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The 38th Bomb Group Assn, WW2

June 2004

TO ALL VETERANS OF THE 38TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION (WWII)



REMINDER

A resolution will be considered at our Reunion in St. Louis in September to dissolve the 38th Association. This vote will be done by the members in Good Standing at the reunion in St. Louis. The decision will be made by a simple majority of one vote. That means that one member of a majority voting to disband could possibly decide for the greater majority of the membership not at the reunion. You will find a copy of the motion that will be brought before our members at our regular Business meeting at our Reunion in St. Louis. For all those veterans eligible to vote, you will find a survey herein with which to indicate how you feel about continuing on or to disband the 38th BG Association and also if you would be willing to have your name placed in nomination for the post of President or Vice-President if you attend the Reunion and

you want the Association to continue.

Members will make their choice, sign it and mail the survey back, **before August 31, 2004**, to our Secretary, Bill McKinstry at 473 Evergreen Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150-4631.

Please understand that ONLY those veteran members who have paid their dues for 2003/2004 will be furnished ballots to vote at the Reunion, as per Article V, Section 5 and article VI, Section 1 of our Constitution.

The motion is "Be it resolved that since this Veteran's organization, known as the 38th Bomb Group Association (WWII), can no longer find members to fill the offices of President or Vice-President, that it be dissolved and the process as directed in our Constitution in Article X on Dissolution be commenced".

Fraternally yours,

Richard C. Fields
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President

**SURVEY TO HELP DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF
THE 38TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION (WWII)**

PER OUR CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 "MEMBERS MUST BE PAID UP FOR THE CURRENT TERM TO ATTEND THE REUNION".

THEREFORE IT FOLLOWS THAT MEMBERS IN ARREARS WITH THEIR DUES MUST RETURN THEIR DUES FOR 2003/2004 IF THEY WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY. ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE SURVEY SIGNIFYING THEIR INTENTION AT THE REUNION.

ALL MEMBERS WILL RETURN THE SURVEY SIGNED TO THE SECRETARY NO LATER THAN THE 31ST OF AUGUST 2004.

I WANT THE 38TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION (WWII) TO CONTINUE.

SQDN

SIGN ABOVE THIS LINE

I WANT THE 38TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION (WWII) TO DISBAND.

SQDN

SIGN ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE: IF YOU WANT THE 38THBG ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE AND NO MEMBERS WILL ASSUME THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT , VICE-PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY/TREASURER AT THE REUNION, BY FEDERAL LAW, OUR ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AS A VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION WITHOUT OFFICERS! THERFORE WE WILL HAVE TO DISBAND THE 38THBG ASSOCIATION!

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED POSITIONS, SIGN FOR WHICH POSITION BELOW. IT IS A 2 YEAR TERM.

SQDN

SIGN ABOVE----- POSITION

**RETURN THIS SIGNED SURVEY TO THE SECRETARY /TREASURER
WILLIAM J. McKINSTRY, 473 EVERGREEN DRIVE, TONAWANDA, NY 14150-4631
BEFORE TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2004.**

PROGRESS REPORT ON "SAGA OF THE SUNSETTERS"

Sorry about the delay. Things have been extremely hectic the past two weeks, effecting all of my operations. I had a new, full-time manager scheduled to begin work 6/2 for all my publishing operations. She never showed up for work. Totally bizarre. All my detailed plans for book projects for next several months, plus supervision of two new full-time employees were greatly effected. Anyway, in trying to replace her, I interviewed one candidate today, four are scheduled for tomorrow, and two more for Friday. I've had to totally scramble to deal with this. Had to take Memorial weekend, which was a book writing weekend, and do a major business lease from Sat noon to Mon PM, to go into effect first thing Tues AM. Never seen a lease happen like that before, but the market for office space is so bad out here (about 50% vacancy), you drop everything when an opportunity arises, no matter how unplanned and inconvenient. To top it all off, I had a change over yesterday with a new overall business operations manager, who just took over the job. Almost too much to deal with. Things will begin settle down next week as I expect to make hiring decision for the new Publishing Co. manager by Friday. Still have to train the person, however. This effects all book projects, including the 38th, and has temporarily disrupted my book project plans were for the entire summer.

Anyway, I'm feeling that I'm getting things back under control. My research assistants and Al Kennedy's data entry people have continued working on the 38th project, and made substantial progress. I recently sent him another large group of monthly data files to enter. We are getting everything done on the project short of finishing the writing, which I will be working on myself, along with help from my staff. This reorganization was essential to push the book projects to conclusion, and is costing a fortune in staff salaries and computers. But it's the commitment I've made to see the 38th project through to completion.

As you can see, things will continue to be in flux for a few days, as this all gets sorted out. If you can make a report out of this for the newsletter, do so. My original report I'd planned is obsolete until this happens. In the meantime, my two research assistants are plugging away, with far more supervision from me than I have the time for with all the I'm trying to get done. Al Kennedy also continues his work, and has sent me a great deal of material completed on his end.

It's late, and I've got a long day tomorrow. Sorry for the delay, but I'm doing all I can to see all this through to completion.

Regards, Larry

- S/T REMARKS -

It seems rather late in the term to be asking members to check their line in the roster directory, but now it is more important than ever. Especially so if the Bomb Group disbands! The roster is only as accurate as you make it. If I make a mistake in entering your information, it is up to you to correct me as soon as possible. The rosters are now being issued in every January newsletter. You can imagine my frustration when I have just sent what I think is an accurate roster to the Editor and some one remembers they forgot to let me know they have moved and have a new phone number. Look at the small Post Office card for notifying people of an address change. There is no place on it for a new phone number! The last time I checked there were over 80 phone numbers in the roster that have question marks after the phone number - that's because I was never notified of a new phone number after an address change and doubt the phone number's accuracy.. Consequently, there is no way of anyone in the Bomb Group of getting in touch with those members. unless, of course, if they have an email address and have contacted the S/T with that information.

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A few years ago we thought we had the problem solved when we began getting the Post Office to return our 3rd class mail by using the "Address Service Requested" designation on each SunSetters newsletter. When the P.O. couldn't deliver the newsletter and there was a forwarding address the newsletter was returned to me, charging a different rate depending if it was the original (.92 cents) or a facsimile (.70 cents) of the original. Then with a new address it was resent costing another .60 cents! I was getting more address changes from the P.O. than the members at a cost of over \$1.50 each..

If you are a member that goes south for the winter months and have given me that address so you don't miss out on the January issue which is usually filled with more news, please be sure to notify me if you decide to give up your summer residence and make the winter residence your permanent address.

ENOUGH SAID? BILL, S/T

Since the publication of the January 2004 Newsletter and as of April 24th, 2004, we have been informed of these veterans of the 38th Bomb Group that have gone to their final resting place.

Rest In Peace, Brothers

Ammon, Francis M.	71 st	Norsten, Wendell	405 th
Butler, John E.	71 st	Muldoon, Frederic J.	405 th
Dyal, Max (LM)	71 st	Robideau, Richard L.	405 th
Grimes, Theodore R.	71 st	Wacker, Ray W.	405 th
Heaney, John J.	71 st	Wallace, James V. (LM)	405 th
McCreary, Lawrence G. (LM)	71 st	Kochers, John J.	822 nd
Silkunas, Stanley G.	71 st	Sulek Sr., Edward W.	822 nd
Brooks, John L.	405 th	Bartz, Donald E. (LM)	823 rd
Cox, Glen H.	405 th	Curliss, Robert L. (LM)	823 rd
Eckels, Richard W. (LM)	405 th	Enbgan, John N.	823 rd
Fish, Jules Verne (LM)	405 th	Hailey, James K. (LM)	823 rd
Halpin Stephen R. (LM)	405 th	Hunter, Robert L. (LM)	823 rd
Keating, Lawrence P.	405 th	Paul, Richard K.	823 rd
McGovern, Lawrence H.	405 th	Tully, Kermit L.	823 rd

HQ	18	71 st	145	822 nd	86
69 th	2	89 th	1	823 rd	83
70 th	57	405 th	159	UNK	3

TOTAL = 554 KNOWN VETERANS OF 38TH BG
 ALSO DECEASED
 JOHN CROPELAS ASSOCIATE