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Newsletter of the 467th Bomb Group Association

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# President's Message

*By Brian Mahoney*

Your Directors are excited by how the plans—and very attractive activities nearby—are making our ‘return to Tucson’ look very exciting. We have garnered a few new members who have found us generally via internet connections, researching their Rackheath Aggie relative. We have 492nd friends understanding that they are openly welcomed to join, as they have so warmly welcomed us for several memorable recent reunions. Some in each group had not been aware of the special connection between the two, but now see it as an important part of the history of each group.

Peter Horne is revamping the official website, and will welcome help with freshening old copy and creating new content. His long-term collection of the group’s quantitative information from official primary sources, will allow easy access to the many interconnections among planes, men and missions. It will also allow ‘us’ to participate in the Mighty D8a Project, which will bring together the same info for each of the 40 heavy bomb groups and 15 fighter groups connected with the Mighty Eighth. (I am in that initiative and in recruiting mode.)

We are heartened to know of a well-organized volunteer commitment, by a Rackheath area scouting organization, to maintain the marker on the airfield site of USAAF Station #145. This represents the combined and cumulative efforts of Jean and David Hastings, the late Perry Watts, endowment of a maintenance fund by this association, donations of utilities and quality ‘Stars and Stripes’ and ‘Union Jacks’ over the years. This very short list leaves out hundreds of US and UK ‘subscribers’ to the memorial marker, and continually reminds us of the breadth and depth of feeling that still remains for the efforts of US personnel during WWII in England.

Thank you all for your parts in preserving the remarkable legacy. Look for a newly restated ‘mission statement’ at the reunion, inspiring today’s generations and reinvigorating all.

Hope to see you in Tucson if possible, and wishing you enjoyment each day,

*Brian H. Mahoney - [Archivist@brianmahoney.com](mailto:Archivist@brianmahoney.com)*



# News From Station 145

*From David Hastings MBE*

Things are quiet at the moment but the Marker is looking good and the new floodlights are superb. We were deeply touched when one of the bulbs needed replacing and when the company who supplied the new floodlights replaced it, they insisted it was No Charge as part of their support for the 467th Veterans. See you are still remembered. Sadly the recent gales have played havoc with the flags but thanks to Martie Fankhauser we still have a few left.

The NDR (Northern Distributor Road) still marches across the fields and I have enclosed a picture taken from the new Rackheath roundabout looking towards the old domestic site on Newman Road. We are told the road should be complete by March. However the main contractor is part of the massive Carrillon Group which has just gone into liquidation. Also the cost is now over £30 million over the initial budget and a huge bill for the Norfolk ratepayers.

Also enclosed is a picture of the superbly re-furbished Sole and Heel pub which will bring back many memories for you.

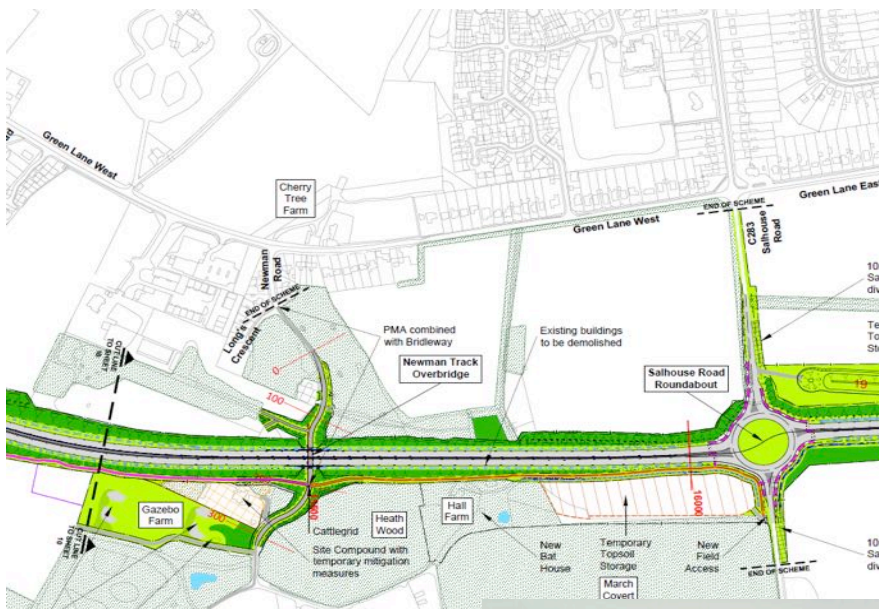
This year is a big one for all we Ex-Servicemen as on April 1st we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force. How can we ever forget the close links the 2nd Air Division USAAF enjoyed with RAF Coltishall, our famous Battle of Britain station. The Norwich Convention when the Station gave the 2nd ADA a whole day on the base with our own Air Display including the Red Arrows. Then that night in the Norwood Rooms when the 2nd ADA presented to the Station Commander that famous painting, "Welcome Home Yank", and James Stewart got on stage to conduct the Ray Shields orchestra - memories indeed.

Finally nothing to do with the Marker but this old pilot was invited by our train company Greater Anglia Railways to have a cab ride on board a Class 37 Diesel from Norwich to Lowestoft and back - there is still life in the old one yet ! (see picture)

With all our best wishes for 2018,  
Yours,  
David, Jean, and Roger Hastings



## News From Station 145 *Cont.*



Plan of the NDR (Northern Distributor Road) which cuts through what formerly was the living accommodation of the Rackheath base in 1944/45. You can still see an original aircraft hardstand (top left) off Green Lane West, this was the airfield site. The other side of Green Lane West contained the communal living area including Col. Shower's quarters. Rackheath Hall is located outside the scale of the plan and untouched by the new road. David's photo below is taken from the roundabout area looking straight along the new road.



The Sole and Heel Pub after refurbishment. Located at the junction of Green Lane East and the Salhouse Road it was a popular “watering hole” for many of the American servicemen from the Rackheath base and changed little externally over the years.

## Notes from the Editor



This issue brings you full details, schedule and registration for our forthcoming 2018 Reunion which see us make a welcome return to Tucson, Arizona, after almost 20 years. Tucson has a rich aviation heritage and the 467th has a direct link in that our own **Col. Al Shower** was appointed Commanding Officer at the Military Aircraft Storage & Disposition Center back in August 1958. Affectionately referred to these days as the “Boneyard” at the Davis-Montham base, it makes an impressive

spectacle which can be accessed by taking an optional tour, part of our May Reunion schedule. Our Arizona Directors have produced an exciting package to make the most from our stay allowing you time to explore Tucson further and enjoy various recommended dining options together. Delighted an invitation has been extended to our special friends from the **492nd BG** to join with us and we look forward to having their company once more. As ever, we warmly welcome our esteemed Rackheath veterans whom we celebrate and are blessed by their presence each passing year. Do make every effort to come and join the fun and experience the unique camaraderie in what promises to be another memorable occasion. See you all in May!

**EMAIL AND ADDRESS CHANGES:** Remember to report email or address changes to our President, Brian Mahoney, who handles all membership details including notifications of “Folded Wings” and obituaries. This is the sure way to continue to promptly receive the “POOP from Group” Newsletter.

### **COMMUNICATION from Jacky Rose - Group Contact and Cub Scout Leader, 1st Salhouse Scout Troop**

Although we are based in Salhouse, we have many children who join our Scout Group, from neighbouring villages, which includes the village of Rackheath, where the USAAF 467th BG Memorial is situated. I was delighted to receive a telephone call from our District Commissioner in Scouting, asking if our Scout Troop would be interested in looking after the upkeep of the Memorial based in Rackheath as part of the Community Project.

I was delighted to be asked and can speak for all the members of our Group, in saying that we are very honoured to be looking after the USAAF 467th BG Memorial in Rackheath and although I cannot report that any work has been completed by the Scout Troop so far, a visit was made to the Memorial by the Leaders to familiarise ourselves with what needs to be addressed in order to make the site look good.

We did schedule the Troop to visit the Memorial just before Christmas, on Sunday the 10th of December but the weather was not very kind so unfortunately, this was postponed until this coming Saturday, 27th January, when all our 12 Scouts and 3 Leaders will be busy!

It's winter at the moment, so there is not too much to be done in the English gardens at present, which does also include the USAAF 467th BG Memorial but I would just like to reassure everyone involved, that the 1st Salhouse Scout Group shall be attending and caring for the Memorial in the future. I shall report more after Saturday, once we have had a chance to do some work, which will include taking some pictures of the Scout Troop at work.

Jackie Rose -

**VERGIL RODGERS:** Former 789th Sq. nose-gunner from Tyler, TX. was inducted into the French Legion of Honor in a ceremony conducted at the French Consulate in Houston, 17 November 2017. He flew missions in support of the liberation of Southern France, as well as campaigns throughout the Rhineland and Central Europe. For his service during WWII, he was awarded with the EAME Campaign Ribbon with 3 bronze stars, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, WWII Victory Ribbon, Air Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and 2 Air Force Commendations.



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## **VERGIL RODGERS: Cont.**

After returning home from the war Sgt. Maj. Rodgers did not go back to civilian life, but continued to serve in the US Air Force as a Refueling Operator in the flight crews of B-29s, KC-97 tankers and KC-135 aircraft during the occupation of Japan, the Cold War, and the Vietnam war. In 1963 he received the Airman of the Year award which was presented to him by the Air Force Chief of Staff General Curtis Lemay in Washington D.C., and in 1966 he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant, and then Sergeant Major before leaving the military in 1973.

After retiring from his military career, he moved into Management at Levi Strauss & Co where he stayed for 10 years before becoming the Texas State Coordinator for widowed persons for which he has received many awards of appreciation for his service to the community. He married his high school sweetheart Vivian Cox shortly after coming home from the war and the two have been married for 72 years and have 2 children who were there to celebrate with them.



## **AUREL STUART: (an edited report from New Hampshire paper Union Leader, November 2017)**

As the Boston Celtics took to the parquet floor Friday night, 18,000 fans stood and cheered for a hero in uniform. That hero was 100-year-old Aurel Stuart of Manchester, a World War II veteran wearing the same dress uniform he wore some 60 years ago. The Celtics named Stuart their honorary captain for a game that was to be broadcast to military bases across the world.

### **100-year-old Manchester veteran named honorary Celtics captain**

By GRETCHEN M. GROSKY  
New Hampshire Union Leader  
November 10, 2017 10:44PM



Manchester veteran Aurel Stuart meets with Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart prior to Friday night's game at TD Garden in Boston. Stuart, 100, was honored as part of the Celtics' "Heroes Among Us"

Stuart was chosen as the Celtics' "Hero Among Us" on a night when season ticket holders and corporate sponsors donate their seats to service members and their families at an event called "Seats for Soldiers." As the "Hero Among Us," Stuart stood at center court with Celtics players a quarter of his age and took part in ceremonial putting of the ball into play before the actual tipoff.

His honor was part of a Veterans Day eve set of ceremonies at the TD Bank Garden that included a military presentation of the colors and the national anthem from the Massachusetts Army Guard's Voices of Freedom singing band.

The fans gave Stuart and the other veterans and service members a standing ovation. Stuart said it was an honor he didn't deserve.

"I just did my job," said Stuart, a well-known Manchester photographer who shot photos for the Union Leader and Sunday News in the 1940s. "My dad always told me to do the best you can. We were just doing our job. That's all." *Continued next page.*

He served as lead bombardier in World War II, flying 31 bombing missions, one of which was on June 6, 1944 over Normandy — D-Day. While most squadrons flew far less, Stuart's group was called on more because they were the most accurate at the time.

He spoke of one of those D-Day missions. His job was to take out a bridge in the French village of Pontabault to keep the Germans from advancing. It required a low flyover of about 3,000 feet, which meant he only had one real shot to hit the target with a 2,000-pound bomb.

The generals and colonels were screaming through the headphones in his ears to fly over the bridge and drop the bomb. He pulled the headphones out of his ears and defied their orders, demanding the pilot fly over the length

of the bridge to give him extra shots at the target. He thought he was going to be demoted, but instead the military instituted new rules that only the pilot could be in the ear of a bombardier. "Just doing my job," he said.



*Aurel Stuart, standing 2nd from right, with the 789th Lt. Douglas Volk Crew*

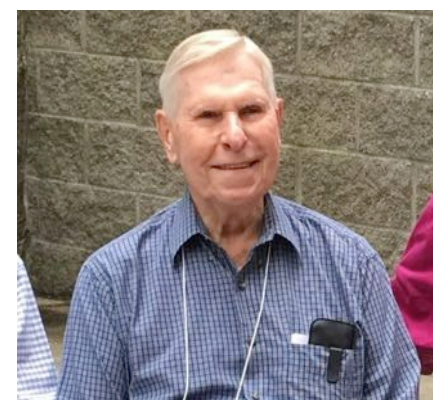
### **JOE ZBIKOWSKI AND NORMAN FELBINGER REMEMBERED:**

In 2017 we lost two of our longstanding and loyal pilots, Joe "Zibby" Zbikowski and Norman Felbinger. We were graced by their company year after year at each reunion and their recent loss reminds us our veterans are mortal and we miss their presence deeply as we contemplate gathering once more in 2018. **Peter Horne** whose late father John was a crew member with "Zibby" recounts his favorite story regarding Joe:

*"...My dad was flying group mission #64 (his 24th) with Tom Shaughnessy as pilot and Joe Zbikowski as Co Pilot. The mission was to Pont-Au-Vendin, France. On the bomb run their plane, B-24H-15-CF 41-29446 'Tangerine', was hit by flak outside the pilots side that blew out the cockpit window on that side of the aircraft.*

*Tom Shaughnessy was seriously hurt (lost an eye and subsequently went home) as was Joe Zbikowski. While the wind was blowing through the cockpit, and the engineer and radio operator attended to Shaughnessy, Joe fought through his injuries and gained control of the aircraft. Continuing in formation they were able to finish the bomb run, drop their bombs, and start the leg back to Rackheath. Because of injuries, the crew were unable to get an oxygen mask on Shaughnessy. They had to drop out of formation and descend to a lower altitude because of the cold temperature. This left them very vulnerable to enemy fighters.*

*Upon approaching Rackheath, Joe was able to find the base by following the railroad tracks that, he hoped, went by the base. Luckily he landed the crippled ship on an appropriate runway without incident. Joe remembered events well up until he parked 'Tangerine' at her hard stand. Apparently, at this point things get a little "fuzzy". He was told afterward that he got "cleaned up", commandeered a jeep, and decided he was going to attend a party (such was Joes way) that was being held off base. He was stopped at the gate, with his face still dripping blood, by the MP's who sent him to the doctor who immediately sent Joe to the hospital....."*



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I asked **Norma Felbinger**, daughter of Norman, to provide a pen-picture of her Father....here is her response.

Dad seldom talked about his service - he felt he didn't do that much (23 missions from Jan-June 1945) He felt he was just doing his duty, and 6 months overseas was not significant. He was extremely unassuming and never sought the spotlight. True gentleman - description of my dad I hear most often.

Born in Maywood IL June 10, 1924. Grew up with one younger brother, another born when he was 16.

Went to Proviso HS, as did my mom, but they didn't meet until after dad was in service (at a roller rink - Dad was in uniform)

Attended University of IL, enlisted in Army Air Corps as an officer. Stationed at Rackheath after training as a pilot on B-24s.

Married to Lucy Jacobs June 7,1947. Completed BS degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Had one daughter (me) 1950.

Attended many 2nd Air Division reunions with my mom, then discovered 467th group. Attended many reunions in the late 80s and throughout 90s with mom.

Lucy died 2005. I attended reunions from 2005 with him, since I retired.

Married Mary (Mel) Ertel October 1 2011. The 3 of us attended 467th reunions from then on.

Visited Rackheath for the first time in 2009 or 2010 - for the dedication of a painting.

Honor Flight August 2015 from Chicago - awesome experience for us both.

The only story Dad told me (that I can remember) was the one time he got lost in the formation, had to turn around and land with all the bombs still in the plane. All other missions were successes.

I asked if he had any problem bombing Germany - where some of his relatives might be. He said he never questioned it - he was doing his duty and felt he was doing the right thing.

Interesting story - Dad and Mel were watching the History Channel "Dogfights" about 2 years ago, when Dad realized he was watching one of his missions. It was near the end of the war and the Germans were deliberately crashing into American planes, kamikaze style. They had been told the crashes were accidental. He didn't know any differently until he watched the footage.

**UPDATE from JACKY ROSE 1st Salhouse Cub Scout Leader Saturday 27th January:**

I am just writing to update you on today's visit to the USAAF Memorial in Rackheath, by the Scouts from 1st Salhouse Scout Group.

The weather could have been a little better during our visit but it didn't stop a group of 7 Scouts, 1 Cub Scout, 3 Leaders and 3 parents all attending for an initial 'tidy' at the memorial. Simon, the Scout Leader brought along his hedge cutter and was able to trim back the overgrown hedge, which surrounds the Memorial and ended up taking away 9 bin bags of cuttings. The Scouts were able to weed, dig and collect up all the hedge cuttings as well as give the Memorial stone a real good clean. We have noted some repairs to the flag poles, which are both missing the mounts and the Union Flag needs replacing too. Our Scout Leader, Simon will contact Rackheath Parish Council to organise.

I enclose some pictures, one showing the Memorial in October, when we were first approached to look after the upkeep of the Memorial, another of our Scout Troop when we first opened in September last year and another of the today's first mission on making the Memorial a source of pride for visitors and villagers of Rackheath!

Just one last matter, we shall be inviting Mr David Hastings, who looked after the USAAF memorial for many years with his wife Jean, along to visit us at our meeting hall over the next few weeks. David kindly offered to come along and talk to the Scout Troop, explaining all about the American 467th Bomb Group, so the youngsters understand why the Memorial is there and why this Community Project is so special.

Jackie Rose - 1st Salhouse Scout Group



## Notes from the Editor *Cont.*



Thanks to Jacky Rose for providing photos of the 1st Salhouse Scout Troop, including leaders and parents, who have taken over maintenance and upkeep of the Rackheath Memorial as a long term "Community Project" and we look forward to hearing from them on a regular basis.

### LETTER FROM PHYLLIS M. AMENT:

Jan. 15, 2018

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467<sup>TH</sup> Bomb Group (Heavy)  
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I am the Widow of Harry H. Ament who was a Member of 467th. He passed away a number of years ago. It was always a joy to attend the Conventions, meet members of his crew and enjoy the activities. I continued to correspond with them many years later.

Robin called me and told me of Bob Samuel's Passing. It was a loss for me as Bob, Robin and Bobby were one of many we looked forward to seeing and spending time with.

James (Jake) C. Perryman was also a Crewmember. Jake & I would correspond until he was unable to write, then we resorted to Telephone Calls. He was unable to hear so I continued to write to him. I always enjoyed his WWII stories and experiences of the Rackheath Bunch. I sent him a July 22, 2017 Birthday Card. My family was able to get me a Telephone Number of the Life Spring Home, Turlock, CA. They gave me the name of a friend of which I called and he told me Jake had passed away April 5, 2017. I was in the process of moving from CA to Montana and didn't receive the message. I am thinking they are all having a good time reminiscing. Lt. Geo. Crump's Crew, Lt. Manford Funsten, Sgt. J. C. Perryman, Lt. Charles Harter, Sgt. Maurice O'Connor, Sgt. Robert Samuel, Gunner Sgt. Emil Peyrot and Sgt. Harry Ament. Sorry, I can't remember the name of the Radar Operator. My apologies if I have misspelled any names or Ranks. Jake had painted many pictures of the Q2. I have one of the B-24 (378<sup>th</sup>/Q2) the other B-24 & "Little Pete". Feel free to supply my name, address & Telephone Number to anybody who would like a picture.

Thank You and the Staff of the "Poop From Group". It makes life more enjoyable for this 89 year old to continue hearing the happenings of a group Harry & I enjoyed so much.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis M. Ament*

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# Obituaries



## **Joseph "Joe" N. Zbikowski , Pilot 790th**

On Monday October 9, 2017, Joe Zbikowski of Bel Air, MD died peacefully in his sleep at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center at the age of 94.

Joe was born on May 22, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois. In 1943 he enlisted in the United States Air Corps and joined the 467th Bombardment Group. He was awarded a Purple Heart during his service as a B-24 Liberator pilot. Joe went on to work as an engineer for Western Electric and he retired at the age of 59 to enjoy traveling and seeing the world. He was a member of Pioneers and the Lions Club.

A beloved husband for 56 years of the late Adelynne Zbikowski, Joe is survived by his four children, eleven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and his partner Shirley Lowe.

Joe will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for his sense of humor, his enjoyment of life, and his dedication to his family, his community and his country.



## **Lewis "Skubie" M. Stubits, Radio-operator, 790th**

Lewis "Skubie" Michael Stubits, 93, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Fellowship Manor, Whitehall. He was the loving husband of Mathilde Cecilia (Weinhofer) Stubits. They celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on July 5th. Born July 20, 1924 in Northampton, PA., he was the son of the late Alois and Anna (Keglovits) Stubits.

Lewis proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during the European Theater of WWII. Based in Rackheath, England, he flew 30 missions on B-24 bombers as a member of the Bombardment Group 467. He was a lifetime member of the Catholic War Vets.

Lewis was a hard worker who instilled a strong work ethic in his children. He worked as a butcher at Kornfiend's Meat Market for many years driving the door-to-door marketing truck visiting many homes throughout Northampton, Coplay and North Catasauqua. He also graduated from the NY School of Photography and worked as a freelance photographer shooting many local weddings. In the 1970's, he began a second career in real estate sales working for Pat White (Ken Snyder Realty) in Whitehall before retiring at the age of 80. Lewis was a longstanding member of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Catasauqua where he participated in the Holy Name Society. Lewis and his wife loved polka dancing especially at the Coplay Saengerbund. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.



## **John "Frank" F. Bales, Co-Pilot, 788th**

John Franklin Bales Jr., also known as Frank, of Good Hope, Georgia died on January 8, 2018 at the age of 94. Frank was born to Lorene C. and J. Frank Bales on December 19, 1923 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Frank grew up in Caldwell and upon graduation from high school, he went on to attend the University of Idaho. He joined the United States Army Air Forces in 1943, during WWII and trained to become a B24 pilot. He left for England to help fight the war, and on August 18, 1944 his B24, the "Broad and High", was hit by German anti-aircraft fire.

**Obituaries Cont.**

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## John "Frank" F. Bales, Co-Pilot, 788th *Cont.*

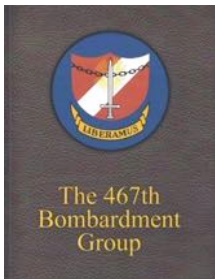
The crew nursed the plane back to England, where they crashed at Kirby-Bedon 20 miles east of Norwich, England. 4 of the crew were killed and 5 survived. Frank was severely injured in the crash and spent a year and a half in the hospital.

Frank was honorably discharged from the service and returned to the University of Idaho to finish his education. He went on to work for IBM in Los Angeles, California, where he was a Marketing Executive for 38 years. He had 4 children from a previous marriage, Frank, Cartee, Bonnie and Sharlee. Frank later met and married Pauline Clarke adding Dana, Jeff and Cheryl to the family.

Frank and Pauline shared many wonderful years together. After Frank retired from IBM, they became land developers in Riverside, CA. They loved to travel in Frank's plane to many destinations. They also enjoyed traveling across the US and to many places including England, Scotland, Ireland and others. They made many visits to England, including Norwich, where they developed lifelong friendships with the "Kirby-Bedon Kids". Frank was so thankful for Janet Rush who tracked down the survivors of the crash and started the yearly "Kirby-Bedon Kids" reunion where they honor the crew of the "Broad and High".

Frank was awarded many medals, including a Purple Heart, taking an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the WWII memorial, and most recently, the French Legion of Honor that he was so proud and honored to receive. His family is very proud of the service he provided to his country and the recognition he has received throughout his life.

Pauline and Frank moved to Good Hope, Georgia in 2006, where Frank's most recent endeavor was becoming a tree farmer. He loved being on his 20 acres, planting trees, riding his tractor and being outside with his two favorite pals, Gunner and Sunny. He was very active until the last few months of his life.



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## Folded Wings

**John F. Bales** - Co-pilot 788th (& 492nd BG) January 2018

**James C. Perryman** - Aircrew 790th April 2017

**Glenn R. Shinn** - Co-Pilot 789th October 2017

**Lewis M. Stubits** - Radio-operator 790th August 2017

**James Vanderheide** - Radar mechanic April 2017

**Joseph N. Zbikowski** - Pilot 790th October 2017

Please send news of "Folded Wings" also Obituaries to 467th BG veterans or prominent Associates where we will be honored to record names in the newsletter. Details to - Brian Mahoney [Archivist@brianmahoney.com](mailto:Archivist@brianmahoney.com)

# Meet Us in Tucson, Arizona

May 17-21, 2018

for the 467th Bomb Group Reunion



Activities include tours of the:

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Titan Missile Museum/Site

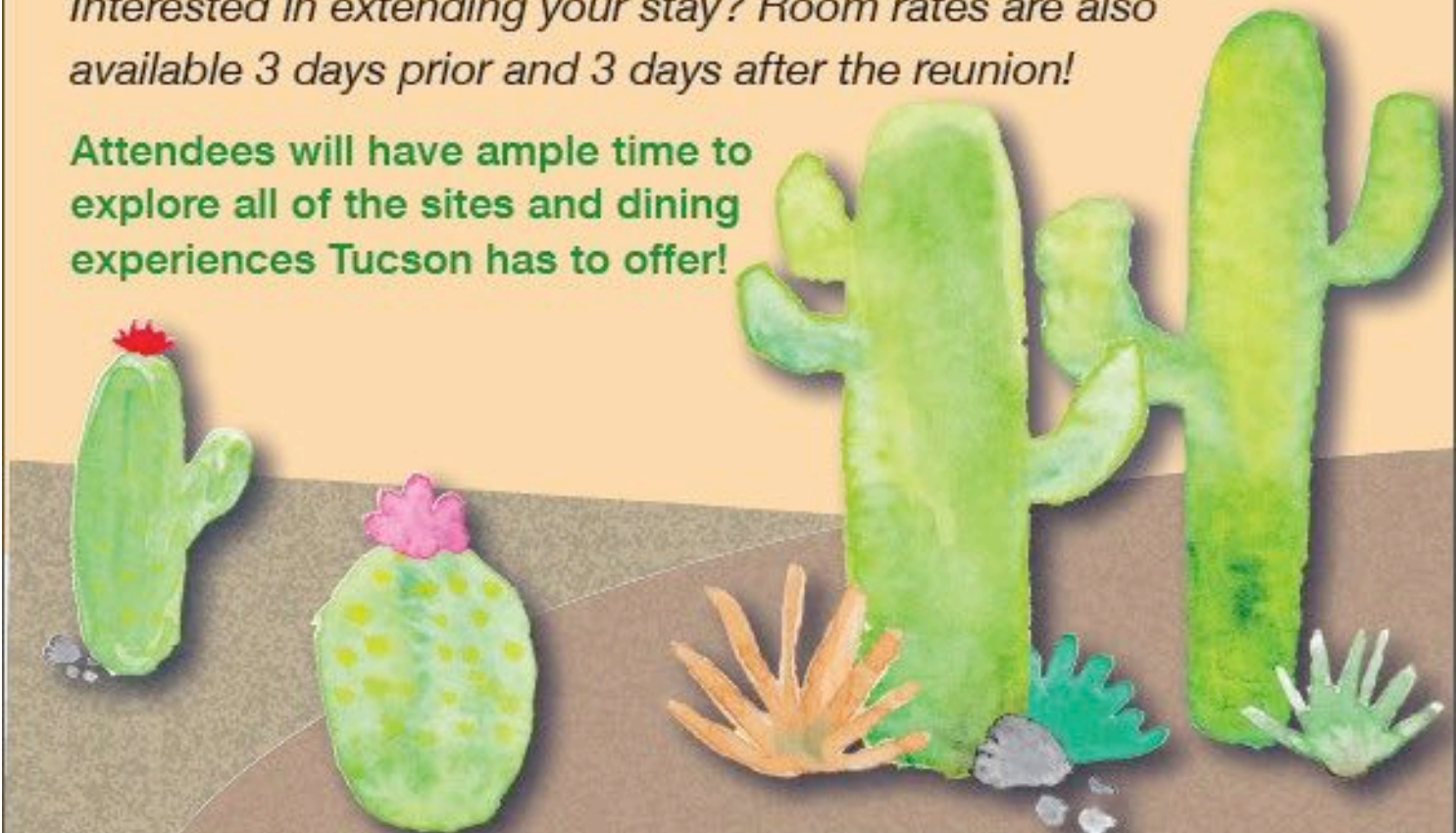
Davis-Montham Boneyard (optional)

Details of our venue can be found at:

[www.tucsonuniversityhotel.com](http://www.tucsonuniversityhotel.com)

*Interested in extending your stay? Room rates are also available 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion!*

Attendees will have ample time to explore all of the sites and dining experiences Tucson has to offer!



## **467th BG Reunion, Tucson, Arizona**

### **Thursday, May 17th to Monday, May 21st 2018**

**Thursday Afternoon/Evening Welcome** The Day Room will be open from midday to pick-up your registration packet containing name tags, meal tickets, and reunion schedule. Greet friends as they arrive in Tucson and your afternoon is free time. Welcome Reception continues early evening from 5pm where you are on your own for food & drinks at "Gentle Ben's" next door from the Hotel where we will have our own room. [www.gentlebens.com](http://www.gentlebens.com)

**Meals and the Day Room** Buffet style breakfast at the hotel is included. We will have our traditional Day Room displaying memorabilia, records, photos and more. A great place to meet and relax in comfortable surroundings with complimentary snacks and drinks. Open until late evening each day. Our Formal Dinner/Banquet will be held on Sunday Evening (20th), allowing time the other nights to explore locally on your own or with friends at our recommended dining options. Additional information on the nearest restaurant choices and other options will be provided in your welcome packets.

**Local Area** Our hotel is adjacent the campus of the University of Arizona in the heart of Tucson. Plenty of dining options and shopping close by also access to the [Sun Link Street Car](#) connecting to five of Tucson's unique districts. Your welcome pack will contain local guidance and David is ready to answer your specific questions between now and the Reunion.

#### **Schedule**

- **Thursday 17th:** Arrive Tucson, Day Room open midday. Welcome Reception from 5:00pm - at Gentle Ben's (next door) and on your own for drinks and dinner. You can opt for dining elsewhere or the Hotel. Please indicate if you plan to use Gentle Ben's.
- **Friday 18th:** Depart 09:30 for Pima Air & Space Museum - Group Photo beside B24, lunch on your own at Museum cafeteria. Optional independent "Boneyard" Tour 2pm. (see special conditions and details). Afternoon free or choose extended Pima Museum tour or visit "Boneyard". Return Hotel before recommended evening dining on your own at The Guadalajara Original Grill. Indicate you will be using the Guadalajara Original Grill for our planning of numbers.
- **Saturday 19th:** Enjoy a leisurely free day and explore Tucson on your own *OR* visit the Arizona -Sonora Desert Museum. Largely outdoor experience with zoological, botanical gardens, natural history museum and aquarium. Lunch on your own, the Museum has two restaurants, & coffee bar. Return Hotel and evening on your own and the recommended close by Pasco Kitchen & Lounge for dinner. Please indicate if using Pasco Kitchen & Lounge.
- **Sunday 20th:** After breakfast, Directors Meeting followed by Members Meeting. Lunch on your own and free time or visit to The Titan Missile Museum before return hotel. Formal Dinner .....5:30pm cocktails before Banquet. Final night of Hospitality Room.....open late.
- **Monday 21st:** Departing breakfast...."Until we meet again!"

**Formal Dinner** on Sunday night. Special Presentation.

#### **Hotel reservations must be made by Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**

*Register early so we have enough rooms. You can cancel up to 24 hours before your arrival day at no charge.*  
Single-Double rate \$119 per night (not including local or state taxes, currently 12.05% + \$4.00 bed tax)

#### **TUCSON University Park Hotel**

880 E 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719

**Call:** 520-792-4100 & request the 467th Bombardment Group Assoc. special rate. **Make direct reservation on-line at the special Reunion rate here:** [467th Bomb Group Tucson Reunion](#)

**Hotel notes -** <http://www.tucsonuniversityhotel.com/>

- Free Hot Breakfast Buffet daily.
- Special Reunion room-rate available 3 days before/after. Why not extend your stay!
- Parking available daily/nightly for nominal charge.
- Hotel check-in 3pm. Check-out 11am.
- Free WI-FI, in all guest rooms.
- Deluxe hotel amenities with outdoor pool, restaurants and bars.

The Tucson International Airport is 20 minutes from the hotel. Transportation: Uber, Lyft, Taxi or the Stage Coach Express Shuttle: <http://stagecoachexpressshuttle.com/tucson.php> also <https://viptaxi.com/> charges \$20 to or from airport and has contract with the Hotel.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with car-hire available is about 1hour 30min drive to Tucson.

### **FRIDAY 18 MAY 09:30 AM – 4:30 PM – PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM**

One of the largest Aviation museums in the world, with over 350 types both outside and within 6 hangars, three dedicated to WWII. A docent-led tour that will include a Group photo beside the collection's imposing B24. Lunch on your own at the Museum's "Flight Grill" with afternoon to explore Pima further or take the optional **Boneyard Tour at 2pm**. This coach tour of the storage facility on the Davis-Montham Base is \$10 from the Pima Air Museum and reservations to be made at least 10 business days prior to visit, **not** finalized until you have a **confirmation email** which you need to present along with strict ID criteria. Reservations call 520-618-4805 or email <boneyardtour@pimaair.org>. Important you visit <http://www.pimaair.org/tour-boneyard> for full details and reservations. The Pima Air & Space Museum Tour is part of the Convention Package. Dinner on your own in the evening either locally or the Group recommended <http://guadalajaraoriginalgrill.com> one of Tucson's top Mexican restaurants with a warm ambiance and nightly mariachis. Hospitality Suite open until late.

### **SATURDAY 19 MAY 09:30 AM – 3:00 PM – ARIZONA SONORA DESERT MUSEUM**

The 98 acre Desert Museum is a fusion experience: zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, natural history museum, and aquarium. Mostly outdoor with walking trails through various desert habitats and gardens focussing on the unique desert eco-system of the region. [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org) Choice of dining options including a coffee bar. Plenty of shaded areas but recommended to visit early morning avoiding heat of the day. Evening on your own or group dining at Pasco Kitchen & Lounge, walking distance from our Hotel. [www.pascokitchen.com](http://www.pascokitchen.com)  
**PRICE: \$39 PER PERSON. Including coach transfer. LUNCH ON OWN.**

### **SUNDAY 20 MAY 1: PM – 3:00 PM – TITAN MISSILE MUSEUM**

The silo is the only remaining Titan site of the 54 that existed during the Cold War and is really an amazing glimpse back in time. The engineering that went into this program back in the 1960s is quite incredible. One hour guided tour and handicapped accessible. [www.titanmissilemuseum.org](http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org)  
**PRICE: \$10 PER PERSON, Pay on entry. Transport will be car-share from our hotel.**

**Day Visitors & Children to the Reunion:** Contact Valerie for tour prices if you plan to join us for a specific tour or making arrangement to attend the Formal Dinner and **not** Registering for the Convention Package. Folk are welcome to come and join us at no expense and meet with veterans and associates in our Day Room/ Hospitality Room. We welcome you bring along children.....we can arrange bespoke child packages for tours and Banquet. Contact Valerie for pricing.

### **Meal Specifics:**

**Sunday Formal Dinner** – a Buffet, choices are: 1) Grilled Chicken with sweet peas, 2) Salmon with Poblana Tequila butter, 3) Marinated Roasted Sirloin, 4) Mushroom Ravioli with Malted Ale Buerre Blanc, . 5) Child option, Plated Chicken Tenders. Caesar Salad or Mesclun Mix of Seasonal Greens.

**The hospitality room** will have welcoming snacks and beverages. All food & drink consumed (including alcohol) to be purchased from hotel.

**David LaRussa, is the local contact who has knowledge about the hotel and Tucson. Any specific enquiries relating to the 2018 Reunion, David will be happy to answer your questions. David LaRussa Phone 520 - 258 - 8035 Email: [alarussa@msn.com](mailto:alarussa@msn.com) See also <https://www.visitucson.org/>**

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TUCSON, AZ.

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**Registration Form & Check, send to Valerie Corvino by 1st May**

Item	Per Person	# of people	Subtotal
Registration - covers all common activity fees, Hospitality Suite, snacks, Pima Air & Space Museum Tour, gratuities, etc.	\$257		
Arranged On your own optional "Boneyard" Tour \$10 - 2pm Friday May 18			
Sonora Desert Museum - am Saturday May 19	\$39		
Titan Missile Museum - pm Sunday May 20			
Formal Buffet Banquet - Sunday May 20			
Chicken	\$53		
Salmon	\$53		
Sirloin	\$53		
Mushroom Ravioli (V)	\$53		
Child Option - Chicken tenders	\$21		
	Total Remittance \$ .....		

**Special Needs**

My party will require (this many) \_\_\_\_ wheelchairs

Any other special need we can help with? \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for Badges:**

**Please Indicate for Group Dining and number**

Name

Thursday May 17 Gentle Ben's Evening	
Friday May 18 Guadalajara Original Grill Evening	
Saturday May 19 Pasco Kitchen & Lounge Evening	

Please attach sheet if needed for larger party.

CHECKS PAYABLE to 467th BOMB GROUP Association

Please Include:

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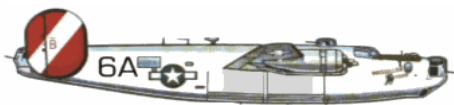
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Valerie Corvino 242 Molly Dr., McMurray, PA 15317 NO LATER THAN **1st May**

Phone 724-941-8973 (Please leave message for response) Email [valerie654@verizon.net](mailto:valerie654@verizon.net)

Approximate time & date you plan to arrive in TUCSON \_\_\_\_\_

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