



# Attlebridge Notes

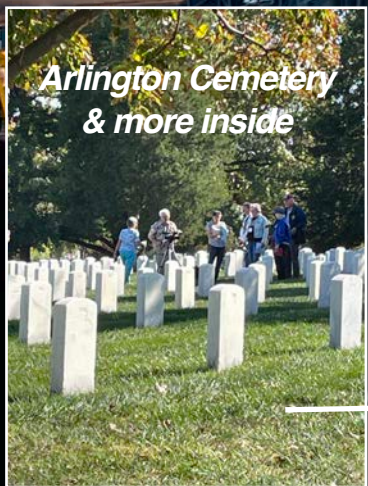


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Today's 8th Air Force Historical Society -

World War II *& forward!*



*Arlington Cemetery  
& more inside*

Photo by Ingrid Jordon-Thaden



June 9, 1995, Dayton, Ohio  
466th Bomb Group Association

## From Your President, Steve Jordon

History comes alive when the 466th Bomb Group Association meets. In the photo above, World War II veterans of the 466th and their family members gather on June 9, 1995, outside a recreated WW II Control Tower (called a “Watch Office” by the Royal Air Force of Great Britain) at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

Earl Wassom, a 466th BGA Board Member, and his bride, Cynthia, stand in the back row. Kneeling in front is Col. Richard C. Baynes, 466th BGA president at the time and father of our current Secretary Beverly Baynes Tomb. Col. Baynes’ grave at Arlington National Cemetery was one of several we visited during the 2022 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion, described on Pages 8-9. Among the articles in this issue: First-time Arlington visitor Marcia Melnyk is overwhelmed by thoughts of those buried there.

The 1995 photo shows that a mere 28 years ago, our 466th reunion contingent totaled 192 people. In contrast, 18 of our members and guests attended the 2022 reunion in Arlington, Virginia. For the second year in a row, none of our veterans was able to attend. It’s a challenge for the future.

Plans for this year’s gathering, October 18-23 in Ontario, California, are well under way. (I’m hoping for a side trip to the beach.) See a notice on Page 15.

Besides the reunion at our nation’s capital (see Pages 10-11), last year was momentous for your 466th BGA. Former President Frank Youngquist was killed in a tragic traffic accident, leaving a vacant space in our hearts. Frank and other 466th-related people who passed in 2022 are remembered in “Taps,” Page 16-19.



Also leaving us last year was Queen Elizabeth II. On Pages 5-7, our British contributors -- Ann Reeve, Lisa Savory Mansfield and Paul Hindle -- reflect on their beloved queen and her steadfast service to her nation. Paul’s “Across the Pond” column, Page 12, updates us on the first-class Heritage Centre at the 466th’s wartime home, Attlebridge, Station 120, restored by his valiant volunteers. They deserve our praise and financial support.

As you read these pages, consider inviting some younger folk to the 2023 Reunion. They’ll be glad you did.

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Left: Brandon Jordon-Thaden, Steve Jordon, Jin & Leland Jordon, Helen Jordon and Ingrid Jordon-Thaden, 10-22-22

Being together with our kids at the 2022 8th AFHS reunion meant we could be together at Ken & Jane Jordon’s grave. Bring YOUR kids to the 2023 Reunion! See you in California!

- Helen Jordon, Editor

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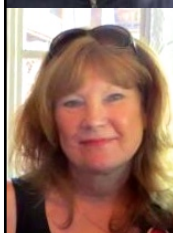


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## **Get "Attlebridge Notes" by e-mail!**

**To ALL Members of the 466th Bomb Group Association:**

**The biggest expense of the 466th BGA** is the printing and mailing of our bi-annual newsletter, "Attlebridge Notes."

Many organizations are moving from printed mailings to delivery by e-mail. If you would like to help pare down our costs or would not mind having less paper come into your home, please let us know and send us your e-mail address so that we can be sure that you receive the digital file.

Contact secretary Beverly Tomb:

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# Secretary's Report, 466th Bomb Group Association 2022 Board Meeting

**Location:** 466th BGA Hospitality Room, Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022  
**Time:** 9:30am – 10:40am EST



## Board Member Attendees:

Steve Jordon, President; Tom Maiden, Vice President (Zoom); Beverly Baynes Tomb, Secretary; Bill Curtis, Treasurer; Helen Jordon, Newsletter Editor; Martha Curtis, Taps Editor; Board Members Marcia Melnyk, Ingrid Jordon-Thaden, Pamela Kerr, Penny Kerr, David Smith.

**Board members Via Zoom:** Chris Brassfield, Archivist; Nancy Maiden Shattuck.

**Board members absent:** Earl Wassom.

**Guests:** Jim Melnyk, Leland Jordon, WWII Veteran Ted Kirkpatrick with Ashley French, and Colleen Owens Brennan.

**President Steve Jordon called the meeting to order at 9:30 am EST.**

**Introductions:** Remote attendees were joined and all present introduced themselves.

**Minutes** of the 2021 meeting were approved by the board.

## Officer reports

- **President** Steve Jordon stressed the importance of engaging the Next Next-Gens (NNGs) in our mission. Ingrid Jordon-Thaden, daughter of Steve & Helen Jordon, is our first NNG on the board. Steve said he wrote a letter on behalf of the board in support for efforts to bring a restored B-24 to the 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, Georgia.
- **Vice President** Tom Maiden - see his report on Page 14.
- **Secretary** Beverly Baynes Tomb: 460 members as of January 2022, including 10 overseas. Attlebridge Notes goes via email to 11% of members, with 89% getting mailed paper.
- **Treasurer** Bill Curtis: Bank Balance as of Sept. 17, 2022, was \$3,354, after year-to-date expenses of \$4,213 and income of \$2,901 (\$2,755 in donations and \$146 in book sales). Thank you, Donors! Printing and mailing Attlebridge Notes accounted for 82% of expenses. All writing, photography, design, layout and proofing are done by volunteers. For all of 2022, see Bill's updated report on Page 15.
- **Newsletter** Helen Jordon: winter issue input deadline extended to January 15, 2022.
- **Taps Editor** Martha Curtis: continuing to research our member list for Taps. There is no veteran indicator in our database, but we think there are 12-30 still with us.

## Old Business:

**1 - Attlebridge Notes Newsletter:** Board voted to continue quality production for veterans' use. Deadlines: 1/15/23, 6/15/23.

### 2 - Reprinted *Attlebridge Arsenal*

- There are 150 reprinted *Attlebridge Arsenal* copies in climate-controlled storage in Alabama. Two books sold in 2022. Storage fee is paid representing 11% of expenses.
- The book is available on Amazon for \$165. Purchased from Bill Curtis, books cost \$75 (\$60 + \$15 shipping). All need to promote book sales!

### 3 - Annual Donations

- The Board approved a donation of \$500 to the 466th BG Heritage Centre project at Attlebridge and \$0 to 466th Memorabilia Display at Old Buckenham. In addition, Pam and Penny offered a Perry Kerr Memorial donation of \$500 to the Heritage Centre in memory of their father. The 466th BGA and the Elmo Maiden family will donate \$100 in memory of past president Frank Youngquist.

**4 - Election of Officers:** No changes to the board this year.

## New Business

- **Digitization:** Beverly Baynes Tomb updated the board re: the Heritage League "News from the Greatest Generation" project to digitize newsletters from individual Bomb Groups & Fighter Groups. Many were digitized in 2022, but none from the 466th BGA. If members have back issues of Attlebridge Notes, they can be digitized in Phase 2.
- Bill Curtis and Steve Jordon formed a committee to investigate digitizing the *Attlebridge Diaries* book.
- **Next Gen and Next-Next Gen Planning:** Past president Frank Youngquist's son will be added to the 466th BGA membership. He will take over his father's collection of memorabilia. Continue to recruit and engage younger members!
- The **Certificate of Appreciation for Frank Youngquist** for his service as President of the 466th BGA was awarded to him in person by Steve and Helen Jordon a month before Frank's tragic accident.
- **2023 Reunion:** The 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion is planned in October 2023 in Ontario, California, and the 466th BG reunion will participate.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am EST**

Submitted by Beverly Baynes Tomb, Secretary, 466th Bomb Group Association  
January 21, 2023

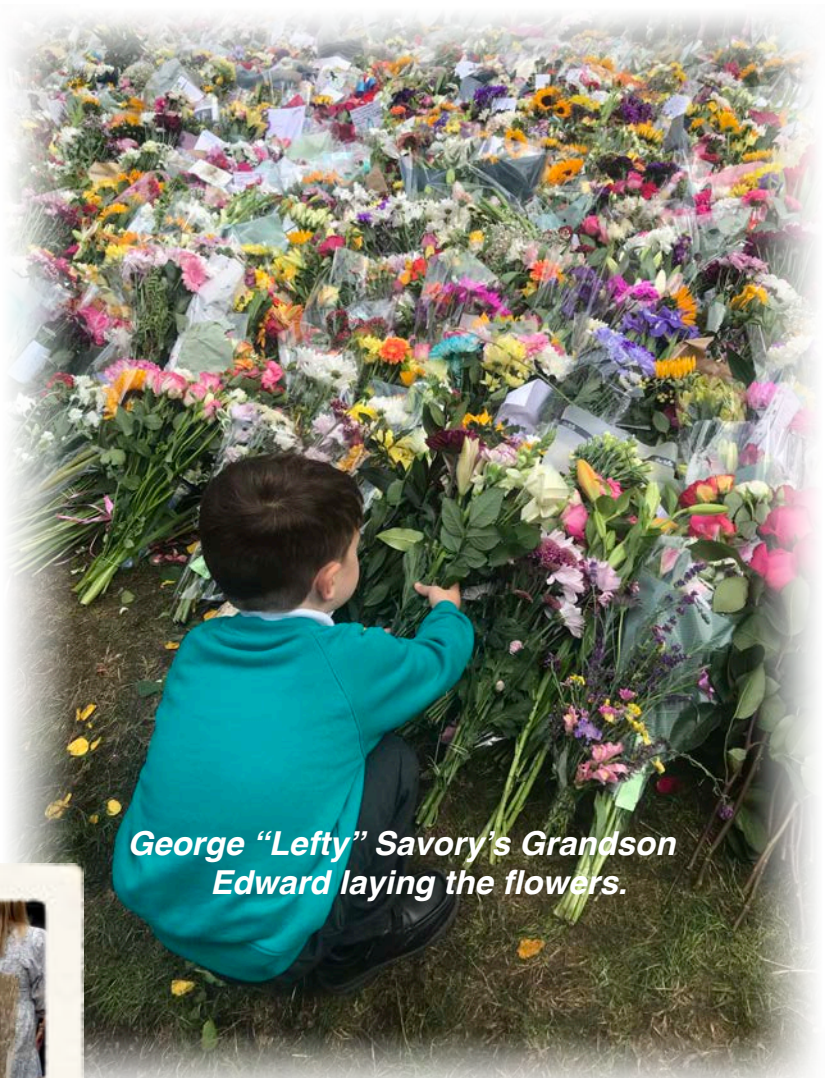
# Our Gracious Queen

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our queen. She served our country for 70 years, and it was lovely to see her at her jubilee party, albeit on television. Her reign saw many momentous events, some good, some bad. She met every American president during those 70 years.

Although she was our queen, she also remained a caring wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. This could be seen in the way she interacted with her family. This was something I always admired her for.

My husband (Tall Paul), Mum, little sister Angie and her son Edward and I went to lay some flowers at Sandringham for her. It was amazing to see the array of flowers that were left, and quite poignant for an amazing Lady.

Lisa Savory- Mansfield



*George "Lefty" Savory's Grandson Edward laying the flowers.*



Lisa Savory-Mansfield is the daughter of George Savory, who was 12 years old when our airmen arrived at Attlebridge, where he lived. George had spent many hours at the new "Heritage Centre" at the base, watching Paul Hindle, Lisa and her husband and others rebuild and renovate. Lisa is now the treasurer for the Heritage Centre.

Our new bank details for donations to the Heritage Centre are:

PayPal - 466thbg heritagecentre@gmail.com

Cheques - please make out to:

466th BG Heritage Centre

*This is so we can pay them into our account.*

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## Ann Reeve

**Eyewitness**  
*Our Correspondent*  
*Who Grew Up*  
*at Attlebridge*

# My Memories of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



February 6, 1952.

*I was off school and in bed with some kind of childhood illness or other. Maybe mumps.*

*The radio was playing ...*

*Suddenly ... a very deep, sombre voice announced ...*

*“THIS IS LONDON! HIS MAJESTY THE KING ... ETC. ETC.”*

*We were shocked. He was only in his fifties.*

*GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!*

Fast forward to June 2, 1953. The new, beautiful, 25-year-old Queen Elizabeth II is about to be crowned. The forthcoming coronation had brought about the sales of thousands of TV sets in Britain because His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen’s husband, had helped to organise the event and had insisted that, in keeping with modern times, it should be televised.

I know of no one in our village, apart from the Squire, who would have been able to afford the £1,000 (in today’s money) to buy such a luxury. And the screens were only about 12 inches wide and, of course, they were all in black and white. So we had a Village Event. A fancy dress parade!

The parade started at the far end of the village, outside the butcher’s shop. It was led by the butcher’s daughter, Jill, dressed up as St. George, the patron saint of England, riding her white horse. We all followed behind in our various costumes, adults as well as children. The vicar was dressed as a fairy. One of our neighbours, Bill, became a wartime spiv selling stolen watches. My mother and another neighbour, Violet, dressed up as the Victorian couple on the then-logo of Quality Street chocolates, which were made in Norwich, Mum in a flowing gown and Violet in a military uniform of the early 1800s. My 2-year-old brother, Graham, became a Grenadier Guard complete with a bearskin hat. Where did Mum get the fur? Lots of children were dressed as nursery rhyme characters.

And me? Well, for some reason which has escaped me for the past seventy years, my mother dressed me up as a Japanese Geisha complete with my paper parasol which my father had brought home from Singapore. It’s still in a cupboard somewhere.

Now bear in mind that this was just seven years after the war, that the USA had dropped nuclear bombs on Japan and many of our ex-servicemen were still recovering from the privations of being prisoners of the Japanese. There was a great deal of ill feeling towards the Japanese for many years. Why did my mother do that? I’m mystified. At least she didn’t dress me up Hitler!!!

Anyway, we paraded through the village (yes, it did rain but we didn’t care) and to the school. There we were treated to an afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes and jellies (Jello?) followed by entertainment. All the children were presented with specially printed copies of the New Testament and Commemorative Mugs printed with a picture of the new Queen.

My mother entered the hand-made crown competition with a St Edward’s Crown. We’ve got lots of crowns, but that’s the one that’s used to actually crown the Queen, and on May 6 it will be used to crown King Charles III. Mum made her crown from gold-painted cardboard studded with dozens of buttons for the jewels. Her friend Kitty made a similar one but used Rowntrees Fruit Gums for jewels. Rationing of sweets (candies) had only ended that year!

It was a truly memorable day, followed a few weeks later by a trip to Norwich where we were able to see the Coronation at the cinema. And then there was a school trip to London to see the Coronation decorations in the Mall plus a visit to Westminster Abbey to see the Coronation Throne which has been used by all the Kings and Queens since 1297.

Who would have thought that Her Majesty’s reign would last for seventy years and that her 4-year-old son would now be awaiting his own Coronation?  
**GOD SAVE THE KING!**

*More than 70 years ago, Ann Reeve paraded with this paper parasol in her village near Norwich to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.*





*In the top picture that's me under the parasol and in the picture at right my mum and Violet are in the centre with Bill the Spiv just behind them.*



## Long Live the Queen!

*From our Norwich connection, Paul Hindle:*

*Our dearest Queen Elizabeth II, who served us for 70 years: Along with the rest of the U.K. we were deeply saddened to hear of the death of her majesty the Queen. She was held in great affection, and while we felt much sadness, I know we also will remember her with deep gratitude for her lifetime of service.*

*Paul*



*Long Live the Queen, even in Nebraska USA! This license plate was spied Tuesday, January 17, a few miles from our house in Omaha.*

— Helen & Steve Jordon

*Participating in monthly ZOOM chats with the American Library in Norwich on January 14, the subject of Queen Elizabeth came up again. Chris Clark talked about a cake that his family had made called "Queen Elizabeth Cake," created to celebrate the Coronation in 1953. Chris sent this along: "While looking at the recipe collection of my mom's mother, I ran across this, and just wanted to share with you. The cook book is by the Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, in 1956. My grandmother cut and saved hundreds of these clippings. Her name was Iva Hunt Milam. "Milam" comes from East Anglia, Mileham Castle."*

### Queen Elizabeth Cake

1 cup sugar	½ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter	½ cup nuts
1 egg, beaten	1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 cup chopped dates
1½ cups sifted flour	1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder	

Pour boiling water over chopped dates, add soda and let stand while all other ingredients are mixed in a large bowl. Add date mixture to batter base and bake in square or round pan in 350-degree oven for 40 minutes.

**ICING:**

5 tablespoons brown sugar	5 tablespoons cream
2 tablespoons butter	Sprinkling of coconut or nuts

Boil sugar, cream and butter for 3 minutes. Spread on cake and sprinkle with coconut or nuts.

This is the cake which the queen bakes herself in the palace kitchen.

MRS. C. R. FOLKS  
Clifton Forge, Virginia

# ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

## A SACRED PLACE

One winter, the snow was crust-covered as I headed toward Section 64, No. 2104, at Arlington National Cemetery. I remember the crunch, the chill on my ankles and the footprints I left behind.

In any weather, the grave is a special place for our family, within sight of the Pentagon, where my father, Ken Jordon, worked for part of his Air Force career. You can see the apartment house where he and my mother, Jane Merrill Jordon, lived, as well as the Air Force Memorial, erected years later. A few rows over, a five-sided monument lists those killed in the 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

My first time at that grave was soon after Jane died, unexpectedly, in 1998. We were back when Ken died in 2001, his casket rolling on a horse-drawn caisson. We heard the rifle salute and "Taps" and watched as two Airmen folded his flag.

My family and I have been there many times since -- springtime, with emerging flowers; Christmastime, with wreaths on the graves; and last October during the 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion weekend. Family and friends were there -- Helen, with daughter Ingrid and son Leland and their spouses, Brandon and Jin, plus 466th members Beverly Baynes Tomb, Bill and Martha Curtis and Marcia and Jim Melnyk.

We stopped at the grave of Beverly's father, Richard C. Baynes, a sacred spot for her family, too. Our map for the visit listed 21 Arlington graves with 466th connections. We placed carnations, talked about our loved ones, listed to Marcia's biographies of those we didn't know personally, observed moments of silence. The United States has 155 national cemeteries with nearly 4 million graves. Each is a story.

*By Steve Jordon, 466th BGA President*





# Memories, Loss & Honor

By Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk, 466th Bomb Group Association Board Member  
and first-time visitor to Arlington National Cemetery

**Ever since I joined the 466th Bomb Group Association,** I've had some amazing experiences -- meeting some of the veterans who actually served during World War II, meeting and making some great new friends. When we finally discovered where my late father-in-law had served in WWII, it has been such a rewarding experience. I first learned that a very dear friend, Arthur Palladino (787th BS), had also served in the 466th BG. During the year and a half before Arthur died in March 2017, he and I talked about his experiences. One thing had always bothered him: the death of a close friend, Edward E. Piergies, navigator on Arthur's crew. Eddie was the Best Man when Arthur married his wife before going overseas. They had been together through all of their training and then on bombing missions once at Attlebridge. Eddie had been pulled up to fly with another crew on August 9, 1944. He was flying with the Harry McGregor crew (#716) when the "Penthouse for Ten" crashed on a bombing mission to Saarbrücken, Germany, killing all nine crew members.

Arthur was devastated when the Penthouse never returned to the base that night, having no idea if Eddie was alive or dead. Just one week later, still not knowing Eddie's fate, Arthur's plane was shot down when returning from another mission (John Suchiu crew #725). Four crew members were KIA and Arthur became a POW. It was quite a while before other POWs came into his POW camp that he learned of Eddie's death. It had haunted him for years after the war. He tried to determine what had happened to his friend, to no avail. I told him that I would find Eddie, and I set to keeping that promise. Thankfully, I was able to locate Eddie's burial location and gave the record to Arthur on our last visit to his home in February 2017. Arthur's comment was "He finally got the honor he deserved," as tears rolled down his face. I vowed to someday get to Arlington National Cemetery in the Washington, D.C., area. I finally fulfilled that wish in October 2022 when I attended the 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion in Washington, D.C.

I was excited to finally be able to touch Eddie's gravestone. Little did I know how that visit would affect me. As the 466th BG Executive Board entered the cemetery and I saw the endless white markers on the beautiful green lawn, I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of white markers. As far as I could see were green lawns and white markers, no matter which way I looked. It was a beautiful, sunny and warm day, and the silence and reverence of the place couldn't be ignored.

I had pre-planned short biographies that I would read at each of the graves of 466th BG soldiers who never made it home, as I had done at National Cemeteries we had visited during previous reunions. Bill Curtis filmed our little ceremonies for each man, and Beverly Tomb said prayers for the soldiers,, honoring them for their service. We also honored Beverly's father, Col. Richard Baynes, and Col. Harold K. Jordon, a 466th co-pilot and the father of Steve Jordon, 466th BG President, who also are interred at Arlington.

Everything went off as planned – until we got to Eddie's resting place. The emotions that came over me were totally unexpected. A wave of sadness, loss, and finality when I touched his marker brought me to tears. I literally fell apart. I suddenly understood Arthur's pain and loss and the fact that, try as he did to

honor Eddie, it was me who knelt by his marker. You can see the pain on my face in the photo. I knew that Arthur's daughter had visited the grave awhile back, but even seeing her photo with the marker didn't prepare me for the reality of it. I was at a loss, and I looked around me, realizing that every marker had a similar story. Every marker in the cemetery is for a person who served our country, many sacrificing their lives and future to keep us free. It took me quite a while to pull myself together, but every time I looked around I was facing so many veterans' graves. Every marker would have a story to tell, if only we knew those stories. I said a silent prayer for Eddie, Arthur and his entire crew to honor them and finally had to walk away to rejoin the group. We were heading to another area and a marker that I didn't have a prepared biography for. I thought it might be another friend of family member of a 466th BG board member. When I arrived at that stone and saw the names, I fell to my knees and sobbed. It was the marker for nearly life-long friends who I knew so well. My husband and I are Godparents to their granddaughter, Jamie. Both Mina and her husband Dennis Bacon were in our wedding party 48 years before. We had lost Dennis and Mina that very year. I had no idea that we would be visiting Mina's parents' grave, or that they were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

My husband had included their names in correspondence with Bill before the reunion, with copies to my email, but I was so busy preparing that I hadn't read all of the correspondence. After having pulled myself away from Eddie's grave and ending up at Harry and June Elkins' final resting place, I was completely undone.

The emotions that I felt that day will stay with me forever. The sea of white markers on the vast green lawn shows us the staggering loss of life that has wounded our nation forever. We must never forget the sacrifices these soldiers made while away from their families, whether they came home or not. Each and every marker shows us a soul who believed that this nation was worth fighting for and, yes, dying for. Our soldiers are still out there protecting us and our nation. I say a prayer every day for those in harm's way and thank all those who have answered the nation's call when needed. Let us never forget what these heroes have done for us, past and present. God Bless each and every one of those who serve!





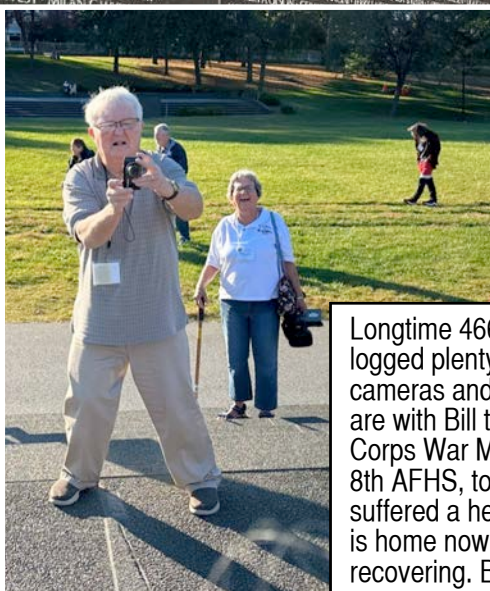
True to the promise they made to 466th veteran Perry Kerr, his widow Joyce and daughters Penny and Pamela livened up the 2022 reunion with their Texas spirit and faithfulness. Who wouldn't want to hang out with these ladies, and laugh and cry with them at the same time?



466th Bomb Group Association members and guests, from left, front row: Dr. Ingrid Jordon-Thaden, Beverly Baynes Tomb, Steve Jordon and Bill Curtis; standing, John Nikoloff, Martha Curtis, Jim and Marcia Melnyk, Helen, Leland and Jin Jordon, Penny and Pamela Kerr, Dr. Brandon Jordon-Thaden. Attendees not pictured: Joyce Kerr, Doug Tomb, Anne Cassidy and Tom Capehart..



466th BGA Secretary Beverly Baynes Tomb talks with Lowell Fry, a National Park Service interpreter, at the Korean War Memorial.



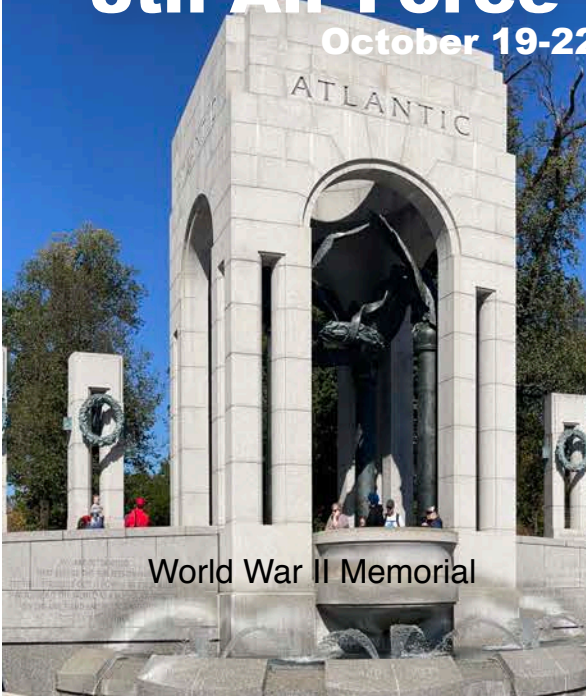
Longtime 466th BGA members Bill & Martha Curtis logged plenty of steps around D.C., loaded with cameras and Hospitality Suite snacks. Here they are with Bill taking a photo in front of the Marine Corps War Memorial. He took official video for the 8th AFHS, too. Since then, on December 28, Bill suffered a heart attack and had bypass surgery but is home now with Martha, and they both are recovering. Best wishes to them, and we all hope to see everyone in California this fall!



Vietnam Memorial

# 48th Annual Reunion 8th Air Force Historical Society

October 19-22, 2022, Arlington, VA



World War II Memorial



### 8th Air Force Veteran Attendees

From left, seated: Clarence Kooi, 486th BG; Teddy Kirkpatrick, 379th BG; Henry Cervantes, 100th BG; Edward "Earl" Zesch, 34th BG; Don O'Reilly, 44th BG; and William Hennessy, 447th BG; standing, Tony Pircio, 7th Photo Reconnaissance Group, and Melvin Hurwitz, 493rd BG.

*Day-trips during the reunion* included national memorials to World War II, World War I, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, as well as the Air Force Memorial, the Marine Corps War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center (front cover) near Dulles International Airport houses the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan in 1945, as well as the incredibly detail-oriented restoration center. Our Smithsonian docent was Air Force veteran Bill Strandberg. Among restored aircraft on display is a Stearman bi-plane, much like the one young Ken Jordan (iPhone photo below) flew in WW II training.



Maj. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara, left, and his flight of active-duty airmen spoke at the annual banquet. The future 8th Air Force veterans shared the room with eight of their World War II counterparts. The youngsters brought refreshing perspectives and information about today's high-tech military and, true to their heritage, individual enthusiasm and charm.



At the Tomb  
of the Unknown Soldier,  
Arlington Cemetery



# Across the Pond...

Paul Hindle's brilliant news from Attlebridge

January 2023

In September the people of Weston Longville and our friends from The Norfolk Military Vehicle Group enjoyed an "Open Day" to walk round this historic site to admire the work we have done in clearing brush/undergrowth and also shifting tons of soil and rubble to expose the foundations and concrete floors of buildings that are long gone.

The uniform that Chris Brassfield (466th BGA Board Member) is holding is one that he and his wife, April, kindly brought over in his luggage on a recent visit. I bought it earlier in the year from the U.S. It had belonged to 1st Lt. Lester Everd Smith, who served as a bombardier in the Robert Jonas crew, 785th Bomb Squadron.

If anybody would like to donate items like this amazing uniform or any other 466th memorabilia, please get in touch! It will be very much appreciated.

Yours Faithfully, Paul Hindle, project manager.



Chris Brassfield



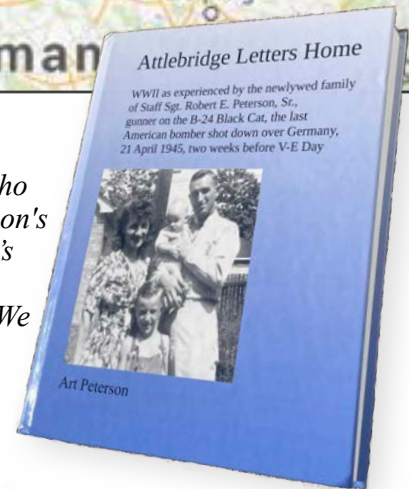
*Many thanks to Green Label Poultry Ltd., the Weston airfield turkey farm tenants and the family of the late Bernard Matthews (land owners) for their kind permission in allowing us to preserve parts of this historic airfield, Attlebridge 120 (Weston Longville).*



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or on Facebook

From the Editors: As soon as travel allows, get yourselves over to Norwich and see this wonderfully historic place. You will never forget!



## THANK YOU!

A Gold Star Family is the immediate family member(s) of a fallen service member who died while serving in a time of conflict. A BIG thank you to Gold Star Son Art Peterson's awesome fund-raising effort for the 466th Bomb Group Heritage Centre project. Art's fund raising is now coming to a close, with all sales of the first edition of his book, *Attlebridge Letters Home*, raising over \$3,000. Art has sold all his stock in the U.S. We have a few copies in the U.K., which will add to this amazing total when sold. Art's fund-raising for the Heritage Centre is a memorial to his father, Staff Sgt. Robert E. Peterson, Sr., gunner on the B-24 "Black Cat," the last bomber shot down over Germany. - Paul Hindle

Our very own Lisa Savory Mansfield has kindly taken over the voluntary treasurer's job from Paul. Thanks, Lisa! This means that any money you wish to donate to this ongoing "awesome" project needs to be directed to Lisa. Her email: [minnie160178@gmail.com](mailto:minnie160178@gmail.com)



or 72 Blithemeadow Drive, Sprowston, Norwich Nr7 8pz, UK. (See back cover for PayPal, etc.)



## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 466th Bomb Group Association, 2022

Unable to attend the 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion held in Washington, D.C., in person, I joined the 466th Bomb Group annual meeting by Zoom and gave a verbal report to those in attendance. I will document here a written summary for inclusion with the Secretary's minutes of that meeting.

In honor of my father, Lt. Col. Elmo Maiden, I continued to maintain contact with the Wings Over Wendy's veteran's group through regular weekly meetings and associated events, including the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show, Canoga Park Women's Club Veteran's Day luncheon, and Lawrence Middle School Veteran's Day observance. Through these, I was able to keep my father's stories of his part in World War II, the Mighty 8th Air Force and the 466th Bomb Group alive for generations of interested people. As when my father accompanied me, I assembled a display table of Dad's memorabilia and photos, which served as a conversation piece for air show attendees. The veterans luncheon format gave opportunities to share Dad's life with those dining. The school program encouraged students to interview their guests, whereby I gave an accounting of my father's military service along with photos to three inquiring students that day. (As a side note of interest, Dad went to Lawrence High School in Kansas, where their mascot, the Lions, and their red-and-black colors matched those of the middle school addressed above!)



I was saddened to learn of the loss of our former President of the 466th Bomb Group, Frank Youngquist, this past fall. My sister, Nancy Maiden Shattuck, and I sent our condolences to his wife, Barbara, and informed her we would be sending a \$100 donation to the 466th Bomb Group Attlebridge Airfield Heritage Centre in England in Frank's honor. Paul Hindle, Project Manager, acknowledged receipt of our donation.

In closing, I will make mention of the birth of Rebecca's and my first granddaughter, Eva, born January 25, 2022. We will be celebrating her first birthday at the end of January 2023.

Rebecca and I fully anticipate joining all of you in Ontario, California, this new year in October for the reconvening of the 8th Air Force Historical Society. We look forward to being your West Coast hosts!

May God bless you all!

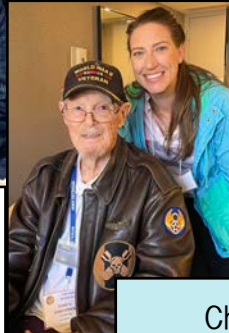
Tom Maiden, Vice President, 466<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group

*Photo on right:  
Tom Maiden, Barb Youngquist and 466th BG  
Veteran Elmo Maiden, 2018 in Dayton, Ohio*



*Below: Wings Over Wendy's began on March 3, 2002. The 10 year anniversary photo was taken in March 2012. The location where the photo was taken is the original site, Wendy's in West Hills, California.*





Above, left: 466th BGA Board Meeting Friday morning; those Krazy Kerr Girls; Lower left: "Editor's Pic" of family (Brandon, Ingrid, Jin & Leland) at the Banquet Saturday night; 466th BGA friend Jeff Converse, with fellow friend Jim Melnyk. Bottom, WWII Veteran Ted Kirkpatrick, 397th BG, and his daughter. We had quite a few visitors!

**Report from the Treasurer  
January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022**

Account balance 01/01/2022		\$4,756.95
Expenditures		\$4,878.80
2021 Reunion	138.50	
Flowers - England	82.19	
Heritage Centre	519.74	
Book storage	469.00	
Newsletter	3,466.84	
Office	33.98	
Postage	78.55	
Website	90.00	
Income		\$3,220.70
Non-Dues (27 donors)	2,865.00	
Book Sales	355.70	
In-kind contributions		\$451.65
Account balance 12/24/2022		\$3,300.79
Deposit 12/26/22		\$125.00
Memorial gifts:		
Harold (Ken) Jordan (CP) Crew #627		
Frederick M. Gran (P) Crew #420 & #728		

Submitted by Bill Curtis



Check the 8th AFHS Website for updates!

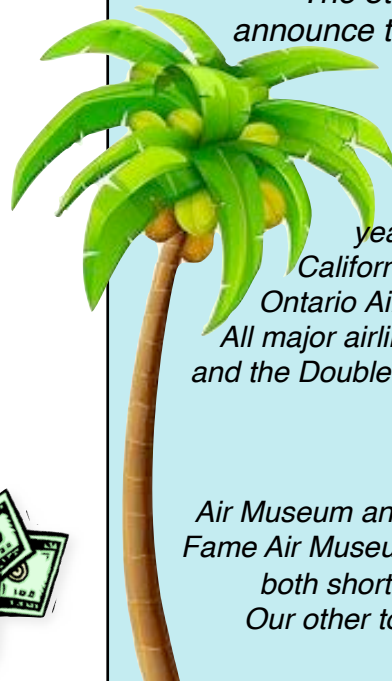


*Mark Your  
Calendars!*

The 8th AFHS Board is pleased to announce the dates and location of the 2023 8th AFHS Reunion!

As it has been many years since a reunion was held on the West Coast, this year's reunion will be in Southern California at the DoubleTree by Hilton Ontario Airport on **October 18-22, 2023**. All major airlines fly into the Ontario Airport, and the Doubletree offers free shuttle service.

Planned tours will be one day to the Palm Springs Air Museum and another day to the Planes of Fame Air Museum and the Yanks Air Museum, both short bus rides away in Chino, CA. Our other tour will be to Beverly Hills, CA.



# 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. AND, if you have an e-mail address, please let us know.

*As I read the obituaries of 466th BG veterans, there is always an event in their lives that stands out above all of the others. And that is their time involved in aerial combat when they served at Station 120, Attlebridge, during World War II. Whether they personally wrote down the record of their lives or if a family member did it, their time in England is always accented. And it doesn't matter if they were a pilot, or a gunner, or any kind of ground support personnel. It appears to be very important to them that their service to their country is never forgotten. Most obituaries mention their family members and their love for them, their education, civilian careers, their hobbies and often their faith. But the Air Corps, the 8th Air force, the 466th Bomb Group, or the name Attlebridge is always there in print. My father would comment: "It was only 4-6 months we were there out of a whole life," but still almost 80 years later, they knew how important that time was. As always, it has been a privilege to remember these men, to read about their lives and especially their time at Station 120, Attlebridge, England. We offer our sympathy to the families of these men and to the men who served with them.*

*Martha Horney Curtis, 466th BGA Board member and Daughter of Crew #633, Navigator*

## January 2023 Taps

**Harold L. "Bull" Dietz**, Palestine, Texas, July 4, 2022, Crew #565 Gunner

Harold Dietz was a lifelong resident of Palestine except for his three years in the Air Corps. He arrived in Attlebridge in the fall of 1944, and according to records he served as a gunner on several crews, sometimes as the tail gunner and other times as the nose gunner. He was with the John C. Welsh crew (#565), the John Gerrity crew (#545) and is pictured in "Attlebridge Arsenal" with the Bernard Smolka crew (#574). This last crew had a series of pilots and replacement crew members later in the war. The co-pilot on this crew, James Lorenz, especially remembered the kindness of the British people to the combat crews and how they were often invited into their homes. Harold returned to Palestine after the war to raise his family. He loved the outdoors and traveling, and he raised many Irish Setter dogs. He was a lifelong member of Palestine First Methodist Church. Harold attended many 8th AFHS Reunions and was always glad to share his memories with the "next generation" attendees. He was predeceased by his second wife, Evelyn, and is survived by a son and daughter and their families. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.



*Harold "Bull" Dietz  
Omaha, October 2015*

**Bruno Fondriest**, Norridge, Illinois, December 2, 2022, Ground Support and Band

Bruno Fondriest was born in Italy. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago, Illinois. When he enlisted in the Air Corps, he was one of the servicemen who were chosen as the ground echelon to set up the new B-24 base at Attlebridge. These men began their training at Dalhart, Texas, then to Clovis and Alamogordo, New Mexico, then finally Camp Shanks, New York. Before they shipped out, the USO was organizing volunteer bands to perform for men awaiting overseas transport and also to perform on ships on the way to England. There were a number of volunteers from the men who were part of the 466th BG, including Bruno. He was an accomplished accordion player and was chosen to go to a music store in New York City to buy instruments for this group with money raised by the USO and the Red Cross. Unfortunately, everyone including the band members and hundreds of others were too sick on their ship, the Queen Mary, to have any music whatever! But once at Attlebridge these men organized themselves into what became "The Flying Deck Orchestra," performing not only on the base but also at other bases and in villages and nearby Norwich. However, this activity was strictly in their "spare time" as all these men had other ground support duties, like armament, mechanics and communication. Bruno was a Telephone Systems Specialist and Lineman. He installed the switchboards for the base, ran telephone lines, installed phones and then maintained the system throughout the war. Bruno returned to the Chicago area to marry and raise his family. He was predeceased by Mary, his wife of 69 years, and a son. He is survived by a daughter and his grandchildren and a large extended family. He was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois. Memorials can be given to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.



*Bruno Fondriest*



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**Stanley P. "Stan" Goldstein**, Rhinebeck, New York, December 18, 2022, Crew #421/482, Radar Navigator  
Stanley Goldstein was born in Brooklyn, New York. Beginning in April 1944 he flew with the Eugene R. Godbout crew (#421) in the #784th Squadron. They were transferred briefly to the 44th BG for lead crew training. Stan was responsible for operating the new H2X radar system. Their aircraft was "Ghost Too." Later Stan flew with the Harold Anderson crew (#482) as their radar navigator. In "Attlebridge Arsenal," Stan commented on this method of precision bombing: "Radar was a great navigation tool, but a poor bomb sight, so at 'Bombs away!' the smoke markers disappeared into the clouds and we didn't know if we had hit the target or plowed up a farmer's field. Later reconnaissance might tell us which it was." Stanley received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service. After the war, Stan received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree and a doctorate in astronautics from New York University. He was a professor, department chair, associate dean and associate provost at Hofstra University, Long Island, New York. He lived in Kingston, New York. His wife, Wanda, predeceased him. He is survived by his sons. Services for Stanley Goldstein were held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Catskills in Kingston, New York.



*Stanley Goldstein*

**Russell B. Knight**, Iowa City, Iowa, October 26, 2022, Crew #526/457, Gunner  
Russell Knight was born in Adel, Iowa, and was a graduate of Ackley High School. At Attlebridge he served as a gunner on the Robert D. Johnson crew. This crew flew with the 785th Squadron from May until August 1944. They flew their last two missions as a lead crew, for a total of 31 missions. Russell received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service. When he returned to the States, he married his sweetheart, Betty, at Scott Air Force Base. They returned home to Ackley and in 1958 they moved to Iowa City for Russell to work at the University of Iowa in the General Stores Department. He retired as the manager there in 1985. Russell was a man of deep faith and was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa City. He had a passion for gardening and was a devoted fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs. Betty predeceased him and he is survived by their four children and their families. Memorials may be sent to Gloria Dei Church or Iowa City Hospice.



*Russell Knight*

**John F. Kraeger**, Chicago, Illinois, October 5, 2022, Crew #726, Ball Turret Gunner  
John Kraeger was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and graduated from Sullivan High School. As a teen he worked in several neighborhood soda fountains, which fostered a lifelong interest in the dairy industry. At Attlebridge he flew as a ball turret gunner with a crew first piloted for 11 missions by Frank Wolcott and for the last 22 missions by Dean Roser. John's crew was among those that flew their first mission on D-Day. The 466th BG flew three separate missions that day, providing air support for the ground troops. John's plane was "Glad Ta See Ya." In 2014 he received the Legion of Honor for his part in liberating the French people. He returned home to Illinois and received a degree in dairy science from the University of Illinois. He worked in the dairy industry until his retirement. He was a devoted member of St. Ita's Parish and he and his wife, Martha, were involved in many neighborhood organizations, especially in their Edgewater community. John attended 8th AFHS Reunions, usually bringing grandsons with him. Martha and a son predeceased him. He is survived by six children and their families. Burial is scheduled for this spring at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. Memorials can be sent to the Edgewater Historical Society or the Imperial War Museum.



*John Kraeger,  
New Orleans,  
September 2017*

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**Clayton F. "Fred" Marshall**, Locust Grove, Virginia. Nov. 20, 2022, Crew #566/474, Flight Engineer Fred Marshall was born in Carrollton, Ohio. At Attlebridge he served with the Bigby Parrott crew, first with the 785th Squadron and then as a lead crew with the 784th. He recounted in "Attlebridge Arsenal" that on their 24th mission they had the honor of leading the 8th AF bomber stream into Germany. They arrived in England in time to fly four "Truckin'" missions to deliver gas to Patton's 3rd Army in France before they flew their first combat mission. They completed 30 missions between October 7, 1944, and April 4, 1945. One of the planes they flew as a lead crew was "That Red Headed Gal," which was a H2X radar-equipped aircraft. Fred remembered their first mission to Magdeburg as being the most terrifying as they watched a large air battle between the fighters on the way in and then intense and accurate flak over the target. He said: "So our crew had quite a frightening introduction to combat over Germany." Back home in Ohio, Fred received a degree from Ohio State University in industrial engineering. He worked for many years in Barberton, Ohio, for Babcock & Wilcox. He was then transferred to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he finished his career with the Defense Logistics Agency supervising defense contracts. In his long retirement, he loved fishing, reading and volunteering. He organized many children's fishing tournaments. Fred was predeceased by his wife, Mary, and is survived by two daughters and their families. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio.



*Clayton Marshall*

***Edith Sinclair Atwell-Smith did not serve with the 466th Bomb Group but is a World War II veteran herself, the widow of a 466th BG veteran and mother of a 466th BGA Board member.***



**Edith Sinclair Atwell-Smith**, Leakey, Texas, December 23, 2022 Edith was born in Brooklyn, New York. After her mother's divorce and re-marriage, they moved to Maine where she grew up and went to nursing school. She joined the Army Nurses Corps in June 1945 and was sent to Leyte in the Philippines to close out a combat hospital. She remembered that time as being like the TV show "MASH," complete with living in tents in the mud and heat. She was then transferred to Luzon where she met Capt. William S. Smith, who had served from July 1944 through January 1945 at Attlebridge as the co-pilot on the Milton E. Hinman crew, #608. After a whirlwind courtship they were married at the William McKinley Base Chapel. Edith had to resign from the Nurse Corps because of Army protocol but continued to serve as an aircraft dispatcher at Nichols Field. Their next station in the Philippines was Clark Field with the 13th Air Force, with her husband as Squadron Commander. Back in the states they moved from one airbase to another: Texas, Florida, and finally her home state of Maine. They retired to Corpus Christi, Texas, and settled in Leakey, Texas, in 1977. Edith loved her community and loved serving it. She was an avid reader and practically single-handedly launched the Real County Public Library. She was a devoted member of her St. Raymond Catholic Church and the American Legion. She started the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Leakey. Throughout her life she supported the Maryknoll Children in the Philippines. Edith regularly attended 8th AFHS Reunions with her youngest son, David, a 466th BGA Board Member. Edith was predeceased by her husband and a son. She is survived by daughter Victoria and son David and their families. She was buried in Leakey Floral Cemetery, Leakey, with full military honors provided by her local American Legion. Memorials may be sent to the Real County Public Library.



*Edith Sinclair Atwell-Smith with daughter Victoria and son, David Smith New Orleans, October 2017*



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## *Past President of 466th BGA Makes Final Approach*

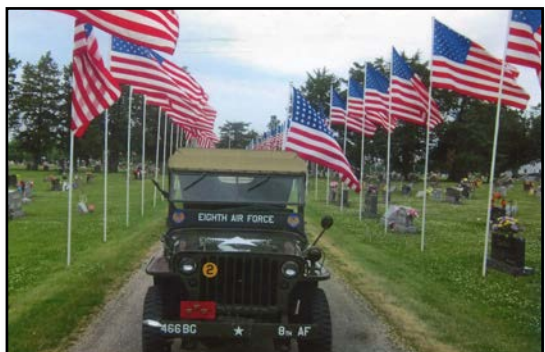
**Frank O. Youngquist**, Rock Island, Illinois, September 17, 2022,

Brother-in-law of Crew # 562 Pilot, Al Reynolds

Frank Youngquist was born in Galesburg, Illinois, and graduated from high school there. For three years, his basketball team played in the state tournament. He graduated from Monmouth College and Western Illinois University, where he received bachelors, masters and specialists degrees in education administration. He also played semi-pro baseball with the Monmouth Maple Leafs. In college he began to take flying lessons, eventually owning his own plane. He flew throughout his life and served with the Illinois National Guard. He moved to Rock Island, Illinois, in



*Barb & Frank Youngquist  
Rock Island, IL, August 17, 2022*



1962 with his wife, Carol, and taught at the high school there for 38 years, retiring in 2000. Besides teaching

history and his administrative duties, he coached baseball, basketball and softball. He was a South Rock Island Township Supervisor for 24 years and the Republican Party Precinct Committeeman for 38 years. Besides his passion for flying, Frank loved to go back to his family's farm in Cameron, Illinois, and work the fields there. After Carol's death, Frank met and married Barbara in 1996. They continued with busy lives and much traveling, in line with Barbara's airline career. But both of them liked nothing better than being at home with any and all of their 12 grand- and great-grandchildren. Frank and Barbara were supporters of Honor Flight, Wounded Warriors and anything connected to the United States military. Frank was a member of the 8th AFHS, and he and "Barb" always attended the reunions. Frank served as President of the 466th Bomb Group Association for many years. His brother-in law was Albert L. Reynolds, pilot of Crew # 562. The Reynolds crew arrived at Attlebridge at the same time as the Bigby Parrott crew (#566/474), and so flew "Truckin'" missions before they began their 35-combat mission tour. (see Fred

*Frank took this photo of his Jeep on Veteran's Day at the Alexis, Illinois, Cemetery where his brother-in-law, Al Reynolds, is buried. Lt. Reynolds was a pilot in the 466th and a bunk-mate of Earl Wassom (below). They flew many missions together.*



Marshall "Taps"). Frank took over as president from Lester Sharrock. As with everything else Frank was involved in during his life, he was a generous, untiring and dedicated leader for the 466th. You would think that there would be no extra time in Frank's life, but a more recent project was his restoration of a World War II era Willys Jeep, which he decorated to represent the 466th Bomb Group. He drove the 466th Jeep in many parades and delighted his younger family members ferrying them around in it. Frank was also an elder in his church and was a man of deep faith.

Tragically, Frank was killed in an automobile accident on the interstate in northern Illinois on September 17, 2022. He was 83. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a brother, two sons, two daughters and their families. Frank was buried in Silent Home Cemetery in Cameron, Illinois, where generations of his family have been laid to rest. Memorials may be given to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, Tunnel to Towers, and the Frank Youngquist Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 53, Milan, IL 61264.



*Frank loved attending the Reunions of the 8th Air Force Historical Society. From left: with Barb in Dayton, with Veteran Elmo Maiden in New Orleans and with Veteran Don Miller in St. Louis and Frank's WWII memento display.*



From 466th Bomb Group Association  
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## 49th 8th AFHS Annual Reunion October 18-22, 2023

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222 N Vineyard Ave  
Ontario, CA 91764



We have not received the link for hotel reservations yet, but the rate is \$179 + taxes.

**Plan ahead!**

For updates, or to join the 8th Air Force Historical Society, go to: <https://8thafhs.org/join.html>, or call (912) 748-8884 or send \$40 and your contact information to:

Debra D. Kujawa, Managing Director, 8th Air Force Historical Society, P O Box 60369, Savannah, GA 31420-0369

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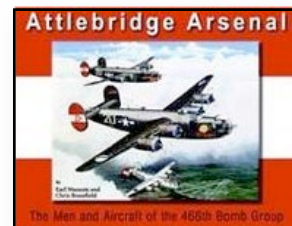
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