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The 38th Bomb Group Assn, WW2

January 2004

GREETINGS IN THE NEW YEAR 2004



You have received letters from Associate Member Mark Collum, who has established a plan to solicit taped interviews and deposit them in the Library of Congress. You should make one for yourself too! If you have not yet taken advantage of this or said no but have changed your mind, contact Mark today! Mark Collum, 68 Shadow Ridge Dr., St. Peters, MO 63378, 1-636-928-0878

Plans for the St. Louis 2004 Reunion are well on the way. Our Headquarters will be the Marriott Hotel/St. Louis Airport, from Thurs. Sept. 16 to Sun. Sept. 19 2004. John Peterson of Creative Training & Conference Management, LLP, is now organizing some tours and sights to see. How about a Dinner River Cruise on the Mississippi?

The most important order of business at our Reunion will be the decision to continue reunions or to fade away as someday we must. More on this later. You will all be involved.

Finally, I wish to honor our Secretary/Treasurer, Bill McKinstry and his wife, Cledie. What a dedicated pair! The 38th Bomb Group Association could not exist without them. They are the glue that holds us together. Thanks to both of you. Members make it a point to shake their hands thank them in St. Louis!

Thought for the New Year: Forgive me Lord for griping about the tough rows I have hoed. I am drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed. BG Member Denny Haynes.

By far the most important business of our St. Louis Reunion will be the decision to dissolve the Association. As your President I am deeply concerned that the meeting be conducted in decency and order with charity.

From suggestions of some members I pose these questions and ideas asking for your help. The final dissolution and dispersal of memorabilia and funds is spelled out in our Constitution.

1. Should there be absentee voting? If absentee votes would determine "not to dissolve" the association such voters would probably not assume the responsibilities for offices and other duties. I recommend no absentee votes.

2. The Book will probably not be completed. Members can receive a refund if they so desire. Any comments?.

3. Would you favor a cap, a plaque or a certificate of Honor or maybe a small brochure commemorating our existence?

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4. John Peterson is working on the programs and entertainment for the Reunion. Any suggestions for him?

In addition to these I have proposed please send me any questions or ideas that you may have. Since it may be our last I would like it to be one of the best if not the best!

In consideration of a plaque maybe some of you know of a company that would design an appropriate idea – unique for our final Reunion.

Any ideas or comments will be appreciated!

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Subj:Re: Newsletter

Still feeling rotten, but here is my input on 38th Sorry to hold you up; now back to bed.:

Larry Hickey reports that the past six months has been tough, due to a series of major health problems that seriously interfered with his work on the book. Fortunately, last spring, he hired two more people to help him with the book projects, including the 38th B.G., which has continued to be worked on through this period, even though he was recovering during much of that time. In June, two bouts of Atrial Fibrillation set him back, followed by cancer surgery on his jaw in July, a bad fall in the mountains in August which severed his quadriceps tendon in his right leg. The Doc put the leg back together by drilling several holes in his kneecap and lacing the tendon to it for the expected year of healing. However, with the leg completely immobilized, three weeks later a meter-long blood clot formed in that leg, which started shedding pieces into his lungs. Into the hospital for ten days, home care for another three weeks, and rehab continuing to now.

Although the leg is still healing, he is walking up to two miles a day rebuilding his strength, and spending up to ten hours a day on his computer working on the books.

Meanwhile, Al Kennedy has been inputting data for photos and text, pretty well finishing with the last two years of the war.

Larry remains committed to finishing the project at the earliest possible date, and will be chained to his computer until the 38th project is finished.

Larry

Since the publication of the January 2003 newsletter and as of December 4th, 2003, we have been informed of these veterans of the 38th Bomb Group that have gone to their final resting place.

"Rest in Peace Brothers".

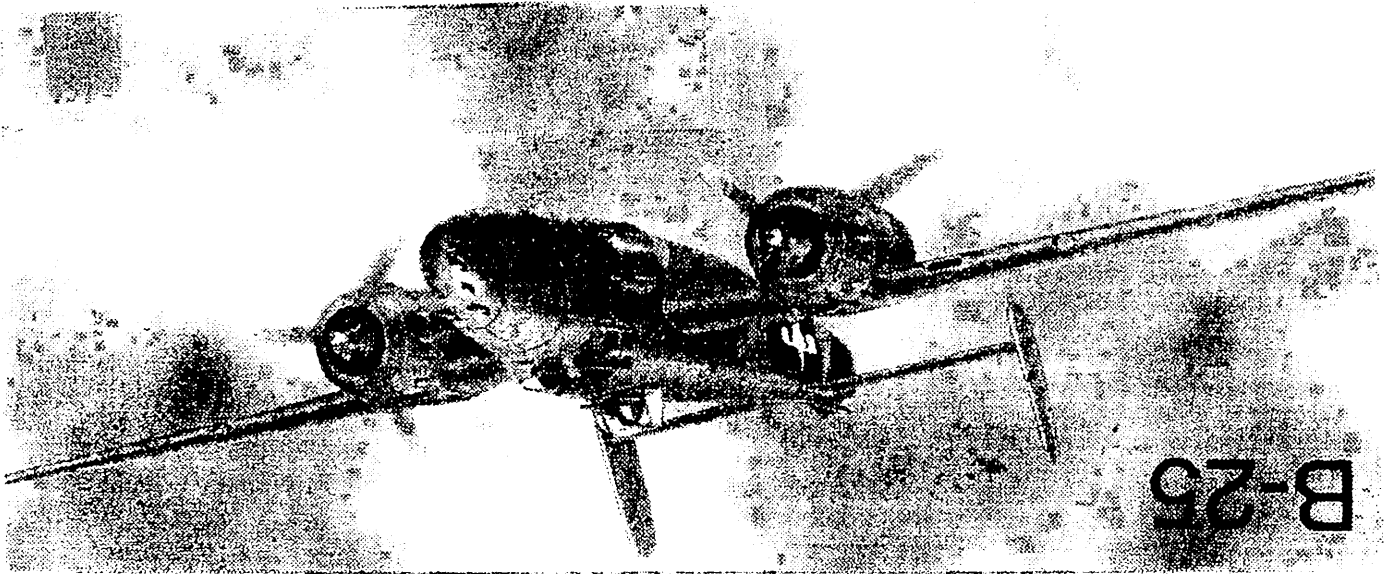
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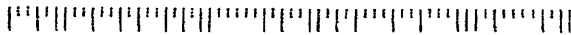
TOTAL = 528 KNOWN VETERANS TO
THE 38THBG ASSOCIATION (WWII)

This photo was sent by his nephew. He served in the 405th but he hopes someone can provide info. S. Sgt. James J. Patrick - date and location not known. Bill Stevens, 5787 Oakpoint Rd., Jackson, MI 49201-9228 Qmowas@aol.com





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