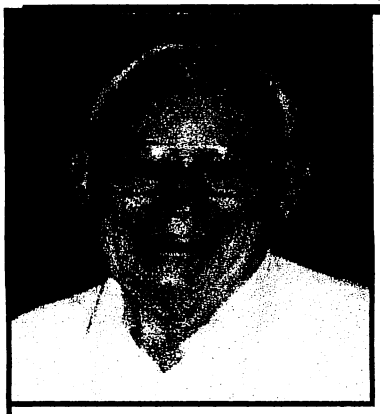

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the last time I will be writing this column. I wish the new president to be elected at Colorado Springs the best of luck with the task of guiding the Association for the 2003 and 2004 biennium. I wish to thank all of the Squadron Reps for their assistance and most of all I wish to thank Bill McKinstry and Jim Thoren for their guidance.. The S/T and the editor are the ones furnishing continuity to the Association. Those two have kept me on the straight and narrow for the past two years

. We need to be giving considerable thought to the selection of a new President and Squadron Representatives. The selection of the next reunion site, our book and what to do with our book deposit money with International Publishing are items we will have to discuss and make a decision as to the return of our deposits and what to do with money owed to widows of our deceased members

.The reunion appears to be on schedule and as of this date we have several members whose health or that of their wives is poor and they are only ordering memorabilia to be shipped after the reunion. The only S&H charges I have nailed down is the $3.50 for S&H on the Group Logo.

We will miss all of you who are unable to attend for one reason or another and the rest of you I will see in Colorado Springs.

Best Wishes to all of You,

Orland Gage — President ogage@cableone.net

Note From The S/T

Again we urgently request that each of you consider accepting a position as an association officer or as squadron representatives. You will enjoy working with your comrades.

Note: If you change your address permanently or on a temporary basis you must advise me or you **will not** receive the Sun Setter news letter, as second class mail **it will not be forwarded**. We usually have a very limited number of extra Copies, so if you get missed you may be out of luck

In days gone by we used to insert those preaddressed dues envelopes into every Sun Setters newsletter mailed out. Due to the increased postal charges we have to come up with a way to cut that expense. We will mail out the dues envelopes only to those who will need them for the 2003/2004 term. If this concerns you, please expect a letter in November 2002 at your winter address.

REMEMBER!

CHECK THE MESSAGE ABOVE YOUR NAME ON THE SUNSETTERS NEWSLETTER MAILING LABEL!!

Editor notes: (for those of you that have access to the internet or the web) Suggest you check (http: www.pacificwrecks.com.) (EnglishJeff1@worldnet.att.net Subject: Original B-25's assigned to 38th BG) **Orland Gage**, Has an excellent CD of photos & memorabilia of the 38th in the South Pacific, to obtain one contact him at: **ogage@cableone.net.** They will be $6.50 +S&H $3.50 He plans to have some copies at the reunion so you can save the S&H.

The 38 BGp Web site:

http://www.sunsetters38bg.com (see this one!!!)

Note; This issue of the Sun Setter will be my last. I thank all of you that have sent your articles, comments, & support. They are what made the Sun Setter. We will have a new editor, Charles M. Crawford, 405th Sq. e-mail chuck747@aol.com starting with the January 03 issue. He is well qualified. Please give him the same support that has been given to me.

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NEW MEMBERS FOR 2001-2002

Matteo, Frank . 405TH
SULEK,Sr., EDWARD W. 822ND
ERICKSON, MICHAEL L. ASC
ERICKSON, SCOTT F. ASC
SMITH, WILLIAM J.,Jr. ASC
There are now 234 Regular members, 212 Life members, 132 Widows and 40 Associates . (Total 618)

Please Note - The following e-mail addresses are new or corrected addresses. **Request you add them** to the last e-mail listing provided in the May 02, Sun Setter.

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"IN EVER-HONORED MEMORY"

Since the publication of the May. 2002 newsletter and as of Feb. 2002, we have been informed of these veterans of the 38th Bomb Group that have gone to their final resting place.

"Rest in Peace Brothers"

*Stefen, LeRoy L. 70th
Cooper, John H. 71st
Cox, Jack 405th
John, William W.(LM) 405th
Whelan, Kenneth J. 405th
Dalton, Arnold J. 822nd
*Was a wartime comrade and not a member of this Association.

Comrades lost to date

HQ	18	71st	137	822nd	77
69th	2	89th	1	823rd	73
70th	56	405th	134	UNK	3

TOTAL = **498**

"ADDITIONAL LIFE MEMBERS"

as of 7/25/02

The Association has gained the following new Life Members since the listing in the May 2002 Sun Setters newsletter:

McKeon, Chester D. 71st
Barr, Norman T. 405th

Here is the breakdown, by squadron, of the total number of members who have contributed $100 to the Life Membership Fund:

HQ	71st	89th	405th	822nd	823rd	ASC
8	63	1	110	53	53	10
(3	19		31	17	15)	<86 Deceased

TOTAL = 298

38TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION WW2
REUNION SCHEDULE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Place: Radisson Inn Colorado Springs North
Date: September 30th –4 October 2002

Monday-Sept. 30th, 2002
AM
PM- Registration (Responsibility of Reunion Firm (CTCM)

Tuesday-October 1, 2002
AM-Registration continues. (Responsibility of CTCM) The hospitality room will open.
10:30AM- 3:30PM Tour of Old Colorado City and local area. Lunch on your own while Touring Old Colorado City.
6:00PM – Open Bar
7:00PM - Welcome Dinner

Wednesday – October 2, 2002
Hot Buffet breakfast served in the Radisson Dining Room (No Charge for those staying at the Radisson)
9:00AM – Wives will be addressed by a Lady Air Force Officer from the Academy.
9:00AM – Squadron Meetings, election of Squadron Reps, Interviews by local history students.
11:00 – 4:30 – Lunch at the Academy Officers Club, followed by a tour of Academy and a tour of The Garden of the Gods.
Dinner on your own. The Hospitality Rooms will be open.

Thursday – 3 October 2002
Hot Buffet breakfast served in the Radisson Dining Room. (No Charge for those staying at the Radisson)
9:00AM – Memorial Service will be held at the Colorado Springs WW2 Memorial site.
Presentation of the Colors by the High School ROTC, Invocation by Military Chaplin and Taps.
A Group Photo will be taken using the Memorial as a background.
12:00 – Lunch on your own
1:30PM – Group Meeting, Election Of Officers. Wives and Associate members may attend, but not vote.
3:30-4:00PM – A short talk by someone from the local Quarterback Club.
5:00PM – Open Bar
6:00PM – Farewell Dinner, Short talk By Col. Bower who flew the 12th Plane off of the deck of the Hornet on the Doolittle Raid. This talk may or may not happen if we can not make arrangements to transport the Colonel from Boulder, Colorado and return him the next day to his home.
The New Officers will be introduced and entertainment will be by a Choral Group.

Friday – 4 October, 2002
Hot Buffet Breakfast (No Charge for those staying at the Radisson)
Farewells

Saturday – 5 October, 2002 there is a football game between the Air Force Academy and the Naval Academy. Some of you may want to stay over and see the game. Arrangements for tickets and so forth are up to the individual.

Note: Due to a number of requests, the reunion information provided in the May issue of the news letter is repeated with this news letter. Suggest you save this information for use at the reunion.

38th Bomb Group Association Reunion 2002 Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order by President Orland Gage Time_____

2. Invocation by

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Reading of business meeting minutes of the 2000 reunion in Las Vegas by Secretary/ Treasurer Bill McKinstry. Additions or deletions_____
Accepted as Read_____
5.Treasurer Report _____
6. Old Business_____

7. New Business
   a. Web Site funding
   b. Introduction of the new Editor for the quarterly News Letter
   c. Voting rights for the associate members and why they are an asset to the Group.
   d. Selection of reunion site for 2004 and the dates._____
   _____
   e. Election of Officers for 2002/2004

   President_____
   Vice-President_____
   Secretary Treasurer_____
   Squadron Representatives
   Headquarters_____Alternate_____
   71st_____Alternate_____
   405th_____Alternate_____
   822nd_____Alternate_____
   823rd_____Alternate_____

Outgoing Presidents Remarks

Incoming Presidents Remarks

Motion to Adjourn DATE/ TIME:_____

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

The **Radisson North** is a wonderful place to hold a reunion. All of the important amenities are available in each room which only costs **$79.00 per night**. Included with this is a complete hot breakfast every morning! Just call the free airport shuttle from the baggage claim area. Please allow approximately 30 minutes for the shuttle to arrive. A major shopping area is within walking distance as well as restaurants to meet your every taste bud. Make sure you **call the Radisson North (719.598.5770) directly** for room reservations. The address for the Radisson is 8110 North Academy Blvd. and is located at the junction of Interstate 25 and North Academy Boulevard. **NOTE: Hotel is heavily book that week so make your reservations early, you can cancel prior to Aug 23rd!!!!**

Tuesday will start the reunion with the hot breakfast, camaraderie in the hospitality room and continued registrations. **Tour #1** will take you to Old Colorado City to see some intriguing shops and to purchase your own lunch in one of the quaint restaurants. This will be followed by a bus ride on an old mining road along the edge of the mountains. You will see the areas that inspired Kathrine Lee Bates to pen the words to "America the Beautiful". Upon returning to the Radisson, you will have time to visit in the hospitality suites before meeting your friends for the Welcome Dinner at 7:00. **(Tour Cost: $14.00 per person)**

You will welcome the hot breakfast on Wednesday morning as you prepare for the days events. The morning meetings for the Squadrons will offer a rare chance for the younger generation to learn about living history from you. Several high school history students will be on hand to interview you and listen to your view of a time before their parents were born. They are looking forward to your stories. The wives will be addressed by a female officer from the Air Academy detailing her life in today's Air Force. At 11:00, as **Tour #2**, you will board the bus for lunch in the officer's club of the Air Force Academy followed by a tour of the grounds. The bus will then tour the beautiful Garden of the Gods and return you to the hotel in time for you to choose a local restaurant of your liking for dinner. **(Tour Cost: 40.00 per person including lunch)**

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Armed Forces Vacation Club offers big savings American Forces Press Service

Special interest item for all 38th BGp members who meet the requirements below are eligible to rent condominiums in certain resorts around the world as part of a vacation club arrangement between the Army and a civilian corporation.

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation (AMWR) arranged with Cendant Corp. and one of its subsidiaries, Resort Condominiums International, to offer the condos at reduced rates to active and reserve service members, military retirees, DoD civilians, and any other persons eligible to use AMWR services.

The deal offers condominium unit rentals for **$234 per week** at selected resorts. The normal rates are $600 to $1,500 per week in season, according to Verlin Abbott, Cendant national vice president for DoD and government marketing.

"The program has generated a lot of positive response from people." $234 a week for anything from a three-bedroom unit to an efficiency is a good deal. Also, these units are renovated every three years. These are great places." More than 327 military bases currently take part in the program, to take advantage of the many condominium resorts outside the United States, MWR representatives said.

Cendant/RCI manages more than 3,700 time-share resorts worldwide. The discount arrangement is possible because not all resort units are used by owners or rented all the time. The company must pay upkeep costs, but receives no revenue while units are vacant. The condo rentals are made available at near-cost to military members . The vacationer can get information about the Armed Forces Vacation Club from any MWR Information, Tickets and Reservation office or Information, Tickets and Tours office, or they can get information and book reservations either online or via a toll-free telephone reservation center.

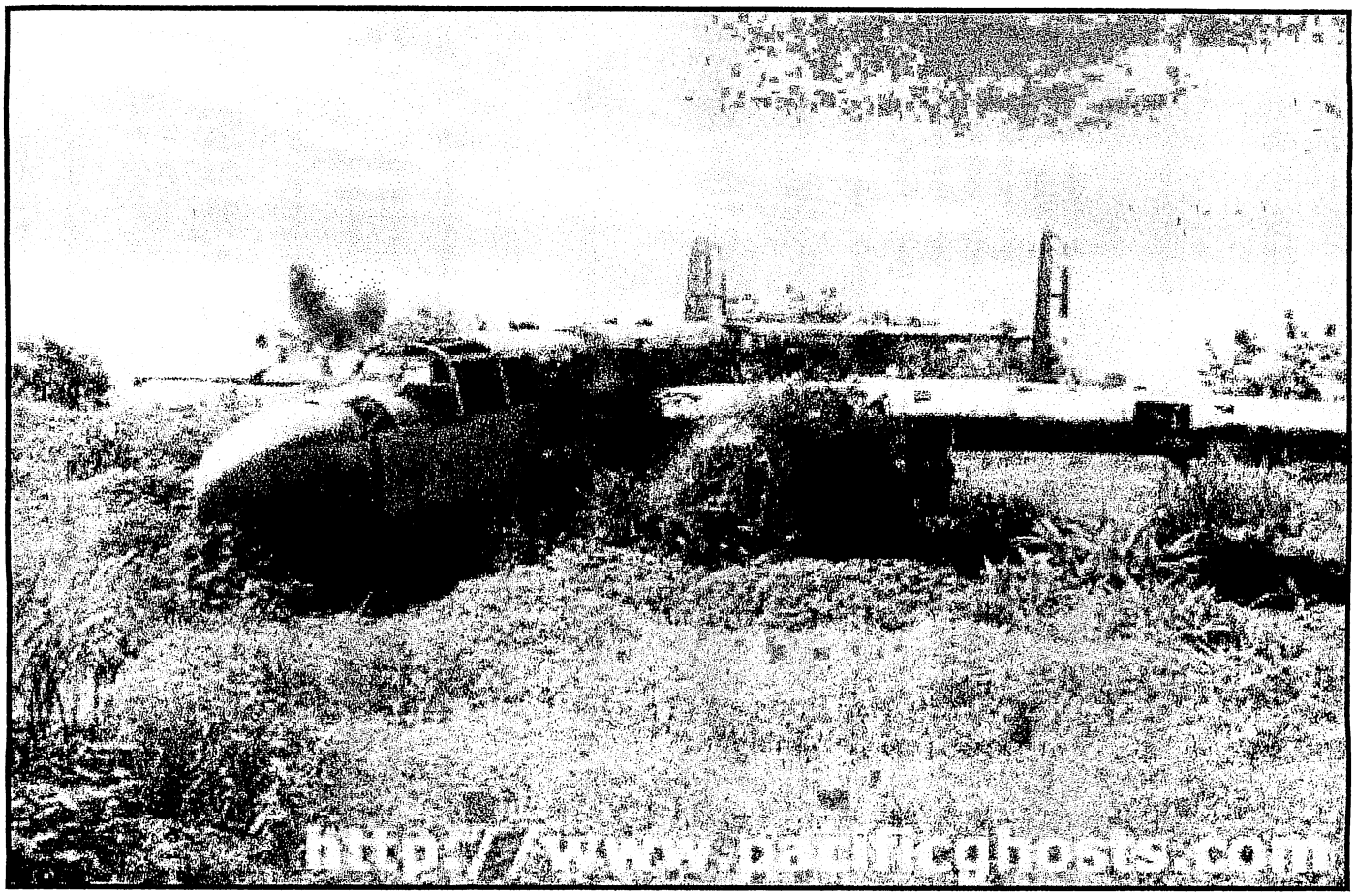
Access to club information is available by visiting the Army's "Great Travel Deals" Web site at **www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/traveldeals** and clicking on the Armed Forces Vacation Club logo.

In navigating the club Web site, visitors will find a list of available units and dates among the thousands of participating resort for booking, all for $234 for seven nights. Retired members can reserve a condo using a major credit card. The MWR office receives $22 for every reservation booked.

Some restrictions apply. Confirmed vacations are not transferable. The customer purchasing the space-available voucher must check in at the resort and be at least 21 years old. Pets are not allowed at any location. Retired members must be flexible with their requests. "You're not going to get Vail (Colorado) at Christmas," Generally, what's available is off-season or on relatively short notice. In fact, most vacancies aren't posted until 14 to 21 days before the scheduled date of arrival, he said.

Participating resorts have different amenities. Typically, condos feature up to three bedrooms, a living room and fully equipped full or partial kitchens. Many units have laundry facilities or such amenities as whirlpool tubs or fireplaces. Guests have access to on-site or nearby facilities, such as beaches, golf courses, tennis courts, spas, ski slopes, fishing lakes, hiking paths, horseback riding, restaurants and shops. Many resorts also provide planned adult and children's activities. RCI is a time-share exchange company, but service and retired members have **no obligation to sit through sales pitches or other presentations**,

For more information on the program and other discount travel packages and specials go to **http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/traveldeals, check with installation MWR ITR or ITT offices, or visit www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/travelresources.**



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