



THE PYRAMIDIERS

The Newsletter of the 98th Bomb Group/Wing Veterans Association

August 2017

OFFICERS

BILL WEST

President

621 Autumn Creek Drive
Fairborn, OH 45324
937-754-0755
westwm@juno.com

SUZANNE MIODUSZEWSKI

Sec./Treas. & Scholarship Chair

1137 Joyce Lane
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-678-3838
suzannes@me.com

LURA HAYES

Assistant Sec./Treas.

15275 Payne Road
Marysville, OH 43040
937-644-1158
wjhayes@imetweb.net

BONNIE HENSEL

Memorabilia Chair

317 Bristol Drive, Apt. C
York, PA 17403
717-848-9546
bjhnewstart@hotmail.com

HERB HARPER

Historian Emeritus

3290 NO. Pone Road N.W.
Georgetown, TN 37336-4809
423-336-2768
BOMBGRP98@aol.com

Message from the President

Wow! What a time of change our association has experienced so far in 2017! As a result, our most recent newsletter was, for the first time in recent memory, combined to cover most of these events. We lost some dear, dear fellow members this past winter and spring, and Susie did a truly outstanding job sharing their impact on our association, and our lives. I still don't know how she got through writing about Dennis Posey's life and considerable impact on not just our association, but our lives as well. Susie, thank you—there must have been many tears on your keyboard as you composed those touching words. And speaking of the spring newsletter, I received phone messages and read e-mails from some fellow members wondering about the whereabouts of the newsletter that was expected in March. Every single member who reached out to me couldn't have been more understanding and supportive when I explained why the newsletter was delayed. I even received a touching card in the mail from Dixie Harper after a delightful phone conversation with her. Thanks, Dixie!



Bill West

Another change is the site of this year's reunion—beautiful Tucson, Arizona! I have an Air Force buddy who retired there, and he is always telling Linda and me what a beautiful place it is, and that it hosts many military association reunions each year. Gary Schinsing picked dates late enough in the year to avoid the heat of summer and early fall, but not too close to the holidays. Gary has done a superb job organizing our reunion, and I can't wait to see the sites of the greater Tucson area and, of course, to renew friendships with each one of you.

continued inside, page 2

Message from the President *continued from page 1*

Please see pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter for the registration forms.

By the way, one of the unexpected joys of attending our reunions is getting to know other adult children like ourselves who accompany a parent. For example, at the Charleston reunion, Linda and I helped Stanley and Regi Siberski, (what a neat couple!), and their adult children celebrate their wedding anniversary at the hotel's bar. After Doug and his siblings helped their parents up to their room for the night, they returned to the bar and all of us had a ball! At the Colorado Springs reunion we had the pleasure to get to know Ken Laninga Jr—what a fine man, as is his much taller brother Randy, whom we met a year later. When we gathered in Dayton, we met their other brothers and one of the grandsons. At the Colorado Springs reunion

we also became friends with Gary Schinsing, and his two daughters. In spite of the fact that Gary is a San Francisco Giants fan (he even made a trip down to Coors Field to catch a Giants-Rockies game), and I bleed “Dodger blue,” we became friends, and now we both find ourselves in leadership positions within our association. Of course Susie and Lura, Bonnie and Joan are also ‘second generation’ leaders within the 98th—what a great legacy we are blessed to be a part of!

See you soon in beautiful Tucson!

Best wishes,

Bill

Message from the Secretary/Treasurer

This summer is really going way too fast! It will be just a couple of months and it will be time for our Tucson Reunion. Gary has worked hard to put this together at a time when he has a lot on his mind and in his heart. We need you to get your registration forms in as soon as possible, so we can get our paperwork turned in for the Pima Trip. Please see the registration forms on pages 6 and 7. If you are thinking of coming, but as yet unsure; go ahead and fill out your registration and send it minus your check. That way we can get you registered...so when you DO decide you can come, you won't miss out on the tour. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations to secure our special rate.

As we all regroup from this year of many losses, it is important to remember them and carry on for them. This Association meant so much to them—they kept coming for as long as they physically could, no matter what other things were going on in their own lives. I feel it is especially important that we come together this year as a tribute to them, and to all those who have

gone from us. We need to share our stories, our laughs, and our tears together, as we bid them a fond goodbye from their Association.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER, so if there is anyone out there who is interested please let us know (please use the contact information on our masthead to get in touch with Bill West or me). You will have a lot of help getting started! You will also be performing a wonderful service. Our many members who depend on the newsletter to “stay in touch” will be eternally grateful.

Also, we call on all our members to contribute more articles and items of interest to appear in the newsletter. It's only through everyone's input that our newsletter will thrive.

We look forward to seeing you in Tucson!

Susie M.

For The Record

Address Changes

L-NAME	FIRST	MI	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	MBM
Turner	Mrs. Dorothy	A.	44 Plain Rd	Hatfield	MA	1038	Honorary
Watt	Mrs. Esther		635 Willow Valley Square	Lancaster	PA	17602	Honorary
Chrispin	Grant	W.	5607 Chippewa Falls St	Dublin	OH	43016	SCH 2007
Lindell	Daniel		7808 N Morton St, Apt. 735	Spokane	WA	99208	SCH 2007

Deceased

L-NAME	FIRST	MI	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	POS	AC	SQD	DOD
Bond	William (Bill)	E.	840 Gerhardt Dr	Pensacola	FL	32503	BTG	B-24	345	04/08/2017
Cartasegna	Mrs. Marguerite	M.	5666 Langford Lane	Lake Oswego	OR	97035	Hon	B-24	345	
Chance	Mrs. Edna	F.	PO Box 67	Livermore	CA	94550	Hon	B-24	415	
Fleming	Dean	E.	2243 SE Shawn Dr	Tecumseh	KS	66542	RO-G	B-24	343	12/21/2014
Geiger	Floyd	J.	520 E Holland Ave, Apt E102	Spokane	WA	99218	P	B-29	343	05/17/2015
Migala	Martin (Gil)	G.	9235 Garr Rd	Berrien Springs	MI	49103	CC	B-47	343	03/27/2017
Olry	Mrs. Virginia	G.	6001 Ranger Trail	Fort Wayne	IN	46835	Hon	B-24	344	
Pressley	David		1288 Rockcut Rd	Forest Park	GA	30297	CC	B-47E	OMS	
Swimley	Hugh	E.	16617 N West Point Pkwy, #132	Surprise	AZ	85374	G	B-29	343	12/26/2016

Worth Repeating . . .

Sometimes words should be revisited because they provide good advice or bring a smile. The items noted below and on the facing page are pertinent examples—reprinted from our March 2012 issue.

As we journey throughout our life we meet many people. Some remain just acquaintances but there are those that become more than that. In the Military Services you may be with a group for only a year or two but the kinship felt for each other during that period of time goes very deep and stays with you for the rest of your life even though you may never cross each other's path again. Such is the case with myself and my aircraft commander, 1/Lt. Fred Treyz.

We were a lead B-29 bomber crew over the skies of Korea during the Korean War in 1952/53. To be 1/Lt. Treyz's flight engineer was an honor I was very proud of. He was an exceptional pilot.

Treyz had served as a pilot during the latter days of World War II. After that War ended he continued to fly as a crop duster and later as a commercial airline pilot. He was in the reserves so was called to once again serve his Country during the Korean War.

Fred was 28 years old when I met him. I was 22 at that time. The many months of training before we were sent to Japan brought crews together and Fred chose each man he wanted on his crew. He was very selective because teamwork with a crew of eleven men was essential to him in getting the job done. He took his responsibilities as an aircraft commander very seriously. His judgment was crucial for the crew's survival as we flew our missions.

During the Korean War he was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross. Fred was a jet pilot during the Vietnam War and was presented two Silver Stars during that War. He retired after thirty years of service in the 70s.

I had lost contact with Fred after the Korean War so when I finally decided to try and reach him in 2005 I had to go through the Air Force Locator System in San Antonio, Texas. I was informed that he died in 1984. I was told if I wrote a letter they would forward it to the nearest next of kin. I did, and waited for sometime, when finally a letter came from Fred's widow. Since that time I have also heard from Fred's sister.

They informed me that Fred had died from brain cancer and they feel that he was a victim of fumes from Agent Orange as he spoke of fumes getting into his fighter cockpit regularly as he made low level flying missions in the Vietnam War.

When he died, as a retired brigadier general, he could have been buried in Arlington National Cemetery but he was a humble man and told his beloved wife that he wanted to be buried in her hometown so she could visit him. Arlington was too far away for her.

When Fred's wife and sister were going through his things after his death, in a pocket of one of his uniforms, they found the following note:

A Thought for Today

This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use it as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it.

*I want it to be **Gain**, not **Loss***

Good**, not **Evil

***Success**, not **Failure**, in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.*

This depicts the man I had the privilege to know. He was a very serious young man back when I was part of his team. This was Fred's philosophy then and from what I have been told by family members was throughout his life.

Would that we all would value each day of our life. Each day is a gift from GOD!

Wallace R. Daggett

1248 Roseland Drive
Kewaskum, WI 53040

. . . just for fun . . .

Laws to Remember

Law of Mechanical Repair — After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity — Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability — The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers — If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Variation Law — If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath — When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters — The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

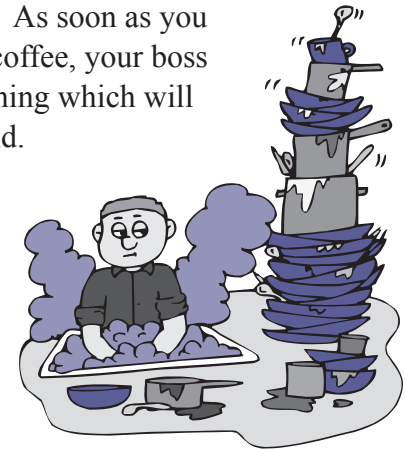
Law of the Result — When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics — The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Stadium — At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law — As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers — If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.



Law of Physical Surfaces — The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument — Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance
If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking
A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy — As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law — If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there you'll feel better . . . but if you don't make an appointment, you'll stay sick.

If you don't forward this to one of your friends within the next five minutes your belly button will unscrew and your butt will fall off. Really . . . it's true . . . it's called Fallbutt's Law!

Reunion Schedule • Oct 30–Nov 3, 2017

98th Bomb Grp/Wing Veterans Association

Hotel: Radisson Suites, 6555 East Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710

Reservations: (520) 721-7100

Hotel Rate: \$99.00

DAY 1 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 9:00 a.m. Saguario National Park West Guided Tour, Lunch

Saguaro National Park is in southern Arizona. Its two (2) sections are on either side of the city of Tucson. The park is named for the large saguaro cactus, native to its desert environment.

DAY 3 Free Day, Living History Stories in the afternoon in the Hospitality Room

DAY 4 Pima Air Museum and AMARG Boneyard Tours, Lunch

The Pima Air and Space Museum is one of the largest non-government funded aviation and space museums in the world! It features over 300 historical aircrafts, from a Wright Flyer to the 787 Dreamliner. It also exclusively offers climate controlled motor coaches experienced guide on board of the 2,600 acre tour of the "Aircraft Boneyard"/US military and government aircraft storage facility. Over 4000+ planes are there in varying degrees of storage, being regenerated or recycled.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Arrival/Tram Tour

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Self-guided Museum & Lunch at Flight Grill

2 :00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Boneyard* Tour

3:45 p.m. Departure

**Note: Boneyard Tour Participants—the following information is needed for everyone taking the tour and must be submitted no later than 40 days before the tour. If you do not have your info to us by Sept 23rd you will not be able to go on the Tour. For your convenience (and so you won't forget!), there is space to include this information on your reservation sheet.*

The information needed is:

1. ID number such as driver's license number or passport number etc.
2. Date of Birth
3. Social Security Number

DAY 5 9:30 a.m. Ladies Event (Nice casual dress)

10:00 a.m. Association Business Meeting

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner

Buses (except Ladies Event) will have wheelchair lifts. Please contact Gary for special needs (scooters, etc.). Wheel chair bounds (not able to get up the bus steps) need to tell me in advance, as it will take some planning around the bus.

Questions? Please contact: Gary Schinsing – (805) 704-6751

"God Bless all of you, God Bless America, and be safe till we meet again"

Reunion Registration

98th Bomb Grp/Wing Veterans Association

Registration Fee \$100.00

Last Name _____ First _____

Name as you would like it to appear on your name tag _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sqd _____ Years _____ A/C _____ Duty _____

* Driver's License/Passport No. _____ DOB _____ SSN _____

Spouse/Guest Last Name _____ First _____

Spouse/Guest Name for name tag _____

Address (if different) _____

* Driver's License/Passport No. _____ DOB _____ SSN _____

DAY 1 Oct 30th 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner \$ 20 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

DAY 2 Oct 31st 9:00 a.m. Saguario National Park Tour and Lunch
. \$ 40 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

DAY 3 Nov 1st Free Day Living History Stories in the afternoon in the Hospitality Room

DAY 4 Nov 2nd 9:00 a.m. Pima Air Museum & AMARG Boneyard* Tours, Lunch
. \$ 45 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

DAY 5 Nov 3rd 9:30 a.m. Ladies Event \$ 35 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

10:00 a.m. 98th Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. Banquet Dinner

Banquet Entrees

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| #1 Petite Grilled Flatiron with Roast Garlic Demi | #3 Chicken Parmesan |
| #2 Petite Seared Salmon with Lemon Beurre Blanc | #4 Roasted Pork Loin Chasseur |

Please list the entree number for your dinner choice: _____

Please list the entree number for your guest's dinner choice: _____

Registration \$100 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

Scholarship Fund (Donation) \$ _____

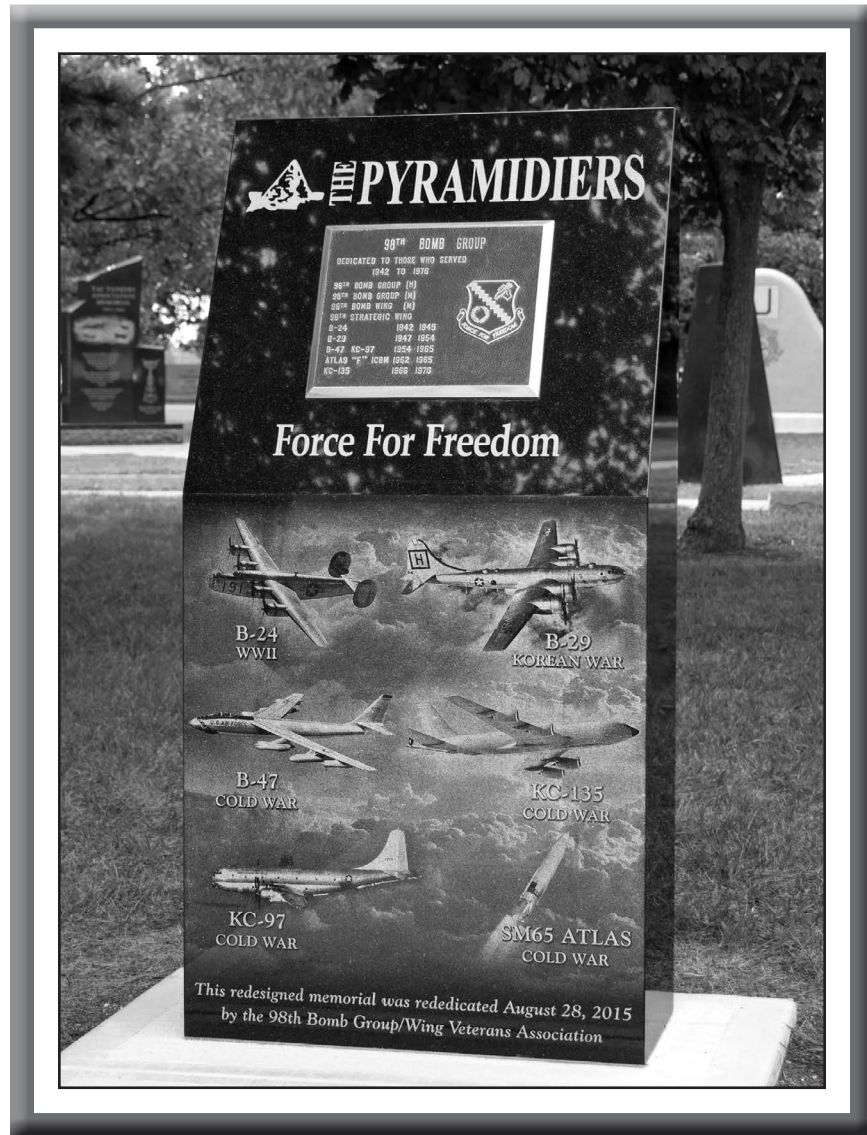
Annual Dues \$ 20 x _____ Persons = \$ _____

. Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: 98th Bomb Grp/Wing Veterans Association. Please return completed registration form & check to: Ms. Suzanne Mioduszewski, 1137 Joyce Lane, Ann Arbor, MI 48103



THE PYRAMIDIERS



FORCE FOR FREEDOM

Join Us in Tucson, AZ, October 30 – November 3, 2017
for Our Next Reunion