



# 464TH BOMB GROUP

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### Special points of interest:

- Don't miss the 2017 New Orleans update highlighted in this issue.
- Complete Group financial information is now available.
- Checkout the News Flash concerning Group Non-Profit Status.
- The updated Group website is now live!

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## WELCOME COMMENTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Calling all troops: The Bomb Groups 2017 Reunion that the 464th Bomb Group is now a part of is rapidly approaching. Make your reservations today! Don't miss this chance to reminisce with comrades from the 464th Bomb Group and members from seven other 15th Army Air Corp bomb groups. This is our first joint reunion so let's make it a memorable one! We are anticipating record attendance this year. If you lost track of your registration form from the April mailing, call or email me or any one of the officers listed in the Banner at the end of the newsletter.

I am happy to report that there is a lot going on

with the bomb group. We owe a special thanks to Sharon Goode for all the work she's done working with our Treasurer to get a complete financial accounting software reporting system set up. Next Hughes Glantzberg from the 461st BG worked tirelessly to set up a new website based on the old site that hadn't been updated since the previous webmaster passed away four years ago. Also we now have some current content up on the web so see the web article in this newsletter and check out the new website!

Tom Will  
BG President



**European Theater of Operation, Pantanello Air Field Home of the 464th & 465th Bomb Squadrons | Circa**



## REUNION ROUND UP—NEW ORLEANS SEPT 14, 2017

We hope you can join us as the 464th Bomb Group joins forces with seven other 15th AAF Bomb Groups – for our inaugural combined reunion event September 14th, 2017 thru September 17th, 2017 in New Orleans. Hotel reservations may now be made at the DoubleTree New Orleans

Airport Hotel, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062. The group rate of \$99 plus taxes includes breakfast for two people. Refer to the included Hotel Information sheet for complete details. Please consider reserving your room early but no later than August 25, 2017.

The World War II Museum will be the primary focus of tours with a City Tour on tap for Sunday.

Thank you for your continued interest in the 464th Bomb Group honoring our Veterans and the legacy of the Greatest Generation! See you all in New Orleans!

## COMBINED BOMB GROUP 2017 REUNION HOTEL INFORMATION



Reservations for the 2017 reunion can now be made. The group rate of \$99 plus taxes includes breakfast for two people and is good from September 11, 2017 thru September 20, 2017. To reserve a room call 1-800-222-8733 and mention booking code BGR. This is the fastest and easiest way to reserve a room. If you have any special requests please call Jonathan Hurst at 504-303-3010 between 8:00am – 5:00pm CST, Monday – Friday.

Please reserve your room NO LATER THAN 3:00pm CST, August 25, 2017. Rooms may be booked after that time at the group rate only if available. To insure that you get the room you want at the group rate, reserve before this time and date. If a reservation is being made after 8/25/17, call Jonathan Hurst at 504-303-3010. Any reservation may be cancelled WITHOUT PENALTY if made 72 hours from check-in date. A one night room rent is charged for reservations cancelled after the cutoff time. There is a free airport shuttle that runs to and from Louis Armstrong International airport 24 hours. Onsite parking and in room internet is complimentary for our group.



### BOMB GROUPS 2017 REUNION | NEW ORLEANS, LA | SEPT 14—17, 2017

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH** — Arrival and check in day. The registration desk and Hospitality room is open from Noon to 6:00PM and then again after the meeting (below) for a while.

6:00PM — Italian buffet dinner served in the Jefferson Ballroom followed by an Informational Meeting at 7:00PM. If you did not register for the dinner this evening, please join us at 7:00PM for the Information Meeting. No other activities are scheduled for today.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH** — Day ONE of a TWO day visit to the National WWII Museum. The buses will depart the hotel at 9:00AM for our visit to the Museum. Please see additional museum transportation for detailed instructions/information sheet in your registration packet.

5:30PM— Social Hour for Individual Groups Dinner. Cash bar is open from 5:30PM— 7:30PM. (Hospitality room is closed during this time.)

6:30PM — Dinner is served. Individual banquet room assignments will not be made until closer to the event to get a good idea of what size each group will be.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH** — Day TWO of a TWO day visit to the National WWII Museum. The buses will depart the hotel at 9:00AM for our visit to the Museum. Please see additional museum transportation for detailed instructions/information sheet in your registration packet.

3:00PM-5:00PM— Presentations by the Veterans on life during WWII in the Jefferson Ballroom.

5:30PM— Social Hour for Combined Group Banquet. Cash bar is open from 5:30PM— 7:30PM. (Hospitality room is closed during this time.)

6:30PM — Dinner is served in the Jefferson Ballroom. Entertainment to follow dinner.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

8:30AM— Memorial Service in Bayou room.

NOON— City Tour of New Orleans. A tour of the city's significant sights with stops at an above ground cemetery and the Morning Call Coffee Shop & Café.

6:00PM— Farewell Dinner in the Bayou room. This dinner concludes our 2017 reunion.

## A Note from Our Bomb Group Treasurer

Hello BG Members,  
I am pleased to announce that our group has been recognized as a non-profit 501 (c) 4. This will help us in simplifying our taxes and reducing the cost of postage stamps for our newsletters. We hope the non-profit status will assist us financially going forward for our reunions.

The 464th's accounting software transition is now complete. With the additional features in the software, capturing and reporting the Group's financial health is readily managed. All income and expenses are easily tracked with the ability to communicate the results in a timely manner.

I can't believe it has been almost a year since our last reunion in Denver. My grandfather Al and I are very excited to tour the WWII Museum for this year's reunion. I have never been to New Orleans, LA. Hope to see you there!

Garrett Hass  
BG Treasurer



**BG Veterans  
United States of  
America Patriots**

### Denver 2016 Reunion Financial Recap

*Here is a summary of the Denver reunion income & expense*

\$8,955.05	\$6,645.55	(\$2,300.50)
Expense	Income	(Net) Total

### Current Financial Report | 2017 year to date 464th Bomb Group Financial Data

Revenue		Expenses	
Donations	\$1,430.00	Business Fees	\$ 450.00
2017 Reunion Registration Fees	\$3,121.00	2017 Reunion Payments	\$3,121.00
2017 Shirts	\$ 93.00	Funeral	\$ 115.00

Financial Notes: All reunion registration fees collected are passed thru to cover actual reunion expenses at the combined group event. As of the

newsletter publishing date there are two veterans and seven veteran families registered for the New Orleans reunion. Eight bomb group dona-

tions have been received to date.



### Remember These Men | Author Unknown...

Through the history of world aviation, many names have come to the fore. Great deeds of the past in our memory will last, as they're joined by more and more.

When man first started his labor in his quest to conquer the sky; He was designer, mechanic and pilot, and he built a machine that would fly... But somehow the order got twisted, and then in the public eye, The only man that could be seen was the man who knew how to fly!

The pilot was everyone's hero, he was brave, he was bold, he was grand, As he stood by his battered

old biplane with his goggles and helmet in hand... To be sure, these pilots all earned it, to fly you have to have guts... And they blazed their names in the hall of fame, on wings with baling wire struts...

But for each of these flying heroes, there were thousands of little known, And these were the men who worked on the planes but kept their feet on the ground. We all know Lindbergh, and we've read of his flight to fame. But think if you can of his maintenance man, Can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes,

Gabreski, Jabara and Scott... Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs? A thousand to one you cannot!

Now pilots are highly trained people and their wings are not easily won... But without the work of the MAINTENANCE MEN, our pilots would march with a gun... So when you see mighty aircraft as they make their way through the air, The greased stained man with the wrench in his hand, is the man who put them up there..

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work of the  
maintenance  
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## In Memoriam—Veterans Flying their Last Sortie

### 776<sup>th</sup> Squadron

Russel J. Brien	11/26/2016
Simon Davis	2/12/2014
Charles Ray Skinner	4/14/2016
Robert Weinberg	5/12/2016

### 777<sup>th</sup> Squadron

Clifton C. Callahan	2/11/2014
Harold Lee Hayes	8/8/2015
Charles W. Utley	2014

### 778<sup>th</sup> Squadron

George W. Carney	3/5/2014
Melvin M. Edelstein	1/29/2014
John E. Fitzpatrick	11/13/2015
Elmer Butch Griffiths	4/7/2017
Stillman J. Harding	3/23/2017
George Krynovich	10/8/2016

### Squadron Unknown

John LaRue	8/1/2016
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## The Missing Man Table...

The Missing Man table occupies a place of dignity and honor. The table is round to show our everlasting concern for those who are no longer with us and are missing from our ranks. They are the men and women who served our country. We call them

POW's, MIA or KIA. We call them comrades, friends and family. They are unable to be with their loved ones so we join together to pay a humble tribute to them and to remember them..

As we look upon this empty table, don't remember ghosts from the past, but remember our comrades, those whom we depended on in battle. They are the ones we love—who loved life and freedom as we do. Please honor and remember them forever



## Bomb Group Tributes

Plan to join us at the 2017 New Orleans reunion to help us remember and pay tribute to those on the recent Last Sortie List.



***“Flying the Last  
Sortie...  
Missing from  
our ranks but  
never  
forgotten”***

## WE REMEMBER THESE GREAT MEN FROM THE 464TH BG...

*Ed Note: George Krynovich and Stillman Harding were founding members of the Bomb Group organizing the first reunion in 1955.*



George R. Krynovich  
5 November 1923 –  
8 October 2016

George Krynovich, age 92, rejoined his wife Lorraine in eternal life on the eighth of October 2016. A proud member of the Greatest Generation, George was born in Buhl, Minnesota to the late Eli & Annie Krynovich on November 5th, 1923. He was their only son and the second of four children.

After graduating from Buhl High School and a short stint with Lockheed Martin in California, George nicknamed Kukon, joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944. During World War II, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross by flying twenty eight combat missions in B-24 Liberators for the 464th Bomb Group out of Pantanella Airfield in Italy. George married the love of his life Lorraine in January 1946 and faithfully served in the US Air Force flying numerous aircraft until his retirement in 1966. His second career was with United Airlines working as a flight instructor until his retirement in 1985. Thereafter, he became a full time Grandfather, champion spaghetti sauce maker, and friend to all.

Anyone who knew George knew that he was devoted to his family, lived by the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments. He was a generous man beyond belief. His Colorado passions were the Broncos, fishing, hunting and golf. He golfed thousands of times at the Fitzsimons Golf Course near his Aurora home.

He is survived by his sister, Anna Yahrmatter of Hibbing, MN; two sons, Dan (Eva) Krynovich of Colorado Springs, CO and Don Krynovich of Bennett, CO; daughter, Kendra (George) Jenkins of Parker, CO; grandson, Matt (Rene) Krynovich and two great-grandchildren, Eli and Reese Krynovich of Highlands Ranch, CO.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Lorraine Krynovich; parents, Eli and Anna Krynovich; and sisters, Mildred Bruich and Delores Burns.



Stillman J. Harding  
24 October 1918 –  
23 March 2017

Stillman Jacob Harding, passed away March 23, 2017 at the age of ninety eight in his home in Willard, Utah. He was born October 24, 1918 in Willard to Ettye Isabelle Dayley and Benjamin Dwight Harding. He was the seventh of eight children. The flood of 1923 caused the family to move to Brigham City for a few years before returning to Willard where he remained until after graduating from Box Elder High School in 1936.

He began working for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) assigned to the Willard area due to the flood of 1936. The initial work was to build a dike north of town and to divert the canyon water to the dike. They established a camp at the foot of Willard Peak and terraced the hillsides in hopes of preventing another flood. In 1937, he was assigned to drive trucks and supplies from Salt Lake to various CCC camps all over Utah and Nevada. Then he was assigned to the CCC Camp in Jericho where he dug post holes, built corrals, drove trucks and was eventually trained as a medic, hospital orderly and worked in the hospital at camp. After two and a half years in the CCC, he was forced to "retire."

He attended Weber State College for two quarters, paying his way by working for the National Youth Association at the college. He also worked various odd jobs around Willard. In 1940 he joined the Utah National Guard—222nd Field Artillery, Battery A, in Brigham City, Utah. Their first assignment, after being federalized, was in San Luis Obispo, California. Stillman was there when Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States joined World War II. For two years he served stateside with the Utah National Guard. In October 1942 he was sent to flight school and became a pilot assigned to fly B-24s in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation.

During his military service, Stillman married 'the girl next door,' Madalynne Fae Duvall Cook moved across the street from his home in Willard when she was seven and he was eleven. They married January 7, 1944 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple while he was on a weekend military pass and she had the same weekend off from nurse's training.

Stillman's first B-24 crew crashed during a training flight in Pocatello, Idaho killing two crew members. He was then assigned to a crew that flew their B-24 to Italy by way of Nebraska, Florida, Trinidad, Brazil, West Africa, Tunisia and finally a temporary base in Gioia del Colle, Italy. Their fourth sortie was a mission to bomb the Marshaling Yards in Weiner Neustadt, Austria. It was on this mission that he lost his left thumb and almost lost his left leg.

He spent the next thirteen months in hospitals and was told he would never walk again without a leg brace and crutches. Everyone knew that was wrong. He was discharged from the service July 1945 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

He and his wife lived in Ogden where Stillman worked for the Maid 'o Clover Dairy for several months before obtaining a job with the Federal Aviation Agency working as an Air Traffic Controller in Salt Lake City. He helped write the manuals and set up a training center for air traffic controllers in Salt Lake. In 1961 he moved his family to Alexandria, Virginia while he worked in Washington DC. He retired in 1971 after thirty six years of service to the FAA.

Moving his family back to Utah he lived briefly in Ogden before moving to Salt Lake City and working for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Editing Department. Among other things, he helped write and edit class manuals of all types. His last major job was as editor of the new green hymnbook published in 1985 including adding a scripture reference for each hymn. He retired a second time in 1987. In 1996 Stillman and Madalynne built their dream home in Willard, Utah on a piece of his family's original farm, he lived in Willard ever since.

Stillman loved traveling in his self-built motorhome, as well as those commercially built which he later purchased. He had a beautiful tenor voice probably inherited from his Welsh Ancestors in Willard who helped start the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. He loved to sing and his children loved to hear him sing. He loved his family and he loved his church.

Stillman spent many hours in service for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as the first bishop of the Orchard 2nd Ward in Bountiful, Utah and as the first bishop of the Mount Vernon Ward in Alexandria, Virginia. He also taught many classes, was a member of Stake High Councils, served in many positions in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (YMIMIA) and was a stake missionary. He and his wife Madalynne served a full-time mission in the Washington Tacoma Mission from 2001 to 2003. He served as a Temple ordinance worker in the Salt Lake City Temple for many years. It is thought that his favorite calling was one he began at the age of ninety two when he was called to teach the eleven boys in Primary. He said, many times, that his goal was to instill a testimony of Joseph Smith into the soul of each boy so they would never have room to doubt that Joseph was a true prophet in this dispensation.

He was preceded in death by his wife Madalynne in 2004; his parents; six siblings – Erma, Dale, Cora, Margaret, Eliza & Elva; his daughter Lynette; and his granddaughters, Tanja, Tamilie, ToiLyn, Staci & Starlynn.



Our Veterans speak to the history of our great nation.

## A Message from 464th BG Veteran Al Perington

My thoughts go back now more than ever to, what will our 464<sup>th</sup> meetings, (that have been so meaningful to us veterans) be like when we the vets are gone? May the leadership we now have continue for many years. Tom Will, the Hathaways, & the Krynovich families and other vets are doing an amazing job that makes me think there will be decades of memories about the never forgotten 464<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group! For us vets and family members that feel comfortable please remember the 464<sup>th</sup> in our wills.  
Alton Perington



**“Veterans and family members... please share your favorite ‘day in the life’ story for a future newsletter”**

## A Day in the Life of a 464th BG Veteran in Pantanella Italy

The eighth of November, 1944 was a red letter day in the history of the 464th Group.

The first War Dept. Citation was presented to the Group by Major General Nathan F. Twining, Commanding General of the 15th Air Force.

The Citation was for outstanding performance of

duty in armed conflict with the enemy on 8 July 1944 on a mission to Florisdorf Oil Refinery and Marshalling Yards at Vienna, Austria, Europe’s second most heavily defended target.

Lt. Colonel Clarence Poff, CO of the 778th Squadron was Commander of Troops, Lt. Colonel Wil-

liam Reddell, CO of the 776th Squadron read the citation and MG Twining presented the Group with the Citation.

Every member of the Group felt proud and privileged to wear the distinguished unit badge authorized by the citation so well earned by the valiant combat airmen.



Through the Portals of our many reunions we remember the service to our country.

## 2016 Denver Reunion Memories...

**Veteran Elton Ankney and Family at the Denver 2016 reunion.**



**464th BG Veterans attending the Denver Reunion—Pictured left to right Elton Ankney, Alton Perington, Carl Will, Dan Colvin and Bert Gallagher.**



**New Orleans World War II Museum**  
 945 Magazine St,  
 New Orleans, LA  
 70130  
 (504) 528-1944

**“NEWS FLASH  
 the 464th BG  
 website is now  
 up and running  
 once again  
 after a long  
 hiatus”**



**Opening yet another  
 door in the circle of  
 life...**

## New Orleans Reunion Registration Information...

It's not too late to register for the 2017 New Orleans reunion. Complete registration packets can be found on the 464th Bomb Group website using the link below or by contacting Tom Will or Sharon Goode. Please mail all completed registration forms to the

address shown below. Feel free to contact any of the officers listed on the back page for further information or assistance completing the forms.

Once again we are happy to offer attendees the opportunity to purchase 464th BG polo shirts like

the shirts at previous reunions. Purchasing a shirt is optional and a personal choice but we are happy to continue the tradition and facilitate shirt delivery. If purchasing a shirt is something you would like to consider, complete the bottom portion of the registration form.

<http://www.the464th.org/Reunion/PDFs/2017%20464th%20Registration%20Packet.pdf>

Sharon Goode | c/o TTS Terminals, Inc. | 30257 Clemens Road, Suite A, Westlake, OH 44145

## 464th BG Website Update

I am happy to report that the 464th Bomb Group has an active website once more. The old site was very out of date and had not been updated since 2013 after the passing of Wendy Butler, the original webmaster.

Thanks to the efforts of Hughes Glantzberg, son

of 461st BG Commanding Officer, most of the content from the old site is now on the new site. Better yet there is a lot of new content including an updated Last Sortie list.

Hughes is willing to work with us to maintain the site until someone steps forward to assume the

duties of the webmaster. It is my goal that we have a dynamic site of interest to our veterans, families and friends. As always we encourage your stories, tidbits and comments for publishing on the website. Please forward all information to the webmaster or any of the BG officers.

**Please Bookmark the 464th BG Website Link: [www.the464th.org](http://www.the464th.org) Visit Often!**

## Veteran Wally Roberts Makes the News!

WATSONVILLE — The Pajaro Valley Historical Association took a large crowd back to World War II during its Annual Vintage Picnic on Saturday.

The event included displays of preserved military uniforms, as well as formal and casual women's dresses, hats and accessories of the era.

Watsonville native Wally Roberts, a World War II B-24 pilot who flew over Europe, spoke on his experi-

ences from serving in the war, and Marvin Del Chiaro addressed the war's impact on the West Coast.

Judy Doering-Nielsen, president of the PVHA board, noted the event had an "amazing" turnout and thanked those in attendance, including PVHA volunteers and the guest speakers.

"It's not often we can have someone here to speak about World War II," she said. "It's such an honor to

have them here with us."

Leon Mattingley of Watsonville attended the event with family and friends, and said he always tries to support the work of PVHA. "We really enjoy coming to these functions," he said. "They've done a fantastic job with the exhibits."

The Vintage Picnic was also a time to recognize the winners of the Young Historian Awards. The award is given to an individual or group between the ages of 16 and 25 who have worked to enhance the history of the Pajaro Valley.



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The mission of the 464th Bomb Group is to recognize and honor the service of the brave men who answered the call of duty during World War II and served their country so valiantly in the 15th Army Air Corp based in Pantanella, Italy. Bomb Group reunions were started in 1955 first by the 778th Squadron and then in 1968 expanded to include all four flight squadrons and Headquarters operations. To date thirty six reunions have been held in cities from coast to coast and points north to south. Hosted by veteran families, reunions are always a fun gathering affording veterans the opportunity to share their stories and family and friends a chance to learn about war time experiences and most importantly thank our veterans. Bomb Group newsletters work to foster communications and connect with those unable to attend the reunions.

**A Special THANK YOU** goes out to these 464th Bomb Group Members for their generous donations!

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| Patricia Cobb        | Jack Rohner      |
| Richard Coyer        | David Shafer     |
| Jan Daley            | Joan Smith       |
| Don Krynovich        | <b>Carl Will</b> |
| <b>Arden Mattice</b> | Tom Will         |

*(Veterans shown in Bold Print)*



## A Final thought...

As a reminder, the 464th Bomb Group does not have annual dues. Newsletters and other administrative costs are funded entirely by contributions from reunion attendees as well as those not able to attend. For those planning to join the group this year in New Orleans make sure to complete and submit the registration form. Even if you are unable to attend the 2017 reunion please consider making a contribution for continued group support.

We ask that you mail all registration forms and contributions to the ad-



From the collection of John R. Gottschalk. Pictured L-R Tony Schneider, Gerald Welsted, Matthew Arlington and John

dress shown in the article featuring the reunion.

Thank you for your continued interest in the

464th Bomb Group honoring our Veterans and the legacy of the Greatest Generation! See you all in New Orleans!

**Ed Note: We need your help!** If your address changes or you know a veteran or spouse who should be receiving newsletters please contact one of the officers. We would like to keep the 464th BG roster and mailing list current to keep our expenses in line. There are 320 names on our mailing list and 165 people on our email list. Sending BG newsletters electronically helps keep our costs down.