Hotel:
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Registration Deadline September 7!

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