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# Fighter Group Association

Station F378 – Fowlmere, England

## NEWSLETTER

“The Lads from Fowlmere”



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## Memorial Day at Madingley!



Memorial Day at Madingley American Cemetery Cambridge 26th May 2008. Here a Piper plays his laments.

### A Call to Their Legacy! by Dave Bedford

*Superintendent Cambridge American Cemetery*

**"IN PROUD AND GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THOSE MEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE WHO FROM THESE FRIENDLY ISLES FLEW THEIR FINAL FLIGHT AND MET THEIR GOD. THEY KNEW NOT THE HOUR THE DAY NOT THE MANNER OF THEIR PASSING. WHEN FAR FROM HOME THEY WERE CALLED TO JOIN THAT HEROIC BAND OF AIRMEN WHO HAD GONE BEFORE. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE."**

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These are the poignant words written in mosaic on the ceiling of the chapel in the cemetery that is called by American aviators, Madingley. Memorial Day in England has been held at this site since 1944 when the fathers of the modern Air Force came to pay homage to that "Heroic Band of Airmen" who had gone before.

4,589 of the 8,939 commemorated at the Cambridge (Madingley) American Cemetery are Airmen. Many of those are lost never to have a known resting place, their names inscribed on the Wall of the Missing. They perished over the North Atlantic, the English Channel and enemy territory where they faced a determined enemy who was brazen upon their destruction. The only witness to their plight, the official Missing Air Crew Reports of their fellow squadron members:



"the plane was so badly damage, we saw no parachutes" or a like statement being made at the debrief after a mission. Their names on the wall give witness of their passing.

Some of the aviators buried in Madingley were lost because of the tremendous horrors of flight. Their parting was often marked with a red flare as a disabled aircraft signaled dead and wounded on board when they approached their home airfield in England. The airmen often faced eight hours of being on an oxygen mask, with temperatures at minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and at times flak so thick they felt as though they could walk on it, with the nimble nightmare enemy fighters that drove fear into the hearts of every bomber crew. The harshness and horrors of flight would claim their lives. The ground crews waited anxiously at the designated time, waiting in quiet desperation to see if their crew would return to base.

Some of the brave Airmen who rest there were in pursuit of the impossible. The impossible being the assembly of 1,000 aircraft over East Anglia with limited visibility. They died in mid-air collisions. It is said by aircraft controllers of today that putting 1,000 aircraft in the sky over East Anglia was impossible. They are correct as too often aircraft collided, resulting in the aviators' untimely death. Lieutenant Ellis, 398th Bomb Group, and crew were such a case colliding with another aircraft in very poor weather over the assembly area. Lt. Ellis nursed his severely damaged Flying Fortress toward the ground, the altitude too low for his crew to parachute to safety. He steered clear of Cheshunt and Waltham Cross villages, saving the lives of the villagers but losing his life and the lives of all on board. The lieutenant and two of his crew are interred permanently at Madingley.

Each year drawn to this a sacred place called Madingley, in the ritual of homage. Surviving veterans of those days return to pay respects to their friends and buddies who have passed on before. Their sorrow is deep and though age has crippled their bodies, their hearts will them the strength to come to wish a silent prayer or thought to their fallen friends. They return to Madingley for Memorial Day.



# As Always . . . it Rained !



Wreath above placed at the foot of "The Wall of the Missing" by Martin Sheldrick, 339<sup>th</sup> Wreath Bearer, was donated once again by Martin.

Photo by P.Simpson



F-15s fly overhead in the "Missing Man Formation" above and B-25 flown from Holland for the occasion below.

## by Peter Randall

As you heard, Madingley was a washout with the rain again and woefully cold just to add insult to injury. That's two years on the trot now that we have been soaked to the skin! Wind and rain made things very difficult and although we could see Martin Sheldrick, official 339<sup>th</sup> wreath bearer, we did not get the chance to talk to him as we were on opposite sides of the silent ponds.

Nick, Julie King and I met with Peter Simpson at Madingley as a "first timer". He had been in correspondence with Nick and I for a while and seems to have a genuine interest in 8th Fighter Command. Martin came up trumps for you again though but because of conditions, I had to hold the umbrella over the photographer which is why Peter Simpson took the photo.

Forgot to mention though that although weather at Madingley was a real stinker, we did manage to get a fly-over from a KC135 from Mildenhall, the missing man formation of 4 x F15's from Lakenheath's 48th TFW and surprisingly a B-25 that had flown over from Holland - arrived rather late though due to the adverse weather!

It was a very moving experience in spite of the weather and we were proud to honor all those men who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



# From The Desk of Jim Starnes

Lt Jerome J. Sainlar, pilot 504<sup>th</sup> FS

*Excerpt from page 6 of the September 1998 newsletter reprinted here in response to several requests for information on "Jet Killer" J. J. Sainlar.*

By James R. Starnes, Staff Columnist, pilot 505<sup>th</sup> FS



Slick Penrose attempted to locate a missing 339<sup>th</sup> member, 504<sup>th</sup> pilot, Jerome J. Sainlar. He was able to reach family members, including his widow Joyce. She informed Slick that Jerry retired from the Air Force in 1963 and died of a heart attack on 12 Aug 65.

Jerry Sainlar had two write-ups in the combat narrative section of our group history book. On 9 Feb 45 he was credited with damaging a German ME-262 jet. However, the book "The Messerschmitt 262 Combat Diary" by Foreman & Harvey states that the damage claim by Sainlar was actually a kill. He shot down "White 1311 of 111/EJG-2, Unteroffizier (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.) Heinz Speck, who died when his ME-262 crashed near Zusinalthausen, Germany.

The second time Jerry was written up in the combat narrative was on the 10 Mar 45 mission on which he was shot down by a B-17 while checking the identity of the bomber formation at rendezvous. His P-51 was hit numerous times, and he made it back to the vicinity of St. Trond, Belgium, where it caught fire and he successfully bailed out.

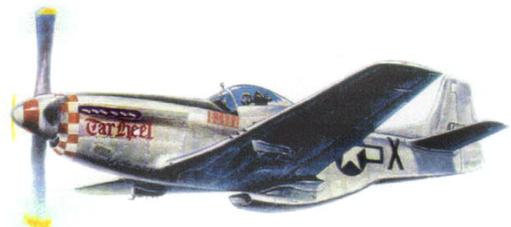
Jerry returned to Fowlmere to tell us of his harrowing experience of being shot down by "friendly" fire.

Earlier this year a Belgian aircraft wreck researcher wanted to know if we had the exact coordinates of the crashed Sainlar aircraft. We have no record of it. The photo of Jerry shown above was provided by his widow, as we had none when the group history was being prepared.



Lt. Jerome J. Sainlar

*Jim Starnes*



# Another Tragic Loss!

## Our "First Lady!"

Maxine S. Henry  
1921-2008

by S. Ananian

Maxine S. Henry, age eighty-seven, passed away July 12, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. She was born on January 3, 1921 in Hempstead, NY to Charles & Harriet Schoeffler. She is survived by her loving husband of sixty-six years, our Commanding Officer, MAJ. GEN. John B. Henry, Jr. U.S.A.F. (retired); two children, Anne Bevelhymer & her husband Herbert of Muskegon, MI and John Henry & his wife Janice of Flint, MI; four grandchildren, Lowell Bevelhymer, Stephen Bevelhymer, Megan Rolf and Jack Henry; four great grandchildren, Emily, Sarah, Trevor Bevelhymer and Alexandra Rolf; Maxine's sister, Gail Neal & her husband Kenneth; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Maxine was a "Lady"! Our "First Lady" in every sense of the word. Her charm, sense of humor, friendliness and her fondness for the 339<sup>th</sup> FGA and all its members endeared her to all that knew her.

It is said when the Good Lord told her it was her time to go - Maxine replied that she was not ready yet!

She shall be missed by all!



Maxine S. Henry

photo by Bill Clark, Jr.



# The Highest Honor!



Wording on Tomb, "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER UNKNOWN BUT TO GOD"

## Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

"The highest honor for an enlisted person in military uniform."

Qualifications for being accepted as a member of the "Elite" guards of the tomb; Soldier-applicants applying for guard duty must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall, and waist size cannot exceed 30". He commits two years to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and must not drink alcohol on or off duty. He does not swear in public or disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any manner. After serving his tour of duty, the guard is awarded a wreath pin worn on his lapel, signifying his service. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must live by these rules for life or give up the wreath pin..



Each guard dresses for duty in front of a full-length mirror. He spends five hours each day before going on duty, and is subjected to a review and inspection prior to taking his position in a tour of duty.

During the first six months of duty, a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for 365 days each and every year since 1930.



# Preserve your war stories for history!

Record your WW II experiences for the Library of Congress!

By Stephen Ananian, *editor*

*About Gregory H. Arabian, Major, USAF HD, 379th Bombardment Wing (Medium), Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts AMVETS, Oral History Director, Massachusetts Department AMVET Post Originator*

*Executive Committee of Advocates for Tufts University ROTC and to pass the time away, Attorney at Law, Private Pilot (3500 hours), Computer Geek at Age 73,*

In response to my request, my good friend Gregory Arabian informs me that he will be attending our reunion at Washington, DC. He writes: - "Maybe you might mention the **Veterans History Project** and our plans to take some histories this year. Perhaps this might generate some interest and get some guys to get in line or have us see how many we can get."

"I conduct the interview with a Sony Camcorder setup with tripod, earphone and zoom microphone jacks."

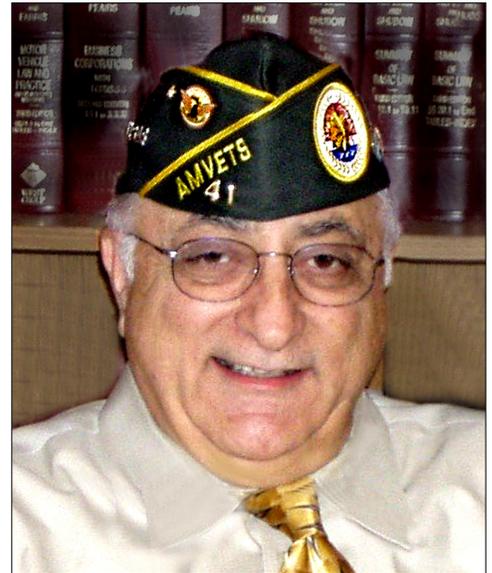
"The taped interview is then transcribed onto DVD discs in my office. The capacity of each disc is 2 hours."

Four copies of each interview is prepared; I save one for the Library of Congress, one to the interviewee involved, and one goes to you for transmittal to the local cable stations of each person to be used by them and one for my permanent files. The tapes stay with me for safekeeping and for future reproduction if necessary."

"There is no charge for any of this even though we accept contributions for the purchase of supplies such as tapes and blank printable DVD discs if anyone might wish to do so. Each DVD is personalized with a picture of pictures of the interviewee involved, his unit, the markings of his unit or any other item that we might copy and paste digitally from my computer to the printable DVD disc which is mounted on a special DVD color copier."

"If anyone wishes to be interviewed he may bring memorabilia which might act as talking points, like pictures, insignias, uniforms, aircraft parts, or souvenirs of their exploits, that is all acceptable."

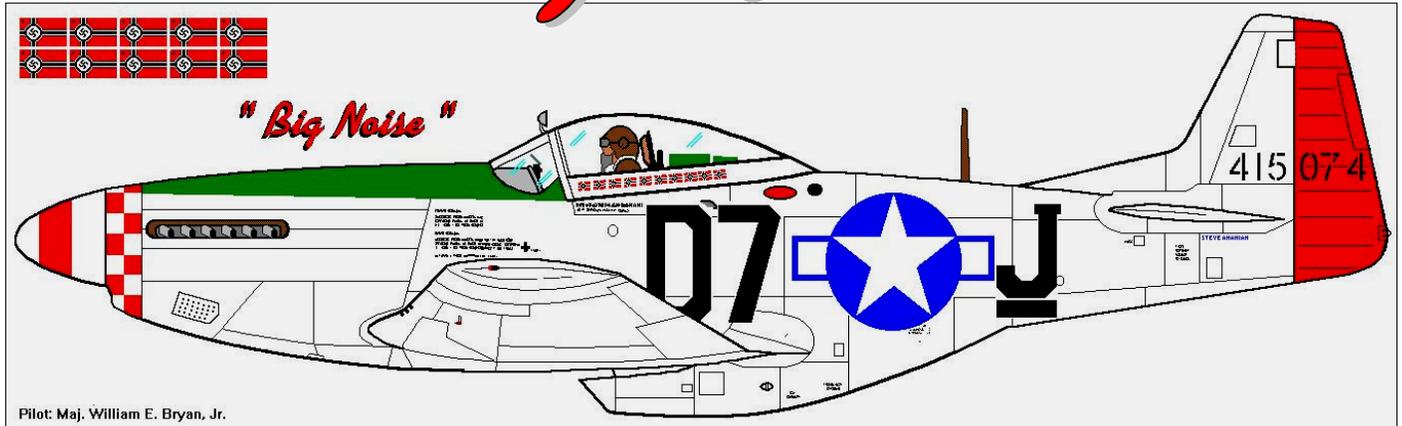
Those interested, let me (Steve) know and come prepared with your stories. Anyone who will be giving Greg an interview should bring with them a copy of the DD Form 214 or evidence of their Honorable Discharge in order to confirm their identity and verify their status as a veteran per requirements of the Veterans History Project.



Gregory Arabian



# "Big Noise"



Aircraft flown by Maj. William E. Bryan, Jr.

By Stephen Ananian, *editor*

## "Big Noise from Winnetka"

*"This is the story of a young girl that was the Einstein of dance  
They called her Big Noise from Winnetka, against her no one stood a chance  
Big Noise blew in from Winnetka, stole each fellows heart and then  
Big Noise blew in from Winnetka, Big Noise Blew right out again  
Boys were sighing, their girl friends crying, hearts were pounding when  
The Big Noise dances, hence romances, it's just astounding when  
Big Noise blew in from Winnetka, Big Noise blew right out again - - -"*



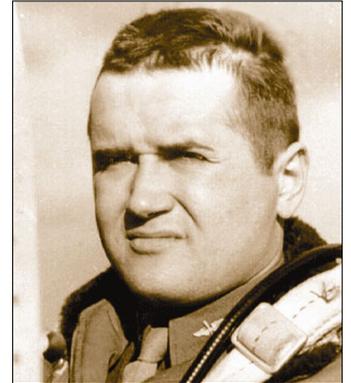
M.G. William E. Bryan, Jr.

Bill Bryan loved Music - Jazz in particular. It was not unusual for him to break into song in the middle of a conversation about music. One of his favorite songs was "Big Noise From Winnetka". He once told me because of the sound of the Mustang engine, he called his plane "Big Noise", after the song.

I once asked him for a photo of his plane for our records, Bill told me he did not have a picture of his "bird", so . . . I made the above drawing of his aircraft for him! When Bill saw the drawing he thanked me and told me that his plane never had the Swastikas indicating the number of "kills" nor the name on the nose. I then removed them from the side of his bird but left the kills on the Canopy as it appears here because his ground crew objected to his modesty. After-all, their aircraft, D7-J had destroyed ten enemy aircraft!

The Mustang he flew on his first tour was D7-J. When Bill came back from leave at home, they had given his plane D7-J to Lt. Robert Frisch. Instead of "pulling rank" and demanding his bird, he had his new plane painted D7-J (reads "D" Seven Jay Bar) and flew his second combat tour in it.

Maj. Bill Bryan flew a total of 114 missions during WWII and 121 missions over Korea in the P-51 Mustang, - flying about 900 combat hours in the Mustang! This was some sort of record for flying combat in a North American P-51. The only other pilot that I am aware of that comes close is his good friend 505<sup>th</sup> pilot Owen "Barney" Farmer who flew combat with Bill in Korea as well.



Owen "Barney" Farmer

"**Big Noise from Winnetka**" is an instrumental piece and improvised composition that was created at a live performance by Ray Baudic and Bob Haggart when they were members of the Bob Crosby Orchestra in 1938. Haggart whistled while Baudic played on the bass with his drumsticks.

In case you are wondering, Winnetka is a village about 20 miles North of Downtown Chicago.



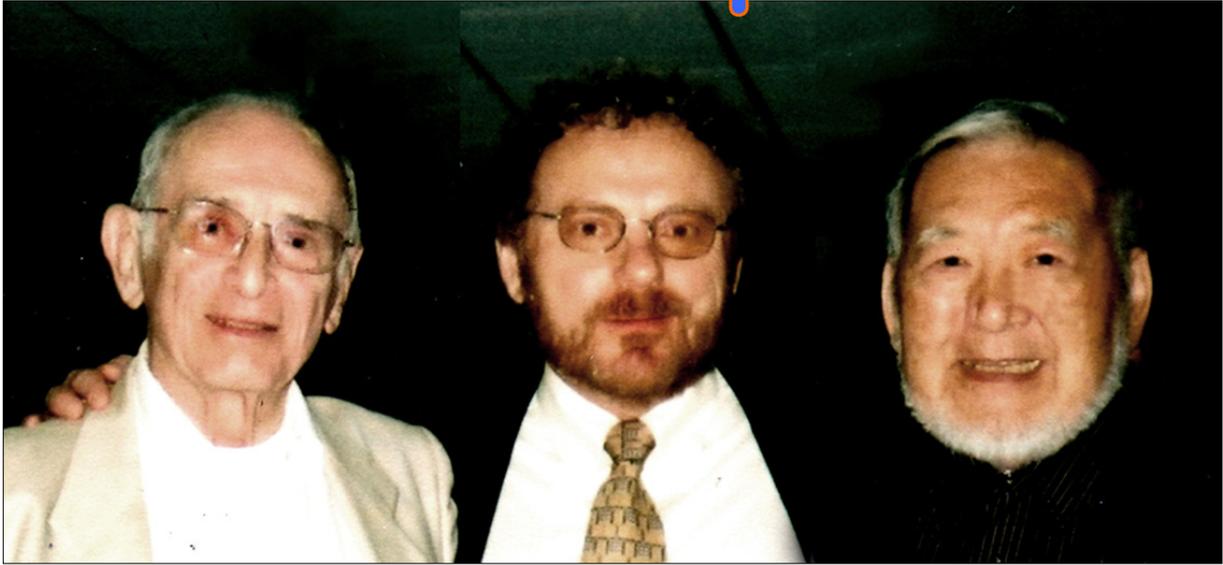
Bill Bryan in front of his bird "Big Noise" at Fowlmere, note there is no name or swastikas on the unpainted Mustang that shows the 10 enemy planes Bill had destroyed!

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## Your 2008 DUES ARE DUE!

Your \$10 (tax-deductible) dues help cover the cost of this newsletter.  
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# Reunion Snapshots!



L-R James Delisio, Donald Gerard and George Joe.

photo Jean Joe



Left Isabel and Steve Ananian

Photo Jean Joe



Right Bill Perry and Richard Krauss at "The Gathering of Mustangs" in Columbus Ohio.  
Photo from Richard Krauss





# Editor's Corner

## Latest Reunion News!

By Stephen C. Ananian,  
Editor, pilot 505<sup>th</sup>



We were all shocked to learn of the death of our first lady, Maxine Henry. We offer our condolences to our Commanding Officer John Henry and his family on their loss. Please take comfort John, in knowing that your loss is ours as well. We will miss the warmth of her presence and the joy of her charm at our reunions. "Blue Skies" Maxine!

Once again Peter Randall recounts for us the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Madingley. Representing the 339<sup>th</sup> FG as official wreath bearer Martin Sheldrick laid a wreath at the base of the "Wall of the Missing", honoring the downed members of the 339<sup>th</sup> FG. And as always Martin donated the wreath and endured the harsh weather with our friends Peter Randall, Nick and Julie King along with a new "Friend of the 339<sup>th</sup>", Peter Simpson who also attended the ceremonies in that inclement weather. In fact the picture in our newsletter, of the wreath at the base of the "Wall of The Missing" on page three, was taken by Mr. Simpson for the 339<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all! We are so fortunate to have friends such as these.

In response to the inquiries regarding "Jet Killer", 504<sup>th</sup> pilot, Jerome Sainlar - our Jim Starnes is retelling an article from an old issue of the Newsletter with some interesting stories about Jerome.

It seems that we are losing our comrades almost daily! With their loss we lose forever the anecdotal history of their contributions to our fight for freedom. I have invited another volunteer collecting servicemen's combat accounts for the "library of Congress" to be present at our reunion in order to record any of your WWII experiences.

**Reservation Deadline is Sept. 18, 2008!** (After that reservations are on a room availability basis!)

Next month we will be in Washington for our reunion. We shall attend the military "Fly-Over" (weather permitting) and funeral of William and Ollie Bryan with a possible stop at the grave of Sal Carollo. We have also scheduled a trip to the White House and the sights of our nation's capital! Early signs indicate another outstanding turnout! Make a special effort to be there. This could be your last chance to meet your buddies and their families.

For your convenience I have included all forms, schedules etc. for our reunion in the back of this Newsletter again.

We are staying at the **Marriott Fairview Park Hotel** just outside of the capital. The price for the 339<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group is only **\$99** a night plus local taxes (currently 5%). In addition this year, we have planned several guided tours for our members.

Our first guided tour will be a six hour tour on Friday morning, starting with a tour of the White House and then a tour of the City of Washington ending with a trip to Arlington Cemetery, see "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and attend the Military "Fly-Over" and

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funeral of our wartime comrade Mag. Gen. William "Bill" Bryan, Jr. and his beloved wife Olive. Those going on the White House Tour, please fill out information requested on p. 19 and send in with your forms. Because of reasons of security, the schedule is tentative at this time.

The second tour will be a trip to Arlington Cemetery, see "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and attend the Military funeral of our wartime comrade MG William "Bill" Bryan, Jr. and his beloved wife Olive and return to the hotel.

The third tour will be a three hour night time guided tour on Saturday night to see the beautifully lit monuments in their full glory including the new Air Force Memorial. These tours have been customized to our needs with a minimum amount of walking and handicap accessible buses.

If you have not yet done so, act now! Call and make your hotel reservations at **The Marriott Fairview Park Hotel**, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042 For hotel Reservations call toll free **1-800-228-9290**. Tell them you are with the 339<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group and would like their special rates (\$99 a night). Check into hotel on Thursday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Check out 12:00 NOON Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>!

Fill out and mail in all forms on pages 18 & 19 to appropriate persons. Also see the tentative schedule of events on page 17.

For transportation to and from the airport take the **Super Shuttle** call at 1-800-BlueVan (258-3826) and make your reservations in advance or you can catch a cab. Cabs are roughly \$35-\$40 one way but a cab holds several people so it could be cheaper. Self-parking at the hotel is free. Blue Skies!



## Roster Updates

Make the following additions or changes to your new mailing list: -

### Change: -

**Claire Harry**, 504<sup>th</sup> Widow of pilot G. P. Harry  
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**Tracie Wright**, 503<sup>rd</sup> Granddaughter of pilot Lyle M. Wright,  
5000 Mission Oaks Blvd. Unit 18, Austin TX 78735-6741  
**C. Craig Harris**, B-17 Co-pilot,  
4733 Matt Drive, Apt B, Raleigh, NC 27604-7101  
**David Caddell**, 504<sup>th</sup> Grandnephew of pilot Myer Winkelman,  
14239 Windsor Heights Drive, Mount Vernon, OH 43050-8627  
**John Carson**, 504<sup>th</sup> Son of Armorer Francis Carson,  
203 S. Orchard St. Apt 10D, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-8437  
**Regis Urschler**, P-51 owner and pilot,  
911 Zinsmaster Ct., Bellevue, NE 68005-4460  
**Lois Kaniewski**, 504- widow of armorer Eugene N. Kaniewski  
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**William C. Clark, Jr.**, GRP - Son of Group CO,  
200 River Ridge Dr. Waco, Texas 76705



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# We mourn our loss - - -



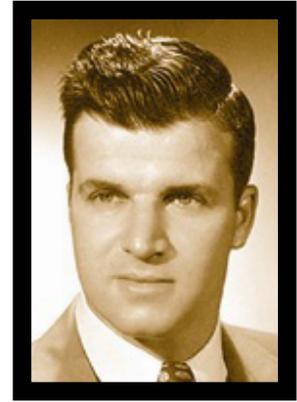
Joseph G. Farrell



Maxine S. Henry



Robert S. Walsh



Theodore R. Staggers

## Deceased

**Joseph G. Farrell**, 503<sup>rd</sup> Pilot passed away on April 10, 2006. I just learned from his daughter, Patricia Farrell.

*-Gordon Cates nephew of 503<sup>rd</sup> pilot Alan Crump KIT-*

**Maxine S. Henry**, beloved wife of our Commanding Officer passed away on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 from a Massive stroke.

Oh how she will be missed!

*- Editor -*

**Robert Stewart Walsh**, 504<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Officer passed away on July 22, 2008. Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary C. Walsh, seven children, eleven grandchildren and four great grand children.

*- Ken Willard -*

**Theodore "Ted" R. Staggers**, 505<sup>th</sup> pilot passed away peacefully on July 30, 2008. Ted a POW and Purple Heart recipient was predeceased by his wife and son and is survived by his daughter and several grandchildren.

*- Kim Blanchard, daughter -*

Our condolences to all the families on their loss - - -

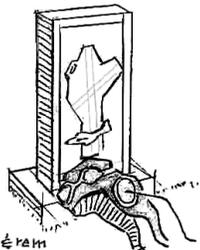


## In Memorium

The following have donated monies in memory of their loved ones:-

\$100 in memory of his father 503<sup>rd</sup> pilot James Mankie by his son J. Andrew Mankie.

\$55 in memory of his son Guy Lee Eisenhardt KIA in Vietnam donated by his father Lee "Dutch" Eisenhardt.



# Donations

\$190 Bert W. Admire, \$100 Clarence Ferrell, \$100 David Thorne, \$60 Thomas B. White, \$50 Lawrence J. Powell, \$25 Constance Little, \$25 Reggie F. Urscheler, \$25 Donald Quale, \$20 Gregory Arabian, \$20 E.E. Shirey, \$20 Lois Kaniewski,

We thank you all for your generous donations.



# The Mail Bag

Marilyn Carollo writes:-

Dear Steve,

7/22/08

*I was so saddened to hear of Maxine's death. - - - I'm really looking forward to the reunion. I heard from Charlie Steffen, that the 503rd was planning a trip to Bill Bryan's grave at Arlington during the reunion. It would be appreciated if they would also visit Sal's grave in the Columbarium. His burial will take place on Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. I won't know the exact internment number/space until burial time.*

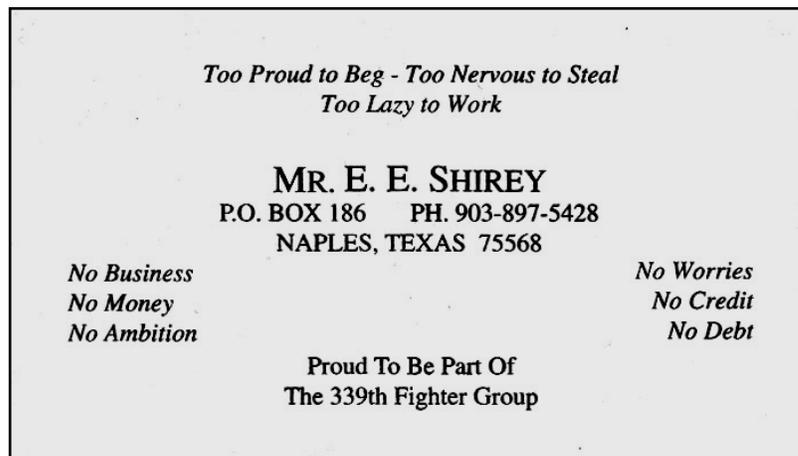
*I'm so glad you chose D.C. for this reunion---thank you. Marilyn Carollo*

It is our intention to do so. Let me know the location when you have it.



Ellis E. Shirey 503<sup>rd</sup> Medic sends us his personal calling card with his donation. On the back Ellis writes:-

*"I miss you guys! It seems like such a long time. I still work some (cutting hair).*



*On June 6, 2008 (D-Day) I was 96 years old - - - and I feel all of it! Keep up the good work!*

Can anyone out there top 96? If not Ellis is our oldest remaining 339er.



A reader sends us the latest news from a recent issue of *FlyPast* Magazine about "Marinell", reconstructed 504<sup>th</sup> plane: - **"Marinell" stands on her own feet!**

Over the Easter weekend even more progress was made on Maurice Hammond's latest restoration, North American P-51D 44-13521 Marinell (G-MRLL - see *FlyPast* November 2007). The fuselage arrived at Hardwick, Norfolk, in September last year and was joined by the wing on March 20.



On Good Friday the wing was fitted to the fuselage, and by the end of the day progress was so good that Marinell was standing on her undercarriage for the first time since August 1944. The following day the engine was lowered into place and again all went smoothly. By mid-afternoon the P-51 was ready to be rolled out of the hangar for a few

'Marinell' back on her own undercarriage for the first time since 1944.

Chris Abrey

pictures. After putting her back inside corks popped to celebrate reaching another milestone in this superb project!

Work has continued apace since, with the invaluable help of Maurice's family and dedicated team of volunteers. By mid-May the Mustang's systems were almost completely fitted. It is hoped that a first flight will be possible later this year. With thanks to Maurice Hammond.

Our thanks to *FlyPast* Magazine for the use of their article.



Nick King our member in England asks if anyone knows whose p-51, shown below, had a shark's teeth painted on the nose:-

Hi Steve

6/18/08

*Remember a few years ago I asked you about a 505<sup>th</sup> P-51 with a shark's mouth? This picture turned up now, same plane but do you recognize the crewman? It may be a clue to pilot or plane. Many thanks, Nick King*

Can any of you help us out? *Steve*



# A Color Photo of Worry Bird!



## 339<sup>th</sup> P-51 in Flight!

Would you like a 5.5" x 8.5" color print of a Mustang with 339<sup>th</sup> FG markings suitable for framing?

Michael George, owner of the P-51 on the left, has donated prints for distribution to our readers Free of Charge! Just drop me a Post Card requesting print at the address on last page (p. 20), for your free color print.



Actual size!

## 339<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Lapel Pins

This polished pewter four-colored Cloisonné lapel pin is a thing of beauty! Only 7/8 of an inch in diameter it looks like a piece of fine jewelry.

While we still have a few left! When they are gone that will be it! The price is \$10 each plus \$2 shipping per order. Just drop me a line with a check to the return address on this newsletter (back page).

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# Reunion Tentative Schedule of Events

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday** All Units will Host Bar!

**12:00noon** – Registration at 339<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Room

**5:00pm – 6:00pm** Welcome meeting

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Friday** 505<sup>th</sup> will Host Bar!

**8:00am** - White House Tour, followed by City Tour then to Arlington Cemetery for funeral.

**12:30 - 3:30pm** – Military “Fly-Over” and funeral services for MG Bill Bryan at the Arlington National Cemetery.

**5:30pm** – Possible Unit Dinners –

Socialize and refreshments at “Hospitality Room”

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday** 504<sup>th</sup> will Host Bar!

**9:00am – 10:00am** - Board of Director's Meeting

**10:00AM – 11:00am** - General Membership meeting

**Free** schedule rest of the day to socialize, see the sights or whatever.

**5:30pm** – Possible Unit Dinners –

**7:00pm – 10:00pm** Night tour of monuments

Socialize and refreshments at “Hospitality Room” after

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 503<sup>rd</sup> will Host Bar!

**Free** schedule all day to socialize, see the sights or whatever.

**6:00pm** - Cash Bar - followed by

**7:00pm - Banquet Dinner** - After dinner socialize at “Hospitality Room”

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Monday morning**

**6:30am – 9:30am** - Farewell Breakfast Buffet

**12:00noon** Checkout.



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## Reunion Side Trips

### White House, and DC Tour including Arlington Cemetery:-

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Friday** – A 6 hour narrated tour of the White House, a city tour of Washington, The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier and Arlington Cemetery. There we will attend the Military Funeral of MG Bill Bryan and his wife Olive. Six hour tour only - *price \$30*

**Arlington Cemetery** for Military “Fly-Over” & funeral. - *price \$20*

### Washington DC Monuments at Night Tour:-

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night** – A narrated night tour of Washington’s monuments seen bathed in artificial light. A “Must See” experience! Three hour tour only - *price \$20*

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## Sunday Banquet Dinner Menu

**Provence Chicken** - Oven Roasted Chicken Breast with Herbs de Provence and Mushroom Cognac Sauce with Saffron Basmati Rice and Baby Carrots. Price **\$35**

**Seared Salmon** - Seared Atlantic Salmon with a Lemon, Oregano and Caper Beurre Blanc with Wild Rice Pilaf and Baby Carrots. Price **\$45**

**NY Strip Steak** Grilled 10 oz. New York Strip with Red Onion Confit and Yukon Gold Gorgonzola Potatoes and Sugar Snap Peas. – Price **\$45**

Dinners are served with Caesar salad, potatoes, vegetables, dessert - Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter - Freshly Brewed Colombian Coffee or Freshly Brewed Iced Tea with Lemon Wedges

All prices Include 20% Service Charge (Tip) and applicable Sales Tax.

## Farewell Breakfast Buffet

**Capital Breakfast Buffet** - Freshly Squeezed Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice, Cranberry Juice, Apple Juice and V-8 Juice, Seasonal Fresh Fruits, Berries and whole Bananas with Maple - Vanilla Yogurt Dressing, Scrambled Eggs with Chives, Crisp Bacon Strips and Sausage Links, Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Freshly Baked Breakfast Breads, Muffins, Croissants, and Assorted Danish, A Display of Fresh Baked Bagels, Served with Butter, Plain and Flavored Cream Cheeses and Fresh Fruit Preserves.

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Bigelow Herbal Teas, Assorted Soft Drinks and Mineral Water.

**\$20** per person (Includes 20% Tip and applicable Sales Tax)



## Reunion Registration Form

Please fill in your Name:-

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Also list any additional guest names separately for Name Tags.

			<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Fee	\$15	each _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 hour City Tour – (Photo ID or Passport required!)	\$30	each _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arlington Cemetery Tour & funeral services	\$20	each _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 hour Night Tour	\$20	each _____	_____

### Sunday Night Banquet Dinner

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish	\$45	each _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef	\$45	each _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken	\$35	each _____	_____

### Monday Morning Farewell Breakfast

<input type="checkbox"/>	Farewell Breakfast	\$20	each _____	_____
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Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make your checks payable to the 339<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Association and mail with this completed form to :-

**Richard G. Thieme**, Treasurer, 2732 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081-6802

**Phone:** (920) 452-4780

## Unit Dinners

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(YOUR NAME above)

Indicate number of each  Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  Beef \_\_\_\_\_  Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this coupon, no money! To the appropriate unit directors listed below so that we know how many are attending. You pay and order your menu choice at the restaurant!



## Unit Directors

**503<sup>rd</sup> Unit Dinner** - Fill out unit form below and mail to: - **Luther Francis**, 503<sup>rd</sup> Director, 29 Hillview Road, Gorham, ME 04038 **Phone:** (207)-839-8744

**504<sup>th</sup>, HQ & ORD Unit Dinners** - This year our CO, HQ & ORD are invited to join the 504<sup>th</sup> Unit Dinner. Fill out unit form below and mail to: - **William Clark, Jr.**, 109 Sherwood Oaks Dr., Waco, TX 76705- **Phone:** (570) 689-4090

**505<sup>th</sup> Unit Dinner** - Fill out the form below and mail to: - **Dave Williams**, 505<sup>th</sup> Director, c/o Jeff Williams, 1111 Army Navy Drive #1419, Arlington, VA 22202 - **Cell Phone:** 703-244-9992.



## White House Tour

For those of you going on the White House Tour we will need the following information for security clearance. Please fill out form and mail to Treasurer with reservation form.

*For US Citizens:-*

	<u>Name (First, Last)</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>S/Security #</u>	<u>Country of birth</u>
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*For our friends from Britain:-*

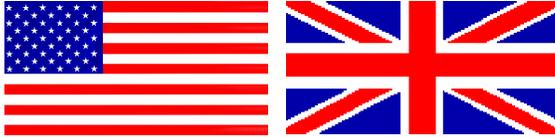
	<u>Name (First, Last)</u>	<u>Passport #</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
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Add more if necessary on separate sheet.

September 1, 2008

**339<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Association, Inc.**

C/o Stephen C. Ananian  
4 North Orchard Farms Avenue  
Simpsonville, SC 29681-4866, USA



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**To: -**  
Mailing Address



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-----MAILING LIST UPDATE FORM -----

Check your name and address on the mailing label. Make certain it is correct. If not, fill out this form and mail to the address below. If you wish to pay dues you may also use this form.

- Please accept my donation of \$10 for my dues for the 339<sup>th</sup> FGA. (Tax Exempt)
- Please add my name to the mailing list.
- Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ 339<sup>th</sup> Lapel Pins @ \$10 each plus \$2 additional for shipping  
(Number of pins)
- Please mail me the 2007 Membership Roster (Mailing addresses).

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