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Roster
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Life Members
New members
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The 38th Bomb Group Assn, WW2

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As your President for the years 2003, 2004 let me introduce myself. My wife, HELEN & I have been married for 58 years. We have two children, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one on the way. Our home is in Elkhart, IN, near NOTRE DAME.

I trained with DOUG RAAKA at COLUMBIA, SC & joined the 71st squadron in JANUARY 1944.

My goal is to do everything I can to get our book [SAGA OF THE SUNSETTERS] published in 2003. LARRY HICKEY shook hands with ORLAND GAGE as a promise that we could depend on his word.

With the help of AL KENNEDY & ORLAND we will stay right on him so that we get this book. It has gone far too long.

We all need to send CHUCK CRAWFORD all the stories and experiences we have in our memories

I intend to do the best I can as your president knowing full well that I follow a group of dedicated leaders who organized the original reunions and kept them going We owe a debt of gratitude to all of them

Finally i want to make the 2004 reunion in ST LOUIS one of the best

I'll keep you inform

Dick Fields
DICK FIELDS

The 38th Bomb Group Association (WWII) Reunion 2002 Business Meeting
at the Radison Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado – October, 2002

1. **Call to Order** by President Orland F. Gage Time 2:00pm

2. **Invocation** by David Gunn

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 - None.

Accepted as Read Motion to accept was unanimous.

5. **Old Business** (The BOOK) The Chair recognized Chuck Wheeler who thought the Association had ought to sue Larry Hickey with the opinion that we had an Oral Agreement. His idea was voted down by a majority of the group present. Orland Gage then advised the members of the committee's 3 hour meeting that day with Larry and what steps had been taken. Publisher Al Kennedy reported on his visit to Hickey's shop and came to the conclusion that we had been told the truth. We got another promise and a handshake from Larry promising that we would have the book by the next Reunion. Al will make progress reports to Dick Fields, Orland Gage, Harlan Denning and Terry Terrell to be included in the SunSetters newsletter.

Dick Fields spoke for acceptance of Larry's promise on the grounds that we realized suing Larry would only deplete the Group's funds and would only delay getting us the book.

Dave Gunn made a motion to accept and it was voted on and accepted.

6. **New Business**

a. Introduction of the new Editor of the SunSetters triannual newsletter, Chuck Crawford.

b. Doug Hagie spoke about the 5th Air Force Foundation and Jules Teck recommended joining. A committee was formed of the following members: Ed Gervase, Burt Erickson, Curtis Hunt, and Ed Rhiel.

c. Selection of reunion site for 2004 was St. Louis, Missouri by vote of 59 out of 81.

d. Election of Officers for 2003/2004

President - Richard C. Fields Vice-President – Orland F. Gage

Secretary Treasurer – William J. McKinstry

Squadron Representatives

Headquarters- Thomas D. Kirby, Sr. Alternate - Warren E. Lee

71st - **Paul Popma** Alternate - **Douglas W. Raaka**

405th - **Phil McCartney** Alternate - **David J. Gunn**

822nd - **Jack L. DeTour** Alternate - **Zane H. Fehrmann**

823rd - **Charles T. Conner** Alternate - **Robert H. Lamb**

Outgoing Presidents Remarks – Orland spoke about his experience as the President, surprisingly, was a pleasant one and recommended it to others.

Incoming Presidents Remarks – Dick thanked those present for their confidence in him and promised to do his best.

Motion to Adjourn Accepted. TIME: 4:00pm

**RECAP SUBMITTED AT COLORADO SPRINGS 2002 REUNION
ORLAND F.GAGE, PRESIDENT.**

RECAP 7/19/00 THRU 7/21/02

VALUE OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/00	\$56,644.64
DEPOSITED 7/19/00 THRU 7/19/02	\$7,646.32
PLUS INTEREST ACCRUED	\$5,699.24
LESS ALL CHECKS DRAWN	\$7,132.57
TOTAL VALUE AS OF 7/19/02	\$62,857.63
2 YEAR INCREASE	\$6,212.99

***EARMARKED FUNDS = \$1,436 FOR MEMORIALS, \$810 FOR THE 38TH BOOK TO THE AIR FORCE LIBRARIES WAS A KICKBACK BY LARRY HICKEY FROM THE SALE OF HIS B-25 SQUADRON PAINTING REPRODUCTIONS, AND \$600 FOR B-25 GASOLINE FUND WAS RETURNED TO GROUP BY RANDALL PORTER OF \$20 EACH PAID BY MEMBERS FOR FUEL TO RIDE IN B-25 AT DAYTON REUNION.
EARMARKED FUNDS TOTAL = \$2,846.
TREASURY DONATIONS = \$1,037**

AS OF 8/8/02 THERE ARE 298 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS EQUALING \$29,800, OF WHICH, ONLY THE INTEREST IS AVAILABLE.

**RECAP OF EARNINGS SINCE ALAN MIOSI & DAVE GALLANT OF IDS HAVE MANAGED ACCOUNT.
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM AL BARBER,(SEC'Y/TREAS.,1989-90)....\$21,483.63
(INCLUDING 124 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)**

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/92.....	\$26,036.87
(INCLUDES 37 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/94.....	\$38,818.66
(INCLUDES 72 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/96.....	\$46,384.31
(INCLUDES 16 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/98.....	\$49,661.75
(INCLUDES 27 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/19/00.....	\$56,644.64
(INCLUDES 12 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF 7/21/02.....	\$62,857.63
(INCLUDES 10 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS)	
INCREASE SINCE 1990.....	\$41,374.00
TOTAL INTEREST ACCRUED 2/4/91 TO 7/19/02 EQUALS.....	\$24,264.37

.....**WILLIAM J. McKINSTRY, SECRETARY/TREASURER**

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Greetings from your new Editor.. Having seen and read many Sunsetter issues I realize there are some pretty big shoes to fill. You should ALL know, but if you don't I'll say it now. I am NOT a writer! It will depend on you guys to write or find material (stories, etc.) that you think should be read in the Sunsetter.

With the updating of all the rosters and reunion summaries I will hold any stories, reprints, etc., for the next issues. Some of you may notice your label may not have the correct date for paying your dues. That will depend on when you mailed it. This issue is also delayed due to the lengthy time it took to get all the paperwork done for changing the mailing location.

I expect there will be pieces from our elected officers and I will certainly welcome them. I may have things to say, from issue to issue, and my first two are below this. Also, I want everyone I am open to suggestions and comments, whatever they may be. So you know a little more about where I'm coming from here is a brief background summary. And, for convenience, I will have my complete address at the end.

Born 14 Feb., 1925 (I'm one of the younger ones) and was an only child. I enlisted in the Army Air Corps while a student at the Univ. of Cincinnati, Feb. 1943, I was a part of a special Flight School class that was given AT-10's in second half of Basic and B-25's all the way in Advance., I graduated as a Pilot and 2nd Lt on 4 Aug. 1944. Next was Martin B-26 RTU followed by A-20 RTU and we were flown to New Guinea Mar. 1945 and soon joined the 417th Bomb Group (A-20) and was part of 12 A-20 crews sent to join the 38th (405th) at Linguyen in May 1945. Not having a crew I flew a lot of co-pilot, 3 with Maj. Van Fleet – one of which Col. Hawes was lost. I went to Japan, checked out in the A-26 and was an Officer Courier for classified mail from the 38th (Kyushu) to 5th AF Tokyo. I finally went home in May 1946. I got my BSAE from Purdue Univ 1950 and flew B-26's in the Long Beach Reserves 1950-51. We were called up in 1951 and I ended up flying F-84's then the F-86 with the 123rd and 406th Ftr Bmr Grp, Manston, England. I stayed in the Active Reserves at the USAF Flt Test Ctr (Edwards AFB) and LAAFB missile management 1954-1972. I retired as Lt. Col 4 Aug. 1972 but only learned about 38th reunions in time for Little Rock.

WW2 MEMORABILIA

Most all, if not all, of us have mementos and other things from our time spent in WW2. In my own case my children do not seem to have much interest in any of it so it will eventually go somewhere. This is primarily aimed at others whose children, or other parties, are not interested on maintaining these items.

We all know there are a number of B-25's around the USA, and some even elsewhere, but I don't know if there is one that has the 8 gun nose we finished up with.

If one was to be found I would like to know how many of you would be willing to arrange for all your WW2 stuff to go where that B-25 is. If there are enough of you who would be willing to do that. I will do a search and try to find one. For myself, I hope it is found. Please let me know how you feel.

Editorial Policy Continued

The Sun Setter is published to provide information, historical reports and for the enjoyment of the members and supporters of the 38th Bmb Grp Association. Editorial Policy is to avoid any negative statements or personal attacks against or about any member or officer of this association. The Editor is the sole judge as regards editorials, articles and personal items submitted for publication in the newsletter. The Editor may hold any item for publication at a later date and reject any item for publication for any reason. The Editor will refrain from using the Sun Setter as a means to promote personal, political, religious or other matters that might disrupt the harmony of the 38th Bmb Grp Association WWII.

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