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388th Bombardment Group (H) Association



8th Air Force, 3rd Air Division, 45th Combat Wing
Station 136, Knettishall England, 1943–1945
333 Total Missions



306 Combat Missions, 19 Aphrodite Missions, 5 Chowhound Missions, 1 POW Mission, 2 Revival Missions

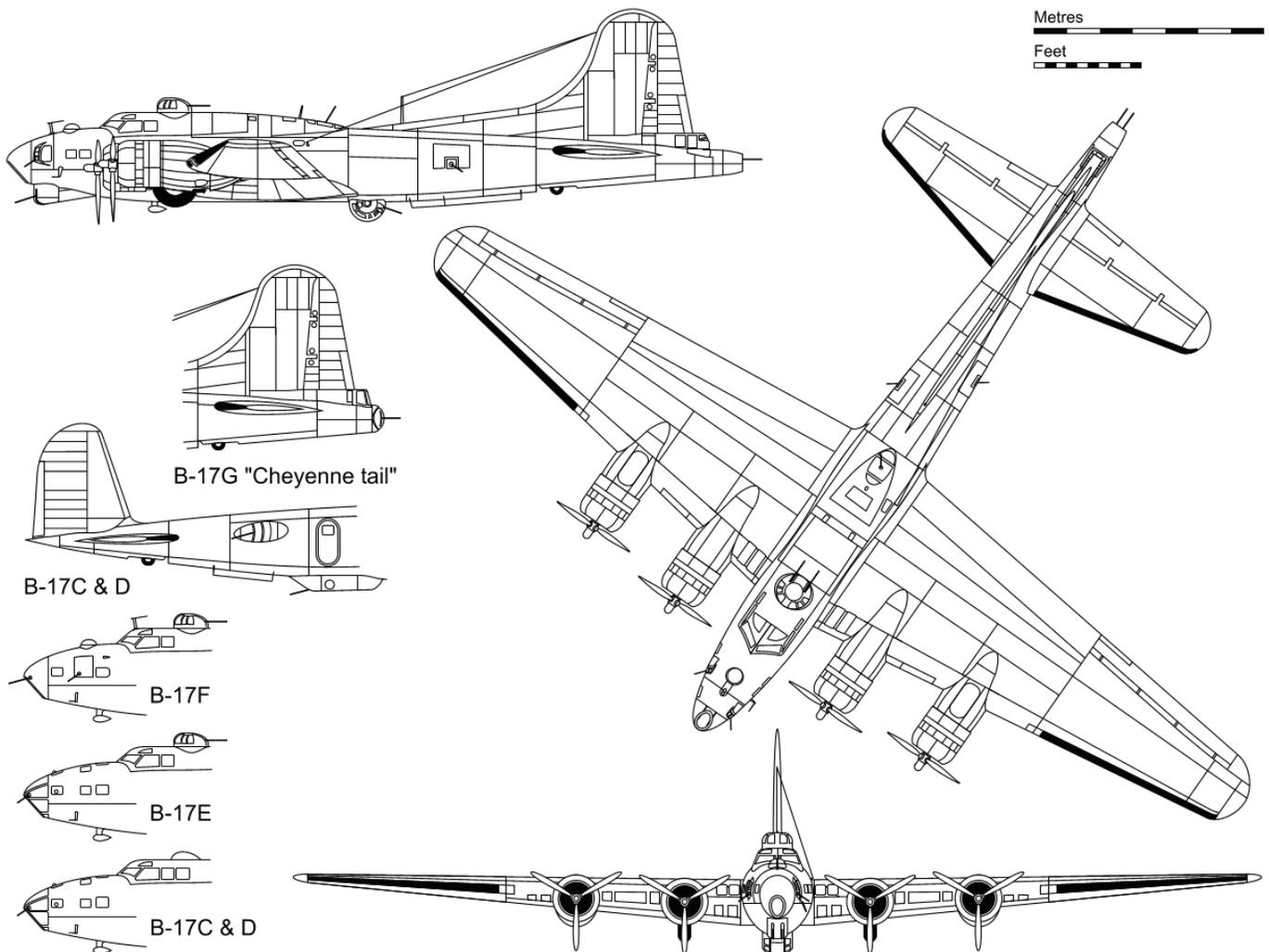
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From the President's Desk

Greetings everyone! I hope this Newsletter finds you well. I would like to utilize this month's message to propose two motions, which will be considered for ratification at the Annual Meeting in Oshkosh in August. Members who are concerned with increasing the viability of the Association brought these two motions forth, and it is my privilege to share them with you on page 4.

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter, and once again, I would like to reiterate my profound respect and gratitude to the original members of the 388th Bomb Group, who helped secure freedom and liberty for an entire continent, and to their spouses who held it all together back home. May God continue to bless you and your families and this great nation.

Scott



388th Scholarship Update

Meet William "Seth" McMurray, great-grandson of original 388th BG airman and engineer, Elliot H. Hewes Jr.

As a high school senior in Mount Pleasant, Texas, Seth was the recipient of the 2015 388th BG Association's College Scholarship. Seth is now a student at the University of Texas-Tyler. Our good wishes are with him



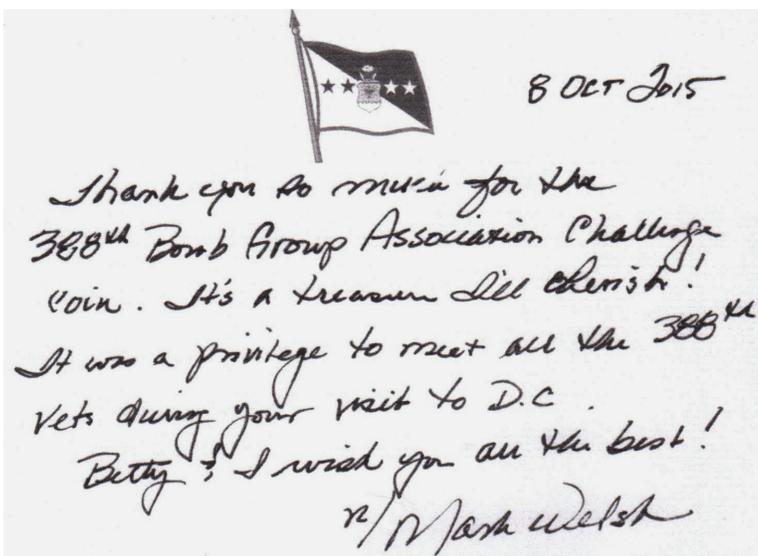
Applications are now available
for eligible stu-



dents to win a \$1,000 college scholarship for 2016. For more details, see the 2015 Fall and Winter newsletters or contact Terry Woodford-Thomas at tthomas@danforthcenter.org.

Please support the 388th BG Association and its next generations by sharing the news of our college scholarship program with your family and friends who are members.

Genral Mark A. Welsh



Newsletter Editor

Dear Steven,

17/1/16

Just a line to say thank you for your continued kindness in furnishing the fine newsletter of the 388th. It's always well appreciated you can be sure. My time goes back to the 70 & 80's when Ed Huntzinger, and his wife Niocy were holding the fort at the 388th association. I escorted the reunion over here in the 70's. I remember the B-17's of the 388th, always recall the bar H was painted very high, it looked like an M from the ground. I attended a reunion in New Orleans way back, never forgotten it! Again many thanks for your good work and considerations.

All good wishes as ever,
John W. Archer (now 87)
Earsham, Bungay, Norfolk

388th PX

I'm looking for more items, if you have any ideas please call me!!!

Christy Wammack 928-581-1010.

Thank you!

Have a great Spring and Summer.

Hope to see you in D.C.



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388th Bomb Group Motions To Amend Bylaws

1. The first motion is to amend Article VI of our Bylaws, Dues and Assessments. The Board proposes to increase annual dues to \$30 and lifetime dues to \$75. The proposed language would only change these two numbers, and if ratified at the Annual Meeting, the Bylaws, Article VI would state:

Article VI: Dues and Assessments

Section 1: Dues

- A. Annual dues are \$30.00 per year for all classes of membership except life and honorary memberships. Annual dues may be fixed at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present.
- B. The dues for lifetime membership have been established as a one-time payment of \$75.00.
- C. Widows of life members will continue as life associate members without the payment of additional dues.
- D. Widows of non-life members can continue in associate membership upon payment of the usual annual dues (\$30.00) or can convert to life membership by paying the life membership sum (\$75.00).

2. The second motion is to change the Newsletter Delivery Procedures. We currently spend over \$1,000 per edition mailing the Newsletter to 950 recipients, of which only 592 are original members and widows. The Board wants to make sure original members and their spouses who want a hard copy continue to receive one free of charge, but in an effort to make sure the Association is being a good steward of limited resources, the Board proposes the following Newsletter Delivery procedures:

- The Newsletter editor will e-mail the Newsletter to all members with an e-mail address.
- The Newsletter editor will send hard copies of the Newsletter free of charge to original members and their widows who desire a copy, unless they prefer e-mail copies.
- Outside of original members and their widows, the Newsletter editor will charge an appropriate fee to any member who wishes to have a hard copy mailed to them.

We are devoting a full page in the spring and summer 2016 Newsletter editions to request that everyone communicate via mail, e-mail, fax, or phone their preference for receiving the Newsletter, either by mail or e-mail. The notification deadline will be at the completion of the 2016 Annual Meeting, and beginning with the Fall 2016 edition, the Newsletter Editor will only mail hard copies to those who requested one by the deadline.

Newsletter Purchasing Options (non-original members and widows):

- Fall and Winter Newsletter: \$ 4.00
- Spring and Summer Newsletters: \$ 4.00
- Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Newsletters: \$ 8.00
- Checks payable to the 388th Bomb Group Association



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Newsletter Delivery Options?

- Email (**FREE**) _____@_____ .com
- Mail (original members and their widows, no cost)
- Mail (**non-original members, see chart below for cost**)

Qty	Newsletter Issues to Receive by Mail per year	Cost	Paid
	Fall and Winter Newsletters	\$ 4.00	\$ -
	Spring and Summer Newsletters	\$ 4.00	\$ -
	Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Newsletters (all)	\$ 8.00	\$ -

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Help us update your Membership Information:

Name: _____

Street: _____

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Mail, Email or Fax Newsletter Delivery Preference to Cindy Hayes at:

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Saratoga, CA 95070**

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388th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION 67th Annual Reunion

August 3 – 7, 2016

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center
1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
1-920-230-1900

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center on Main Street overlooks the Fox River and is located downtown Oshkosh. There is a boardwalk along the Fox River along with outside dining at the hotel. Just across the street is the Convention Center which is connected to the hotel by way of a skywalk over Main Street. Next to the Convention Center is the Leach Amphitheater which hosts a variety of entertainment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The 388th Bomb Group Assn. rate is \$104.99 + 15% occupancy & sales tax + \$3.00 per night municipal services fee. Each room will receive a ten dollar (\$10.00) voucher (based upon occupancy of the room, 1 person = 1 voucher, 2 people = two vouchers) which can be used in the hotel's restaurant for breakfast each day of our reunion. Call 1-920-230-1900 or 1-855-230-1900 for reservations. Be sure to ask for the 388th Bomb Group Reunion rate. This special rate is available for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion, if rooms are available.

Reservations must be accompanied by a first night deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Cut-off date for reservations is July 15, 2016. Reservations requested after this date will be accepted based upon availability.

Parking is available at the hotel's parking garage which is attached to the hotel and is provided free of charge. Access from the 2nd floor of the parking ramp into the hotel consists of 5 or 6 steps to be climbed. Therefore, it is important to first unload & check into the hotel at the 1st floor lobby area before parking your car.

Thursday, August 4th will be spent at the EAA museum and grounds. Our day will start with a short introductory film about the EAA and then we will have a guided tour of the museum which houses an assortment of aircrafts. After we enjoy our luncheon at the museum we will be transported to the hanger where the B-17 nicknamed the Aluminum Overcast is housed. Everyone will be able to watch as this B-17 takes off and lands. Some of you may even be aboard!

Friday, August 5th we will be enjoying a buffet luncheon aboard the Showboat II while cruising along the scenic Fox River. This evening you will have time to enjoy the various activities that Oshkosh has to offer, such as the river walk, amphitheater, and downtown shops/eateries.

Saturday, August 6th everyone is invited to attend the annual business meeting. The afternoon is free to explore the Oshkosh area before returning to the hotel for the evening banquet.



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Email Address _____

Squadron _____ Position _____ Aircraft Name _____

Pilot _____ No. Missions _____ POW (Date) _____ STALAG LUFT _____

- Annual Dues (\$10.00) Lifetime Membership (\$50.00) Donation
 Associate Annual Dues (\$10.00) Associate Lifetime Membership (\$50.00)

How would you like to receive Newsletter: Mail Email

If paying for an Associate Membership:

Name of relation who is/was in the 388th _____

Relationship to you _____ (box if you have prior military service.)

Please fill in known information above, Squadron through POW information, for relative.

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