



# THE PYRAMIDIERS

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

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## Message from the President

As I write this article, it has been several months since our last reunion, and even so I am still basking in the glow of our wonderful time together in Harrisburg, PA. For those who could not attend, you missed a marvelous time. Unfortunately, among the missing was our reunion coordinator, Gary Schinsing and his beautiful wife, Sue, due to a last minute medical issue, but because of Gary's superb planning, every detail went off without a hitch. For Linda and I, this was the eighth reunion we have been blessed to be a part of, and each one seems to develop its own unique theme during the week. This past reunion appeared to be all about HONOR.



Bill West

We opened our reunion with the welcome dinner at our hotel, where we honored our two WW II vet's in attendance, Art Palmer and Alex Tejada, and also honored Lura Hayes, as it was her birthday. And speaking of birthdays, just a few days before our reunion, Art Palmer celebrated his 99th! To see him stride up and down the hills on the Gettysburg battlefield, you would guess he was 25+ years younger! Our bus tour of the battlefield was certainly a lesson in honor, and this point was driven home by our excellent guide, Mr. Jim Miller. His impassioned description of the events on those fateful days 150 years ago almost brought him to tears more than once. The Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, where we visited the next day, was also a very real place of honor for some of our fallen brothers and sisters. We were once more blessed with an excellent guide who made the science of mortuary affairs extremely interesting, and we were treated with magnificent views of

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the final resting places of heroes, and a very impressive memorial made to resemble a bombed church in the D-Day area of Normandy.

On Thursday we were treated to visiting the Gettysburg retirement home of General/President Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower, two people who certainly know a thing or two about honor, but who retired in such a simple, but tasteful small farm near the battlefield. At past reunions we have had local Junior ROTC units serve as color guards, but this year a local VFW preformed these duties—a delightful group of fellow veterans. The best news at the end of a wonderful week was the information that Sue Schinsing had just left the hospital in Arizona!

Our Memorabilia chairs, Bonnie and Joan Hensel, came up with a super idea at our last reunion, and I wish to share it with you. Most of us who have attended a reunion or two probably have two or three (or more!) 98th Bomb Group shirts and hats. Bonnie and Joan

are now willing to ‘customize’ a shirt just for you! For example, say you flew or maintained a particular aircraft, and you wish to share your pride of service on that particular bird—they are willing to produce a high quality polo-type shirt with, say, “Proud wife of a B-29 maintainer,” or “Proud son of a B-47 pilot.” “Proud wife/son/daughter of a United States Air Force veteran” is another example. Maybe “Proud Pilot/Maintainer of (fill in the nomenclature of your bird).” We only have images of B-24s, B-29s and B-47s, and we can always use an American flag in place of these birds. Bonnie’s contact information is on the front page of our newsletter, and she can help you with the size, design and color of your shirts, and tell you the cost (to include postage).

Best wishes,

*Bill West*

*\*Note: The president’s message was written prior to the passing of Sue Schinsing.*

## 98th Bomb Group Veterans Association Scholarship

The 98th Bomb Group/Wing Veterans Association will award a \$2,000 scholarship each year to a young person who wants to continue their education at a university, community college, technical or trade school. They should have at least a 2.5 grade point average in high school, be a patriotic person who believes in the American ideals and be recommended by a member of the 98th Bomb Group/Wing Veterans Association. The young person should also have a fairly clear idea of what they want their continuing education to do for them and the career they are hoping to follow. It is hoped that this scholarship will go to an individual that would otherwise not have an opportunity to further their education, not to someone who already has several scholarships. The \$2000 will be paid directly to the school chosen by the young person for their tuition.

A complete Application for the Scholarship consists of:

1. The Applicant Form to be filled out by the person applying for the Scholarship.

2. The Member Form to be filled out by the sponsoring member of the 98th Bomb Group/Wing Veterans Association
3. An official transcript of the applicant’s high school grades upon completion of three quarters of their senior year.

The completed package should be mailed to the Scholarship Chairman at the address listed on page one of the newsletter (in the masthead) no later than 30 June 2019. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select the applicant to receive the Scholarship. Selection will be made based on need, realistic goals for the education sought, Patriotism, and how well the person is thought of by the sponsoring member. Their decision will be forwarded to the President who will contact the recipient and sponsoring member.

## Message from the Secretary/Treasurer

I open this with a short message and my sincere apology for its timing or lack of. In delaying to get this issue out to you all with Reunion info, it just got to be too long. With still working long hours, family demands, secretary duties etc., it is more and more difficult with each issue to keep up with my ‘temporary’ duties as newsletter editor.

## Reunion 2019 Update • 9/9/19 – 9/22/19 Dallas, TX

Since we have contemplated in the past and have struggled with what to do it should come as no surprise that this past year we came to the hard-facts realization that we really needed to come up with a plan for the group for what to do in 2019 for a reunion. Although Gary, Bonnie and Joan along with their sister Brenda did a fantastic job with the Gettysburg Reunion, we still barely qualified in numbers to rent a bus, and low numbers of attendees obviously drives up all the costs for the activities; potentially keeping others away.

As you can infer from Bill’s *President’s Message*, having a smaller-than-usual group did not keep us from having a terrific and memorable time. And always, there are new members to meet and get to know—like John Selders. With the importance of continuing our reunions in mind (and everyone attending the meeting present), we voted to continue our reunions through the following “combined” arrangement....

We owe having this opportunity in a great part to our good friend Kim Hobbs, who started attending our meetings, joined our group, and began talking to us about someday having joint reunions with the 376th, 451st, 455th, 460th, 461st, 464th, 465th, 484th & Bomb Groups (the 464th just last year).

Bill, Linda, and I had the opportunity to spend time at their September Reunion in Dayton, Ohio to check it out and came away impressed, and taking away the thought of sharing what we found with our group. My own thoughts were that it was much like some of the earlier 98th Reunions I attended. It was just like being with our group of old, only back on a larger scale. This Reunion also had Commemorative Medal

Presentations and a Military Memorial Ceremony at the Air Force Museum with 27 WW II Heroes in attendance. There were wreaths distributed to the various groups represented including one for the 98th that I laid on our memorial. It turns out we were all there for the exact same reason—to celebrate and HONOR those who have served their country.

They have a Welcome Room that seems like it is always open that has complimentary snacks and drinks where people meet, bring their memorabilia and trade stories. We can have our own table set up there with our banner.

This is very exciting and just what the 98th needs—the ‘buying power’ of the combined groups, at the same time retaining our own group identity. The 98th is very much respected by the group members, who are excited about the possibilities of us joining with them.

And so to Dallas for Reunion 2019 with a very attractive hotel rate thanks to a 10K incentive given to the combined group, who generously decided it should go to help defray hotel costs for those attending. Although there is a large block of rooms reserved for the group, we encourage you to make your reservations early. Let’s have a great turnout!

*Susie*

P.S. As always, the **year numbers** (17, 18, etc.) listed after your last name on the newsletter address label tell you when your dues are effective thru. If there is an ‘L’ after the number, it means this is your last issue until dues are caught up and paid.

# Remembering Charles Rex Bragg

Charles Rex Bragg, age 95, passed away on July 19, 2018 in Comanche County, Texas. His son, Russ Bragg and wife Nancy; grandson Cameron Bragg and his wife Angie survive him as do great-grandchildren Sam Herrington, Caitlin Bragg and Carson Bragg; all of Austin.

As a teenager, Rex worked hard to have a little cash. He had a job cleaning the school buildings and lighting the fires early in the morning to heat the schoolrooms before he went to school himself. He worked at the

movie theater as an usher and projectionist “all week and two matinees on the weekends.” To draw in business, he would make popcorn in a cart he pulled out on the sidewalk. He saw *Gone With the Wind* “a thousand times.” He bought a used Model A with the proceeds and was a popular kid in his group of friends.

## MILITARY WW II

When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Rex’s mother made him wait to enlist until he graduated from high school.

At the graduation ceremony he dropped his diploma in her lap as he walked off the stage.

Tales of his enlistment have entertained us all. Almost joined the Navy when the Army Air Corps was taking too long. He and a friend spent a few days living on a base in San Antonio and eating with DeLeon guys who were already soldiers. No one challenged them.

A true member of the Greatest Generation, Rex served his country in the Army Air Corps with 50 aerial combat missions as a waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator in the Italian and European campaigns. He didn’t tell us much about his wartime service for years. He did share his little notebook where he had recorded each mission. He noted where the mission was and what the results were, such as “Heavy fire,” or “9 hours and 30 minutes to bomb a railroad yard,” including the number of holes in the plane! His crew’s plane was called Lil-De-Icer.

## ARLINGTON

He returned to civilian life to marry his sweetheart, Sarah Josephine Morrison, in 1944. She predeceased him in 2008. He attended Arlington State College briefly and worked for the National Guard from 1948-1952. Tools and parts from that job are still in his toolbox.

For most of their life, Rex and Sarah were dancing. Ballroom Dancing, square dancing, round dancing, country and western dancing.

Rex owned the Professional Barber Shop in downtown Arlington Texas for more than 20 years. He knew all the City Hall news and, of course, always had a new joke or two to share. Customers may remember the “mongoose box” which contained a fuzzy tail from a Davy Crockett hat. After a long, and carefully executed setup about how ugly and dangerous a mongoose can be, the customer would be peering into the box and Rex would secretly release a strong spring that would fling the tail right across their face. It is a wonder Rex and the mongoose did not land in jail.

When the city of Arlington took the land where the barbershop was located, Rex worked at some other shops and then took a job at E-Systems in Grand Prairie where he was a jack-of-all-trades, which allowed him to meet everyone on the manufacturing line including a large Vietnamese group who had to learn to appreciate his humor.

## RETIREMENT

Rex and Sarah retired in the 70s and traveled extensively. National and international destinations kept them flying and riding on buses. He often remarked that he had learned not to pass up a chance to pee for free. Women tourists lingering in the shops making the bus load of people wait was his pet peeve.

Country dancing at the Senior Center every week kept them on the go and added some cardio fitness to their life. They made new friends at the center and had a fine time.

## AUSTIN

In the early 2000s Rex developed vision problems and Sarah was developing dementia. With little urging, they moved to Austin to be near their family. Many family dinners and celebrations were held that they got to join in. After Sarah passed away, Rex began accompanying Russ to deliver Meals on Wheels every Monday followed by lunch with Cam and any other family members who could make it to Luby’s or Whataburger. Great-grandkids would show up in the summer—great bonding opportunities. For several years, Rex attended country western dances twice a week at the Senior Center on Manchaca Road where he made friends and told jokes.

Lovingly submitted,

*Russ Bragg*

## For the Record . . . For the Record . . .

### Deceased

L Name	F Name	MI	Street Address	City	State	Zip	Group	DOD
Jette	Joseph	R.	60 Notre Dame St	Central Falls	RI	02863	345	07/29/2013
Ensing (SMSgt)	Eugene	C.	10577 Galaxy Dr NE	Rockford	MI	49341	OMS	
Beard	Jimmie	D.	21515 109th Ave E	Gram	WA	98338	345	
Wulfekuhl	Keith	J.	6127 S 115th St	Omaha	NE	68137	345	
Bragg	Charles	R.	6501 Brush Country Rd	Austin	TX	78749	415	06/29/2018
Blisseck	Mrs. Lois		1400 County Road 3672	Springtown	TX	76240	343	

### New Address

L Name	F Name	MI	Street Address	City	State	Zip	AC	SQD
Franzyshen	Karol (Lt Col)	E.	25 Laurel Ave	Florence	NJ	08518	B-47	345
Goodall	Robert	A.	1335 Columbia Ct	Davenport	IA	52804	B-47	A&E
Koplinka	George	B.	3826 Royal Blvd	Lynchburg	VA	24503	B-29	345
Stauffer	Robert	E.	34 Hobart St, Apt 100	Southington	CT	06489	B-29	343
Witherell	Neal		16365 Blackthorn Way	Parker	CO	80134	B-24	415 ASSOC

### Honorary

L Name	F Name	MI	Street Address	City	State	Zip	AC	SQD
Bolen	Betty		300 Broadway Rd	Hunlock Creek	PA	18621	B-24	345
Bond	Helen (William)		4101 Wynford Cir	Pensacola	FL	32501	B-24	345
Kenney	Joan (Thomas)	C.	1258 Wedgewood Manor Way	Reston	VA	20190	B-29	343
Puckett	Rose (George)	W.	260 Sedro Trl	Georgetown	TX	78633	B-29	343
Rund	Janet	B.	855 E Basse Rd, Apt 142	San Antonio	TX	78209	B-24	344

## 98th Reunions Connect Family Members

I grew up hearing stories about my great-uncle, Neville Benson. His picture was in my grandparent's bedroom, we went to Kentontown Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day to put a flag on his grave, and we were told how he died in World War II when his plane crashed. My grandfather, with the 5th Army Air Corp in the Pacific, learned of his brother's death when a letter he had written was returned to him stamped "deceased," and I always thought that was one of the saddest things I had heard. The few things we knew about his service were tidbits printed in the local newspaper, and these were not always accurate, so we didn't know about his crew, his missions, his planes, his friends.

Our family's first experience with the **Pyramidiers** was actually Mom's. In 2002, she and Herb Harper made contact. Herb was trying to find more information

about Neville and he started contacting people from Robertson County, Kentucky trying to track down family. He found our cousin, Gladys, who said that she didn't know "family stories," but she had a cousin who might. Herb contacted Mom and we have been attending reunions ever since.

Mom says Herb called her and one of the first things he said was "Did you know your uncle flew on the *Hail Columbia* with Col. Kane?" She didn't. Didn't know about Col. Kane. Didn't even know about the Ploesti Raid. She and Herb were both excited to make contact and share information. The 98th's Reunion was the very next week and in Dayton, only a couple of hours away. Herb told her not to worry about registering, he would get her and Dad in. She just needed to get there because there were so many people she needed to meet.

### Susan Marie Schinsing • May 7, 1954 – March 3, 2019

On March 3, 2019 my wife and best friend, Susan, passed as a result of this dreadful disease that she fought for 2-1/2 years; during which she spent much of her time as a regular poster on Pancreatic Cancer forums, learning, sharing with and helping other survivors. Most of all she was a strong advocate for PanCan awareness and research.

She was a true Badass! In her honor I recently started the team "F\*\*K Pancreatic Cancer" for PurpleStride to honor her. Will you join my team? The more the merrier!

Did you know that more patients will die this year from pancreatic cancer than from breast cancer? Yet general awareness for the disease is lacking in local communities across the country. By joining me at PurpleStride, you can combat this lack of awareness and help change the future for pancreatic cancer!

The money raised will advance research, support patients, and create hope for the pancreatic cancer

community. We need your help so please do anything you can—join me or make a donation to PurpleStride in Sue's memory.

Thank you so much for all of your support.

Gary

[www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)



## To Loved Ones Lost Long Ago

She and Dad drove up for Thursday and Friday. Joseph LaBranche and Norm Whalen flew with Uncle Neville, Art Plouf was on the ground crew for the *Hail Columbia* and fussed when the *Hail Columbia* didn't come back. Ron Potter's father, Ralph, survived the crash of the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* that killed Uncle Neville. So many people with pictures we had never seen and stories we had never heard. Mom tells the story of Herb introducing her to someone by saying "her uncle was on the *Hail Columbia*." The person responded, "Everyone flew on the *Hail Columbia*." Herb informed him that this one was true. Over the years, we have seen displays in museums and heard so much about that battle, it is hard to imagine that Uncle Neville was there and that non-Air Force people don't know about it.

My first encounter was not a true 98th reunion but the 50th Ploesti Reunion in Salt Lake City in 2003. There was a larger group of people there to honor the veterans. We attended a touching memorial service at Hill AFB and the Tabernacle Choir recognized the group and sang "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*" while we were in attendance. A woman at our table in Salt Lake City won the table centerpiece and didn't want to try to get it home on a plane so she gave it to me because it had the *Hail Columbia* on it. I did get stopped and searched by the TSA for my bomb-shaped centerpiece, but it was worth it and it is still displayed in my home.

We haven't attended every reunion in the past 16 years, but we have attended several. It is always nice to meet the new people and to re-connect with the "regulars" and hear how they and their families are doing. We have had great experiences and have many fond memories. We love going to the Air Force bases and seeing the planes "behind the scenes." Men sit in the hospitality room and talk about their planes like they are people and bicker over which plane was the best...It is the B-24, obviously! We got to go to the World War II

Memorial in Washington DC not long after it opened with several WWII veterans. I was laughing with Mom just yesterday about coming back from Barksdale AFB on a bus with more than one tipsy person singing "*Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder*."

Uncle Neville was both a familiar; often referenced family member and a distant, far-removed man who had lived long ago and only existed in black and white photographs. One of the family stories that you don't actually remember, but have heard so many times that it is hard to imagine that you weren't present. The people with the 98th have given us a view into his life, a chance to talk to people who knew him, and shared his experiences. The stories, the pictures, the scrapbooks, and friendships we have made are all precious gifts for which we will be eternally grateful and we hope to see everyone in Dallas!

Melinda Rawlings

*(Melinda and her mother, Judith, are faithful Reunion attendees who participate often—if for just a couple of days—continuing to pay homage to Neville Benson.)*

Neville Benson is the crew member circled below.





Art Palmer & Bailey Coach's Best Bus Driver ever!

# SCENES from the 2018 REUNION

...more photos  
on back cover...



"Bird House Man," Bob Schinsing



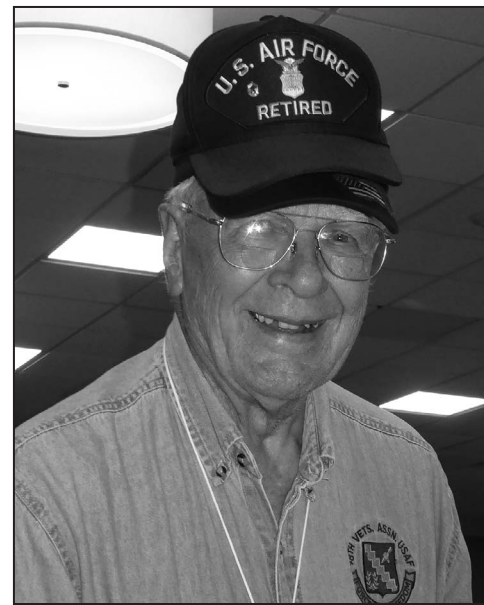
Bonnie Hensel, Frank & Sharon Rivas, Kim Hobbs, Lura Hayes



Barbara Tejada, Lura, Bonnie Hensel, Linda West



Bob Ladislaw, Glen Newton, Jack Hegadus, Frank Rivas



Bob Ladislaw



Lura's Red, White and Blue Birthday Cupcakes



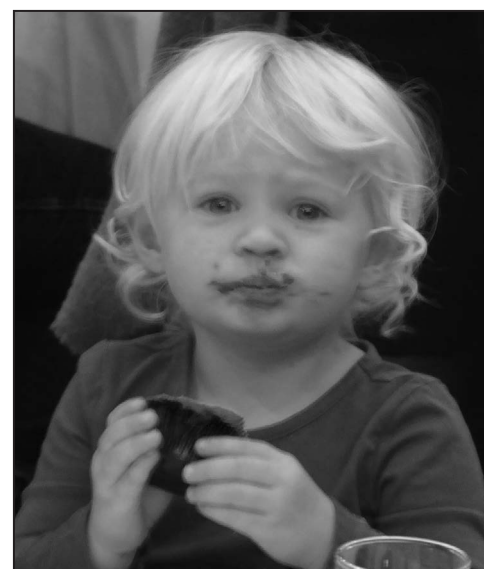
Best Western Premier Hotel Lobby



The Birthday Girl celebrates her 39th with champagne for all, courtesy of her hubby, Bill



John Selder, SS, Lura Hayes, Robert Hambury



Paloma Schinsing "gets into" Lura's Birthday Party



Missing Man Table Ceremony—VFW Color Guard



VFW Color Guard

## The 98th's Alexandro Tejada Recognized by the National Order of The Legion of Honor

During the French Revolution all the orders of the kingdom were abolished. It was the wish of Napoleon, the First Counsel, to create a reward to commend civilians and soldiers regardless of their stature in life. In 1802, a Légion d'Honneur, (Legion of Honor) was established as the first modern medal of merit. The Légion was open to individuals of all ranks and professions. The order is France's highest award and is conferred upon men and women, either French citizens or foreign nationals, for outstanding achievements in military or civilian life.

The President of France is the Grand Master of the Order and appoints all other members of the Order (by convention, on the advice of the Government). Its principal officers are the Chancellor and Secretary General. The order has five classes: Grand-Croix (Grand Cross); Grand Officer; Commandeur (Commander); Officer; and Chevalier (Knight).

On September 20, 2018 Staff Sergeant Alexandro Tejada was awarded the Legion of Honor Medal along with three other American WWII veterans. The 98th recognized him for the honor at our Reunion just a few days later in Gettysburg.



Staff Sergeant Alexandro Tejada was born March, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio. In May, 1941 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at March Field, Riverside, California. In January 1944, he was deployed to Europe and flew as Gunner/Combat Photographer until the end of the War. On his first mission, he was wounded four times while shooting down five German fighters. Alex participated in the Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, Air Combat Balkans, Central Europe, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns. His significant decorations are the Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal with clasp, American Defense Medal, and EAME Campaign Medal, with Bronze and Silver Service Stars. After the war Alex returned to school and finished in 1950 with a Bachelor's Degree at the University of California at Berkley, and a Post-Graduate Degree at the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Phoenix, Arizona. Upon graduation, he began service in the Federal Government until retirement in 1979.

## THE 2019 BOMB GROUPS REUNION

Thursday, September 19 – Sunday, September 22, 2019

Dallas, Texas

Host hotel is The Wyndham Garden Dallas North Hotel

2645 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234



For general information, the hotel website is:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/dallas-texas/wyndham-garden-dallas-north/overview>

This is the same hotel where we received outstanding service and rates in 2016.

Due to the hotel's already low rate and an incentive from the municipality of Farmers Branch, we are receiving a **VERY SPECIAL ROOM RATE OF \$71.20** (per night + taxes) for single, double or ADA accessible rooms.

Reserve your room online now by using the link:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/bombardment-reunion-20191>

You may also reserve by calling Reservations Manager Kharin Hanes at the hotel's in-house reservations desk. Call 214-239-3654 Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00AM- 5:00PM, Central Standard Time.

- Mention you are reserving with Bombardment Reunion 2019 to receive the group rate.

- If you have mobility issues, ask Kharin for a room with the shortest walk to the hotel lobby.
- If you need an ADA accessible room, be sure to ask.
- If you have these or any other special requests, you must ask otherwise they will not know how to help you.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 16, 2019.**

Reservations after that date are NOT guaranteed at the group rate and are subject to room availability. Please make your reservations before that date and if you need to cancel for any reason, you may do so WITHOUT PENALTY if you cancel by 6:00PM CST on the day before your arrival.

- The group rate is available between September 16-24, 2019
- A full, hot breakfast buffet for two is included with each room. Additional persons in a room may purchase the buffet for only \$5 per person.
- Parking is plentiful and complimentary.
- The hotel shuttle is available for BOTH Love Field and DFW airports.

## 2019 Bomb Groups Reunion Events and Activities

### Thursday, 9/19 Arrival and Check-In Day

Registration desk and hospitality room opens mid-morning. There will be deli sandwiches, various snacks and drinks throughout the day. During the evening there will be an optional informal welcome dinner followed by a short welcome and information meeting. The mayor of Farmers Branch will likely be there to welcome our group. The hospitality room will reopen after the dinner meeting until ??

### Friday, 9/20

A tour of **AT&T/Cowboys Stadium**, complete with a gourmet lunch and drinks in the fabulous Stadium Club. You will be amazed at this incredible facility which is arguably the plushiest and most expansive sports arena in existence. Many wheelchairs will be available for use. Friday evening will feature the Individual Group Dinners.

### Saturday, 9/21

A Ladies Crafts Demo will be held, led by Nancy Clifton, 483rd BGA.

#### Veterans Presentations today.

Fifteenth Army Air Force veterans and Historians are invited to share their experiences and stories. If you are a veteran who is interested in participating in this event, please notify your group coordinator to make arrangements. This is always a very special time.



AT&T/Cowboys Stadium

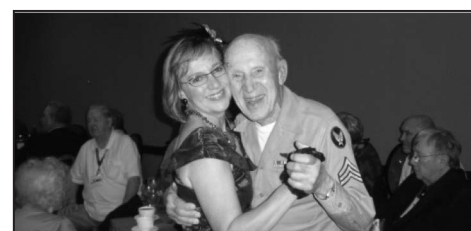
A **veterans group picture** will be taken shortly before the banquet. Veterans attending the 2018 Bomb Groups Reunion are pictured below.



## 2019 Bomb Groups Reunion Events and Activities

### Saturday, 9/21 *(continued from previous page)*

During the evening we will have the **All Groups Banquet** followed by musical entertainment provided by **Ladies Liberty**. *(An Andrews Sisters type USO show—very good)*



The Hospitality Room will reopen following the evening's activities.

### Sunday, 9/22

First thing in the morning there will be an optional church service. Following the church service and a short break there will be a traditional Military Memorial Ceremony led by our reunion Chaplain, Captain/Chaplain Chris Cairns.



Following lunch on your own (the hotel restaurant is planning some delicious lunch specials for us) we will tour the **Frontiers of Flight** museum.



During the evening, we will cap off the reunion with an informal **Farewell Fajitas** dinner. The hospitality room reopens after dinner until ??

**Join Us in Dallas  
this September!**

# 2019 BOMB GROUPS REUNION AGENDA

## Thursday, 9/19 Arrival and Check-In Day

Registration desk and hospitality room is open from mid-morning- ?? There will be deli sandwiches, various snacks and drinks throughout the day.

6:30 – An optional informal welcome dinner (most likely an Italian buffet with extra help to carry plates for our folks) followed by a short welcome and information meeting. The mayor of Farmers Branch will likely be there to welcome our group.

The hospitality room will reopen after the dinner meeting until ??

## Friday, 9/20

9:00 AM – Depart the hotel to tour AT&T/Cowboys Stadium, have lunch and return to the hotel by about 3:00 PM.

5:00 PM – Social hour for Individual Group Dinners beginning with a cash bar at about 5:00 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM.

Hospitality room will reopen after the Individual Group Dinners and remain open until ??

## Saturday, 9/21

8:30 – 9:45 AM – Ladies Crafts Demo

Veterans Presentations today. Times TBD but will have about a 15 minute bathroom break in between each session and lunch break of 1-1 ½ hours at mid-day.

5:00 PM – Veterans group picture taking. Location TBD.

5:15 PM – All Groups Banquet Social Hour; Cash bar opens. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM

7:00 PM – Musical entertainment provided by Ladies Liberty. (An Andrews Sisters type USO show, very good)

8:30 PM – Program ends, hospitality room reopens until ??

## Sunday, 9/22

8:30 AM – Optional Church Service

10:00 AM – Military Memorial Ceremony led by our reunion Chaplain, Captain/Chaplain Chris Cairns.

1:00 PM – Depart hotel for tour of Frontiers of Flight museum.

4:00 PM – Depart the FOF museum for return to the hotel.

6:00 PM – Informal Farewell dinner. Hospitality room reopens after dinner until ??

**Please use the form on the opposite page to register for the 2019 Bomb Groups Reunion. Please see page 11 for hotel information and how to reserve your room(s).**

# BOMB GROUPS REUNION

September 19—22, 2019 Dallas, Texas



Veteran/Fallen Hero \_\_\_\_\_ Group 98th Sqdn \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (One Form per Registration Packet)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag Names (Include Veteran Relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH—Welcome dinner, Italian Buffet

# people \_\_\_\_\_ @ @28.50 Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>—Tour AT&T Dallas Cowboys Stadium with gourmet lunch & drinks

# people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Group Dinners

Grilled Filet 10oz. # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$37.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.50 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Eggplant Parmesan # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.50 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### All Groups Banquet

New York Strip 12 Oz # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rosemary Lemon Chicken # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.50 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Tart (Chef's Choice of Veggies) # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.50 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Lunch on your own today. Tour in afternoon

Tour Frontiers of Flight Museum # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$29.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Farewell Dinner—Farewell Fajitas # people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 each Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a wheelchair? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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The fallen of Gettysburg



Regimental Monument, Gettysburg (Battlefield)



Little Round Top, Gettysburg



Art Palmer with daughter Mary Kate



Eternal Light Peace Memorial, Gettysburg ... Jackie Kennedy's inspiration for JFK's eternal flame



Gettysburg Battlefield