

43rd NEWS LETTER

First Edition

43rd Bomb Group: 63rd, 64th,
65th, 403rd, Hdq. Sqds.

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REUNION DATE: December 11-13, 1981

PLACE: Hilton- San Antonio, Texas

An effort, begun in June 1981, has come to fruition with the first reunion of the 43rd Bomb Group in San Antonio, Texas, December 11-13, 1981. I have enjoyed every minute of it - the letters, phone calls and contacts with old friends and new friends, all of whom served in the Group in some capacity during the year of 1942 to 1946. The remarkable thing to me, is that a group with a record like the 43rd, from Bangor, Maine to Ie Shima, by way of Australia, New Guinea, the Phillipines, should remain this long without some kind of reunion organization. We will take care of this in San Antonio, with your help, by organizing and preserving the memory of a great group with a great record.

The first Newsletter will be brief - a list to date of those who plan to attend the reunion, a list of those contacted who can't come this time, but are very interested in future reunions. Please accept my apology for errors in names, addresses and squadron affiliation, not to mention rank. To contact and compile the contacts I've had from five (5) squadrons, many states, and spanning the five (5) years of World War II has been more than I and my staff assistant, my wife, Doris, could handle - sometimes I could have used a computer.

Also a very tentative schedule of events to take place in San Antonio is as follows:

- December 11th ---- Check in, reunion registration, 1730 to 1930 hours - light hor d'oeuvres, 1930 to _____ hours. (La Vista Meeting Room, Hilton) Tentative Dinner Buffet in same room.
- December 12th ---- Breakfast meeting by squadrons - to be arranged after reunion starts - shopping or tour for ladies of San Antonio. 1950 hours - a dinner meeting at Randolph or Lackland Officer's Club. At this Saturday night dinner, Lt. Col. Waldo Schauwecker will show slides taken on a 1981 trip to New Guinea and many of the 43rd targets of World War II, including Rabaul, etc. LATE FLASH - Saturday night dinner & cocktails at La Reina Room-Hilton Palacio. During this dinner, all those attending will be given an opportunity to update the group and give personal reminiscence of the old days. To wind up, an election (informal) of officers to formalize an organization to give some structure to plan a better reunion for 1982. (The dinner Saturday night will probably be cash bar and buffet).
- December 13th ---- Breakfast meeting to plan a meeting for 1982. As previously mentioned in my first letter, the 403rd Sqd. has an organization which will meet in Oklahoma City, Labor Day, 1981. I have written to Dale Barr, Chairman of the 403rd organization in Omaha, Nebraska, of this 43rd Reunion in San Antonio, but to date have received no response. Hopefully all the squads of 43rd could be merged in Oklahoma City in 1982.

So much for the first Newsletter - personal items can come later, after the Reunion, when news items can be collected from the enclosed data sheet and worked up in a future Newsletter. I've had many offers of help, but my main effort at this time is to get the group together in San Antonio for a good time and organize further from there. Please make your arrangements for attending and send me definite notice of your plans. I look forward to seeing you and to a good Reunion.

Any helpful hints on details I have overlooked will be appreciated. Call me at (919) 483-5105 (Office) or (919) 484-3013 (Home), if you have any questions.

THOSE CONTACTED WHO CAN'T COME OR HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO DATE

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These 43rd members have been contacted by phone and mail -- those who have responded are very interested in Reunion but can't come this year for various personal reasons.

43rd Austin, Eugene W., Dr., 43rd Group Surgeon, Evansville, IN
64th Agins, Bert, Brooklyn, NY
63rd Albers, John, Canyon, TX
63rd Anderson, Charles L., Corvallis, OR
63rd Anderson, David M., Newton, MS
Arrigo, Joseph, Manhattan Beach, CA
63rd Aul, W. M., San Mateo, CA
403rd Barr, Dale, Omaha, NE
403rd Barrett, Rold T., O'Donnell, TX
403rd Bates, Loren C., Sacramento, CA
403rd Batsch, James C., Ravenna, OH
65th Bendetti, Eugene, Monterey Park, CA
63rd Bishop, Earle J., Chittenden, VT
65th Boly, William A., Murphysboro, IL
65th Bortell, John L., Buffalo Grove, IL
403rd Broome, Lees, Bossier City, LA
Burghoff, Willard L., Wallingford, CT
403rd Carroll, Delwin E., Salt Lake City, UT
Christian, Ray, Pennsauken, NJ
65th Cook, Fred C., Fort Walton Beach, FL
63rd Cressar, Paul, Marion, OH
63rd Dolan, Lee E. Jr., Winchester, VA
64th Doyle, Thos. H. Jr., Wynnewood, PA
403rd Durbeck, Arthur G., Alexandria, VA
403rd Eaton, William R., Berwyn, PA
65th Fronabarger, J. C., Lexington, TN
64th Goodwin, Robert E., Kewanee, IL
63rd Green, Franklin T., Dayton, WA
Haas, Alvin, Des Plaines, IL
63rd Hale, Jimmie, Midwest City, OK
64th Hall, Bob, Carmel, NY
Hallstrom, Einar, Redding, CA
65th Hassemer, David W., West Chester, PA
Hastings, H. T., Denison, TX
63rd Kelley, Ken A. "Gus", Fort Myers, FL
65th Kelly, Richard L., O'Fallon, IL
64th Kingston, Arthur, Falls Church, VA
63rd Kinish, Tony, Portland, OR
63rd Leahey, George, Bakersfield, CA
64th Lockamy, Clinton M., Houston, TX
403rd Marder, Hyman, Philadelphia, PA
Masek, John Jr., Chicopee, MA
65th McCrea, J. S. Jr., Alexandria, VA
65th McDonnell, Heston, Thousand Oaks, CA
63rd McFadin, Clarence L., Sherwood, AR
63rd McNabb, Harold F., Kingsport, TN
McVeigh, Robert W., St. Petersburg, FL
63rd Merz, R. C., Rochester, NY
64th Notaro, Rudolph, Brooklyn, NY
Notring, Maxon L., Fresno, CA
Brouillette, Nelson, Seattle, Wa

403rd/63rd O'Connor, Clarence "Kelly",
Manchester, NH
63rd O'Malley, Michael J., Pittsburg, PA
Hdq Page, Dean S., Batavia, NY
Pascoe, Ted, Cape Coral, FL
64th Patton, Richard, Denver, CO
63rd Prifti, Louis M. "Swifty",
Arlington, VA
Reat, Grover O., San Angelo, TX
63rd Richter, William A., Acme, PA
Rolens, Buell W., Mt. Pleasant, SC
64th Rowe, Wes, Levittown, PA
65th Schanberger, Frederick L.,
Colorado Springs, Co
Schlosser, Don, Zamora, CA
Hdq Sederburg, Russell, Port Orchard, WA
65th Shapuris, Joe, Pinellas Park, FL
63rd Sherline, Merwin, Fort Worth, TX
63rd Soggard, Fulmer, Centralia, WA
Hdq Sokolick, Joseph L., Greensburg, PA
63rd Staley, Harry, Batavia, NY
65th Swanson, Robert L., Citrus Heights, CA
63rd Symroski, Leonard, Fort Myers Beach, FL
64th Terhune, James R. Jr., Nashville, TN
(Newsletter sent to Terrell's widow)
Terrell, Marshall (deceased), Paris, TX
63rd Trigg, William B., Fayetteville, ~~MO~~ TENN
63rd Tubbesing, Albert F., St. Louis County, MO
403rd Welch, William L., Grand Junction, CO
403rd Whitt, Thos., Raleigh, NC

THOSE DEFINITELY ATTENDING REUNION

as of Nov. 10, 1981

64th Anderson, Howard, Baldwin Park, CA
63rd Butler, R. H., Fayetteville, NC
63rd Bancroft, Harvey, Oneida, NY
63rd Beckstrom, Ken, Atchison, KS
64th Brown, Dean, Denver, CO
65th Britton, J. T., Albuquerque, NM
65th Boren, Lloyd, San Antonio, TX
63rd Cody, Wathen F., Tell City, IN
64th Cooper, Robert W., Fort Worth, TX
63rd Dieffenderfer, James, Orlando, FL
63rd DeAngelis, Tony, Sattelite Beach, FL
64th DeHaven, Larry, San Antonio, TX
63rd Ditz, William, Leasburg, MO
63rd DeRusha, Larry, Santee, CA
65th Ehlers, M. V., San Antonio, TX
63rd Eiden, Ken, Fond du Lac, WI
63rd Fischer, Albert, Florissant, MO
63rd Fiskow, George, Hales Corner, WI
403rd Green, Joseph A., Valdosta, GA
63rd Hirsh, Joe, Georgetown, TX
64th Hoffecher, Phil, Kennett Square, PA
64th Holsey, Ray, Altus, OK
63rd James, E. H., Barstow, CA

403rd Kanopa, Lucian F., Buffalo Grove, IL
63rd Laird, I. W., Pacific Grove, CA
63rd Lombard, John, Seattle, WA
Hdq McAllister, Fred, Dallas, TX
64th McClenny, Charles, Dallas, TX
63rd Murphy, James, Huntsville, AL
64th Nelson, Carl, Colorado Springs, CO
63rd Nickel, F. E., Brecksville, OH
65th Osbourn, Max, Cheyenne, WY
65th Ream, Glenn, Las Vegas, NV
64th Schauweker, Waldo, Perrysburg, OH
64th Stevens, Ed "Lucky", Mountain Lakes, NJ
64th Sullivan, Charles, Goshen, NJ

*Heard from Leonard
Symoski this AM.
11-12-81 - He would love
to come but has things
happened elsewhere*