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464TH BOMB GROUP

Special Interest Items

- Don't miss the 2025 Reunion highlights in this issue.
- Complete Group financial information always available.
- The Group maintains Non-Profit Status.
- Aircraft detail added to the Group website! Check It Out!

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WELCOME COMMENTS FROM YOUR BG PRESIDENT...

As we begin another year, I'm pleased to share that the legacy of the 464th Bomb Group remains vibrant and strong. Thanks to the continued support of our members and friends, we've been able to sustain our newsletters and further enhance our website. In addition to the microfiche monthly operational reports, the site now includes searchable transcriptions of the operations officers' reports. These documents contain a remarkable wealth of information—missions, bombing summaries, orders, medals, and commendations. If you're researching a veteran, the History tab is an excellent place to begin.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the combined bomb group reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota, where more than two hundred attendees gathered to honor our heroes. Together we enjoyed memorable visits to Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and

Custer State Park. We were especially honored to welcome two veterans from other groups, Sanford Jones and Jerry Levins. The reunion community also had the privilege of celebrating Sanford's 100th birthday with a special banquet and birthday cake.

Rest assured that we are committed to ensuring the bomb group legacy continues. For more on the path ahead, see the article on page five, 'Building the Future of the 15th Army Air Force Organization: Why We Are Organizing, and How We Move Forward.' As a combined group, we are stronger and more effective together.

We look forward to staying connected with all of you as we continue our shared mission of preserving the stories and sacrifices of the Greatest Generation. We hope to see everyone at our next reunion in New Orleans Louisiana this October.

Tom Will
464th BG President



European Theater of Operation, Pantanella Air Field Home of the 15th Air Force 464th & 465th Bomb Groups. Circa 1944—1945

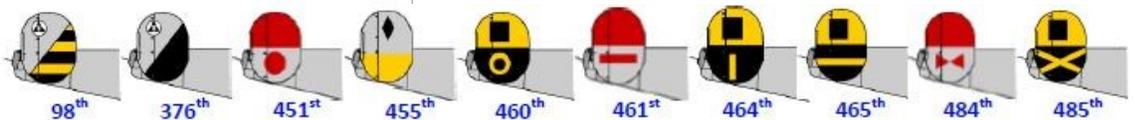
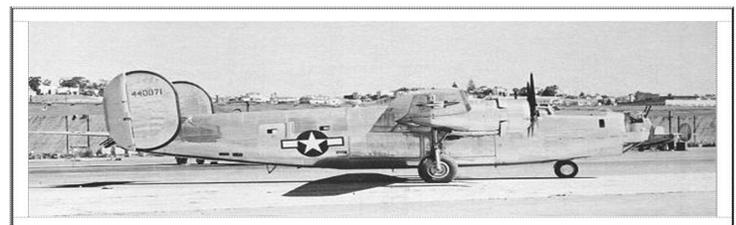


The B24(H) Liberator — The Workhorse of the European Air Campaign

The B-24 J Liberator was the variation produced in the largest quantity; a total of 6,678 being constructed. It was so similar to the G and H models that the latter were modified to become B-24 Js by changing the autopilot and bomb-sight. Armed with twin .50-caliber Brownings in the nose, upper, lower ball, waist, and tail turrets, a total of 5,200 rounds of ammunition were carried. The top speed of 290 mph was provided by the four Pratt Whitney supercharged R-1830-65's with 1,200 HP each.

Cruise was 215 mph and landing speed was 95 mph with its Fowler flaps. Rate of climb was 1,025 feet per minute, and service ceiling was 28,000 feet. Empty, the B-24 J weighed 36,500 pounds and grossed out at 56,000

pounds. Maximum range extended 3,700 miles. The Wing span was 110 feet; wing area, 1,048 square feet; length, 67 feet 2 inches; height, 18 feet. The fuel capacity on the Liberator aircraft was 3,614 gallons.



COMBINED BOMB GROUP 2025 RAPID CITY REUNION PICTURE GALLERY



Rapid City, SD 2025 Reunion September 15—19, 2025



The Best Western Ramkota Conference Center Hotel in Rapid City South Dakota.

Twenty-four members from the 464th Bomb Group attended the four-day combined group reunion at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD, September 15th thru September 19th, 2025. In all two hundred people attended the combined group banquet Saturday evening enjoying the music of the Kenny Ray Horton for after dinner entertainment. Though no 464th BG veterans were able to attend the reunion the group welcomed veterans Sanford Jones and Jerry Levins. We were honored to celebrate Jerry's one hundredth birthday at the reunion!



The 464th Bomb Group meeting room memorabilia displays recognized our veterans service.



The 464th BG Memorial Marker at Strickly from Hunger Crash site.



Fifteenth Army Air Corp veteran Sandford Jones is honored during the reunion prebstatuiv day.



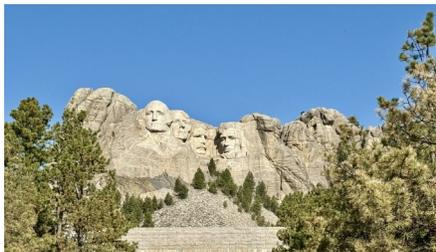
Dave & Sue Price, Sharon & Keith Goode, Brad Shafer and Teresa Karazim enjoy the banquet.



Alex & Andrew Karow, Laura Leyana, Richard Karow, Garrett Hass and Violet Karow.



Chuck Stanley, Dennis Porter, Mark & Mary Ellen Johansen and Jan Engle enjoy conversation.



The splendor of the Mount Rushmore National Park provided a wonderful tour experience..



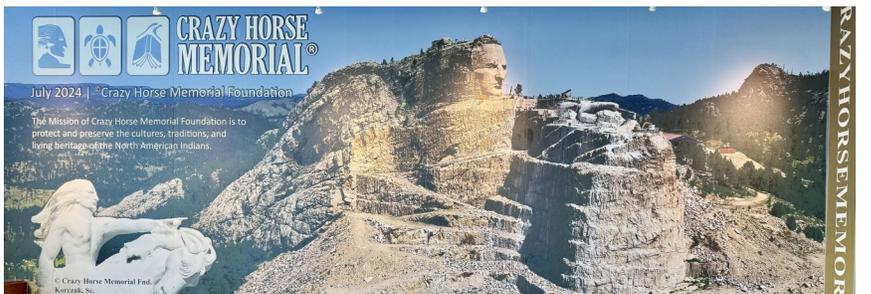
Bomb Group members stand on the museum deck overlooking the face of Mount Rushmore.



George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abe Lincoln carved in stone.



The Rapid City downtown memorial park boasts bust of every American President.



The Crazy Horse Memorial began on June 3, 1948, and there is no official completion date. The face was finished in 1998, but the rest of the monument may take decades more to complete.

Rapid City, SD Friday, September 22, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

President Tom Will warmly welcomed twenty-two returning and first-time attendees to the Reunion. Jan Engle led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tom Will conducted the Missing Man ceremony mentioning the names of three 464th veterans who have flown their last sortie.

Treasurer Garrett Hass reported our finances reflect generous donations from current and past donors. The Bomb Group expressed its gratitude for the support of many patrons who continue to honor the legacy of our Heroes. Garrett recognized Tom for his continued, outstanding leadership of the 464th BG. And mentioned that Don Krynovich had resigned as Vice President. For many years, Don was an integral part of our group. He always provided sound guidance on decisions related to 464th issues along with assistance setting up and taking down our 464th BG room displays. We miss Don!

Tom Will provided the numbers for our outreach efforts to 464th veterans, families, and friends interested in our BG via annual newsletter: 250 digital copies and 180 hard copies were mailed earlier this year. Members are encouraged to assist Tom in the process of putting newsletter together with reports, stories and photos.

The 464th BG webmaster, Hughes Glantzberg, was recognized with a donation from our group for his incredible work. Hughes continues his work transcribing the original mission reports from old, unreadable microfilm to readable document. Hughes' work allows interested parties to locate a specific person or group of people by entering their name in the search field on the website at www.the464th.org.

Returning member, Charles Chuck' Stanley, was nominated and seconded for the role of V.P. for the 464th BG. Chuck author, *The Lost Airmen*, the story of several 464th BG crews whose ships were downed, men captured behind enemy lines and placed in POW camps. Chuck graciously accepted the role of Vice President and brings a broad base of skills and knowledge to our leadership team.

Looking ahead, 464th BG members discussed the importance of finding ways to encourage younger relatives and friends to attend our annual reunions. This year our Bomb Group enjoyed family and friend representation for each of twelve of our veterans. For some, this was his or her first time participating in this event or as a returning member.

Tom Will made a presentation to the group featuring their trip to the annual June 12th memorial ceremony in Loconia, Italy. This year the 464th BG was represented by Tom Will and Garrett Hass. A ceremony which honors the thirty lives lost (twenty-one American Army soldiers and nine Italian citizens) in the tragic event of the 1 March 1945 explosion at the 464th Bomb Depot. The Italian Air Force, local mayor and town officials held the ceremony at the memorial stone in the town square.

The group approved continued support of this event with a donation to the Italian Aeronautical Air Force. The Pantanella Airbase has attracted international interest with researchers uncovering soldiers artwork in several remaining buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Engle

464th BG Presentations:

View the presentations on our website <https://the464th.org> Stories Tab by clicking the respective link below:

Pantanella Trip Report

Bomb Groups representatives attended the 12 June Loconia, Memorial Ceremony and set foot on the old airbase.

Link -> [Canosa Presentation](#)

Cannes France Trip Report

Bomb Group representatives attended the 80th Anniversary Ceremonial Recognition of the 25 May 1944 Liberators lost over southern France.

Link -> [Cannes Presentation](#)

15Th USAAF by Philippe Castellano

Laura Karow tells Philippe's story of the air war in southern France.

Link -> [Philippe Castellano 15th AF Presentation by Laura Leyanna](#)

464th BG History:

Visit the 464th BG website History page <https://the464th.org/history/default.html> for the Pocatello, ID special orders extract as the group formed with crew assignments and processed thru Lincoln, Nebraska Army Airfield for assignment to the 12th Army Air force travelling to North Africa for phase training before transfer to the 15th AAF in Italy. See the official orders on the website History tab under the [Air Echelon \(the464th.org\)](#) link.

Remember Their Sacrifice...

It is not out of heedlessness or cowardice that the Germans keep abandoning immense numbers of tanks and armored vehicles by the roadsides of France. These tanks and trucks are out of gasoline.

General H. M. Arnold, Oct 1944



Attending the 464th BG Rapid City Reunion...

464th Veteran	Family Member or Friend
Russell Johansen	Son, Mark and Mary Ellen Johansen
Alfred R. Karow	Son Richard Karow, Daughter Laura Leyanna, Daughter Violet Karow Nephew Andy Karow, Nephew Alex Karow
Edward R. Kofke	Daughter-in-law Geraldine Kofke, Granddaughter Ashley Whitehead Great Granddaughter Ely Whitehead
Tom Peloso	Friend Joe Ostenskowski
Alton Perington	Grandson Garrett Hass
John D. Porter	Son, Dennis Porter
Frank T. Price	Son David and Sue Price, Granddaughter Sharon and Keith Goode Grandson Scott Wood
Didio Saavedra	Daughter Theresa Karazam
David Shafer	Son, Bradley Shafer
William G. Shoemaker	Daughter Jan S. Engle
Charles Stanley Sr.	Son, Charles Stanley Jr.
Carl Will	Son Tom Will

In Memoriam — Remembering Our Veterans

'Flying their Last Sortie...Missing from our ranks but never forgotten'

776th Squadron

Charles Alvord 1992
Carl E. Will, Jr. 10/19/2025

777th Squadron

Edmond Aubrey 03/18/2023
Robert Ray, Jr. 06/23/2024
Jack F. Rohner 12/02/2024

778th Squadron

Loyal B. Curry 10/05/2011
Hubert Bert Gallagher 10/24/2023
David Kellogg 01/21/1989
Robert E. Ringel 01/10/2021
Francis J. Villano 10/22/2021

779th Squadron

Russell Johansen 11/01/1962
Joseph Kovalcik 10/24/2024
Alton L. Perington 04/17/2024
Freddie Jack Riggs 05/14/2021
Virgill E. Wilbur 03/17/1980

USMC

Thomas Jenior 01/29/2025



*All BG Veterans are
True United States of
America Patriots*



The Missing Man Table



Plan to join us in October for the 2026 Bomb Group reunion to help us remember and pay a fitting tribute to these great men just recently added to our Last Sortie List.

Consolidated History of 464th Bombardment Group (H) ...from the personal diary of tail gunner Edmon Aubrey

The 464th Bombardment Group, consisting of 776th, 777th, 778th, 779th bombardment squadron (H) was activated at Wendover Field, Utah, on 1 July 1943. The first temporary change of station was made on 22 August 1943 without personnel or equipment to Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

The first flight training was received at AFSAT, Orlando Florida during the month of September, 1943 where Lieutenant Colonel Marshall Bonner assumed command. Lieutenant Colonel Sylvan D. Hand joined the group at Gowen Field as Deputy Group Commander.

The group arrived at its permanent base, AB Pocatello, Idaho on 2 October 1943, where a second and third phase combat training was carried on during the months of October, November and December 1943, and January and February, 1944.

The Ground Echelon dispersed by troop train for overseas service on 9 February 1944. The Air Echelon departed by air on 21 February 1944 for the staging area at AB, Lincoln, Nebraska. From Lincoln, aircraft crews took off in single formation for their overseas destination. The first aircraft and crew arriving at temporary basin Africa on 9 March 1944. After training at this temporary base, the group flew to temporary base in Gioia Italy on 21 April 1944 and flew their first combat mission on 30 April 1944 with Castel Maggiore, Italy as the Group's first combat target.

The group moved by air and truck to its permanent base in Italy on 1 June 1944. Lieut. Col. Sylvan D Hand, the Deputy Group Commander was lost on the second combat mission, Parma, Italy on 2 May 1944. Colonel Marshall Bonner, group commander was lost on combat mission over Vienna Austria on 26 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. McKenna III, was appointed Deputy Group Commander on 30 May 1944. Colonel A. L. Schroeder was appointed Group Commanding Officer on 30 June 1944.

Rapid City Reunion Financial Recap and 464th Bomb Group 2025 Financial Report

\$6,107.16	\$5,757.00	(\$350.16)		\$10,490.00	\$7,573.67	\$2,916.33
Reunion Expense	Reunion Income	Net Total		Group Income	Group Expense	2025 Net Balance

464th Bomb Group Financial Report | Profit & Loss January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025

Revenue		Expenses		2025 Net Income \$2,916.33
Reunion Fees Collected	\$5,757.00	Reunion Registration Fees	\$5,757.00	
Direct Public Support	\$4,613.00	Reunion Luncheon Expense	\$350.16	
2025 Shirts, Plaques, Mugs and Print Sales	\$120.00	2025 Office Expense, Printing, Mailing and Shipping	\$751.04	December 31, 2025
		Web Master Expense	\$500.00	
		Shirts, Plaques and Misc Expense	\$215.47	
Total Income	\$10,490.00	Total Expense	\$7,573.67	

Financial Notes: Registration fees collected and reunion meals and tour costs normally break even with the exception of the 464th Saturday luncheon which is a cost to the Group. Donations support the newsletter printing and mailing, website, reunion lunches, reunion group dinner extras and supplies and miscellaneous expenses. Donations are necessary and very much appreciated. Reunion attendance is vital to be able to provide a separate meeting room at the reunion to support the group, **please plan to attend the 2026 New Orleans reunion.**

Building the Future of the 15th Army Air Force Organization: Why We Are Organizing, and How We Move Forward

For many of us, the reunions of the 15th Army Air Force began to honor our fathers, grandfathers, and loved ones who served. Over time, they became something more—a place where friendships formed, stories were preserved, and generations connected through shared history. As the veterans who built this foundation pass the torch, it is now our responsibility to ensure that their legacy continues with purpose, structure, and unity.

Across the Bomb Groups, we are seeing both challenges and opportunities. Rising travel costs, declining attendance, and the absence of a formal organizational framework have made it increasingly difficult to sustain reunions in their traditional form. Yet at the same time, interest from 3rd and 4th generation descendants is growing, and our global reach—especially in Italy, France, Croatia, Serbia, and other regions touched by the 15th AAF—has never been stronger. Websites, newsletters, and international partnerships are drawing new audiences who want to learn, honor, and connect.

*Recognizing this moment of transition, former reunion committee members—joined by several new volunteers—have begun working collaboratively to explore a more sustainable future. This working group is now drafting **bylaws, organizational structure, and legal framework** for a potential nonprofit dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 15th Army Air Force. Current 464th officers—**President Tom Will., Vice President Chuck Stanely., and legal advisor Brad Shafer**—are providing leadership and guidance, with additional input from **Sharon Price Goode** and representatives across multiple Bomb Groups.*

The goal is not to replace the reunions or diminish the identity of any individual Bomb Group. Instead, it is to create a stable foundation that supports all groups—active, dissolved, or in transition—while ensuring that the stories of our veterans remain accessible for generations to come. This includes exploring new gathering formats, strengthening communication, sharing archival materials, and developing funding mechanisms that may help reduce the financial burden on attendees.

At the heart of this effort is a shared purpose:

To honor and preserve the legacy of the Fifteenth Army Air Force by fostering meaningful connections across generations, communities, and nations.

*As we move forward, the working group will continue gathering input from descendants, individual Bomb Group officers, international partners, and reunion attendees. Surveys, open discussions, and collaborative planning sessions will help shape the path ahead. This past year’s reunion included dedicated time for conversation, reflection, and brainstorming as we collectively determine the future of our gatherings and the 15th Army Air Force organization. **Stay tuned for more on this important initiative!***

The Parachute Wedding Dress—An Airmen's Story of Love and Service



Parachute Performs Double Service
 Miss Alice Schmitz of Kenmore and her fiancé, AAF Lieut. Charles E. Stanley, admire her wedding gown, made from the parachute which saved the filer's life in a jump over Yugoslavia.

On the evening of March 26, 1943, a lonely army private attended service at an unadorned chapel in Buffalo, New York. It was a Friday night, and most of his fellow aviation students were out on the town blowing off steam. He had opted to attend this religious retreat instead.

A trio of girls assisting with the retreat sat in the choir loft above. Surveying the male contingent below, one of the girls pointed at a head of wavy black hair that stood out among the rest. "Did you see the cute one?" she panted. "I don't like cute boys!" snapped her friend, Mary Alice Schmitz. She had indeed noticed the handsome private, but boys with looks like his never seemed interested in bespectacled, serious girls like her.

The next morning, when the weekend retreat continued, Mary Alice was assigned to take a tally of the students who wanted breakfast. Approaching a lone soldier, she realized that he was the "cute one" from the evening before. The soldier told her his name, Charles Stanley, and that he would attend. "What a pretty girl," he thought. Her glasses didn't bother him a bit. Later that day he asked her to lunch, and they began seeing each other at every chance.

Buffalo was just the first step of Charles's quest to become a pilot in the Army Air Forces. He moved on to other training sites, but his romance with Mary Alice continued through the daily letters they wrote to each other. Her moral support proved critical as he braved the murderous rigors of his physical, academic, and flight training.

After Charles won his pilot's wings, he paid a return visit to Buffalo. The couple had not seen each other in nine long months. Most of their courtship had been by mail. Both Charles and Mary wondered if their feelings had changed.

When they reunited, however, all their doubts melted away. Soon they talked as

comfortably as before. Too nervous to ask her to marry him in person, Charles wrote to her after he returned to camp. Her answer was a resounding "yes," but they agreed that they would not marry until after the war—if Charles survived it.

That August, Charles and his crew crossed the Atlantic and began flying B-24s for the 15th Air Force stationed in Italy. Charles's daily letters continued until mid-October, then suddenly stopped. On Halloween, Mary Alice's fears were confirmed when she learned that Charles had been shot down. Still, he was listed as "missing," not dead or captured. There was room for hope.

The very next day, however, a letter from Charles arrived. He told her he parachuted safely, but did not disclose where or what close a call it had been. He had been forced to bail out over Romania at 300 feet of altitude, well below the recommended minimum height. It was a miracle he had survived.

After a brief leave, Charles resumed flying. In December, however, his letters stopped again. This time the news that he was missing came as less of a shock. If Charles had made it back before, Mary Alice reasoned, he could do it again.

This time, Charles and his and his crew had bailed out over central Yugoslavia. They were picked up by Marshal Tito's Partisans, but were not out of danger. The German army lurked just 30 miles from the town that gave them shelter.

Eventually, 84 downed airmen gathered in the town and became trapped behind enemy lines. Bad weather and the Germans prevented an evacuation for over a month. When British secret agents arranged for transports to rescue the airmen, the planes could carry only 66 of the airmen. Eighteen had to remain, so Charles volunteered to stay behind with the uninjured members of his crew.

Eventually, Charles and the other stranded airmen were forced to hike across the Dinaric Alps to the Adriatic coast and safety. Their journey occurred during the worst winter of the century. The cold and the snow were so severe that two of their Partisan guides froze to death along the way.

Mary Alice learned that Charles had returned safely in mid-February 1945. Even better news followed. He and the rest of his crew would soon be sent home.

Charles had carried his parachute all the way across Yugoslavia. It helped keep him alive in the sub-zero temperatures, but that was not its only purpose. He later claimed that Mary Alice had been disappointed he didn't bring his parachute back the first time he was shot down. She wanted to use it as material for her wedding dress. Naturally, he had to bail out a second time to get another one.

Portions of the parachute had become stained during Charles's frozen trek. Mary Alice teased Charles about it in a letter. "Now why couldn't you have been more careful with my dress material, dear?" She worked around the problem by choosing a pattern with plenty of seams and having her dressmaker cut away the stained portions.

They married on October 27, 1945. The story of the parachute wedding dress was picked up by newswire services and published in newspapers all over the northeast.

The couple settled in the Buffalo area. They had five children, thirteen grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Many of the babies were baptized in a baptismal gown that had also been fashioned from the parachute.

It had all started with that chance meeting at the religious retreat. And it was made possible by the parachute that saved the airman's life more than eighty years ago.



Charles E. Stanley Jr. tells the full story of his father's odyssey his book, *Lost Airmen: The Epic Rescue of WWII US Bomber Crews Stranded Behind Enemy Lines*, which was awarded the Colby prize for military history in 2023.

The Personal Story of B-24(H) Liberator Little Gismo II Engineer/Top Gunner Elton Ankney



I was drafted in Lewiston, Idaho and inducted into air corp in Salt Lake City, Utah. I was told if I wanted to go to the Air corp that during my interview all I should say was air corp, so that is what I did and I ended up in the air corp. Went to basic training in Mississippi and aviation mechanics training at Kessler Field. I went to gunnery

school at Laredo, Texas. I was sent to Mountain Home Idaho for the first phase of my training. Then on to Pocatello Idaho for the second phase of training. We then went to Lincoln Nebraska where got a new airplane then to Florida from there we went to Trinidad, then to Brazil then to Northern Africa Tunis and then a base in Italy. I was with the 15th Air force 464th bomb group squadron 776. Our first pilot was Lt. Robert Jares. Our first plane was *Ain't Miss Behavin Minnie* (later the ain't was dropped). When we flew from Brazil to Africa the navigator missed the runway by 40 feet he was pretty upset though.

Our missions from Africa then Italy disrupted the German oil supply and manufacturing in the Baltic area as well as Eastern Europe. We would bomb the factories, oil storage, and refineries. Then as they built them back and got ready to restart them, we would bomb them again. We basically ran them out of gas and oil. The Baltic area is where they got their oil.

We were first shot down on May 29, 1944 at 11:53 a.m. over Jelisinovci Yugoslavia this mission our target was an aircraft component factory in Atzgerdorf, Austria the bombs hit their target before we were shot down. Six of us got back and four were taken prisoner. In Yugoslavia the six of us met up with Tito's underground. They moved us from town to town and finally to their headquarters up in the mountains. They fed us this big round cake of cornmeal with sour milk poured on it everybody ate from the same plate.

I don't know for sure how long it took but somehow we got to the camp in the mountains. It was a gathering place for people who were shot down, escapees, and whoever. When we left, we tried to trade them our 45 for a German luger and they wouldn't trade it since they couldn't get ammunition for it. They wanted a German luger since all they had to do was kill a German to get ammunition.

The Air Force brought in a C47 which landed in a meadow. We built fires down the middle of the meadow and the pilot straddled these fires. It was at night and about

half of the fires got covered up with ground fog. This caused him to land in the middle of the meadow and ended up in a swamp at the end of a railroad run. The plane settled down clear up to its wings. That night we cut evergreen branches and set them up all around the plane and took mud and covered up all the windows.

The next night the Titos brought in 17 yolk of oxen which is 34 head of oxen there was a glider pull on the C47 and they hooked on to it and couldn't get it to budge. But there were 17 yolk of oxen and 17 drivers and they couldn't get them to pull together. Finally they dug trench for the wheel and took half of the oxen four abreast and would pull sideways on tail, block that wheel then dig a trench for the other wheel and pull the other way and block that wheel. They did this until the plane was pulled up on the flats. The next day they pulled it up on top so it didn't hurt the props or anything

The air crew pre-flighted the plane and loaded up all 26 of us along with all their crew. It was way overloaded. We took off the next night and headed back to Italy. We didn't have the colors of the day or the code for the day so we landed in Bari Italy. We landed and down the runway they came with this halftrack with machine guns on it and guys on the sidelines with machine guns for protection to make sure we were who we said we were, Anyways we were taken to the hospital to be checked out. They gave us Red Cross packages and I don't know how much candy was in them but my buddy Ben was quite a candy eater and he hurried up and ate all his candy and was begging everybody else for theirs all the time so they doled it out to him a little at a time. It took us 14 days to get back to Italy.

When we got back to Italy they sent us to the island of Capri for a week of vacation. After that week we needed a vacation. They had this drink called a B-29 there weren't any B-29s in the area but this drink was a shot of everything behind the bar about 2 of those was enough. Was the only place I ever had champaign for breakfast. They had square corks in the champaign bottles with a string tied around the cork when you cut the string the cork blew out of the bottle.

When we got back from the island of Capri 3 of us were assigned to another crew Little Gizmo II piloted by Captain Virgil Leverett

Editor' Note: Elton Ankney would go on to fly missions throughout the summer of 1944. He was shot down for the second time on August 24th returning from bombing the oil fields in Pardubice, Czechoslovakia . He was taken prisoner and served out the war in Stalag Luft 4 until his May 1945 liberation..



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As the combined group moves to a more formal organizational structure the 464th Bomb Group recognizes the tireless work of Dave Blake serving for his many years as the official reunion committee chair—Thank You Dave!

We're on the web!

www.the464th.org



464th COMBINED BOMB GROUP 2026 REUNION

October 15, 2026 thru October 19, 2026



Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel
 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112
 Reservation Desk: (866) 853-5560

The Hyatt Centric French Quarter stands out for its unbeatable location, spacious rooms, historic character, and strong amenities—making it one of the most convenient and comfortable bases for exploring the French Quarter. The hotel is a short three quarter mile walk away from the World World II Museum—the main focus of our reunion this year. While the hotel doesn't offer airport pickup, taxi and rideshare provide convenient thirty minute travel to the hotel for around thirty dollars. The downtown location significantly lowers reunion tour costs and affords many individual sightseeing options. Guests must reference the 15th Army Air Force Reunion when calling to receive the group rate.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

October 15, 2026 thru October 19, 2026

Plan to make your hotel reservation for this year's reunion early—NO LATER THAN October 2nd, 2026. Reunion notices and registration packets will be emailed to everyone on our email list in May. The notice and registration form will also be available on the 464th BG's website—the registration form can be printed and mailed to the address shown on the form. Stay tuned for details on our early-bird registration contest special.



A Special Thanks to our Many Faithful Supporters...

The 464th Bomb Group does not have annual dues. Contributions from members cover publishing newsletters and maintaining the website. For those planning to join the group at this year's reunion in New Orleans, Louisiana make sure to complete and submit the registration form. If you're unable to attend the 2026 reunion consider making a contribution for continued group support.

Thank you to our many donors for their continued support of the 464th Bomb Group's mission honoring our Veterans and the legacy of the Greatest Generation! Were honored to have such great support over the last eleven years.

Michele Anderton	Joe Osentoski
Margaret Baumgardner	Doug & Connie Ranallo
Michael & Sondra Billing	Robert Ray
Shawn Chambers	Bob & Char Robinett
Leon Duda	Patricia Schwendeman
Jan Engle	Brad Shafer
Carolyn & John Espil	Dave & Linda Skillman
Sharon & Keith Goode	Diane Spencer
Garrett Hass	Chuck Stanley
Sandra Hoffman	John & Kathleen Turner
Teresa Karazim	Tom Will
Richard Karow	Lois Zretak
Violet Karrow	



From the collection of John R. Gottschalk. Pictured Left to Right, Tony Schneider, Gerald Welsted, Matthew Arlington & John Gottschalk.

Mail all registration forms and contributions to the group's primary mailing address shown in the banner on the left. We hope to see everyone in this year for another great reunion!



Ed Note: We need your help! We are always looking for veteran histories, stories, and articles for the newsletter. Please submit your human-interest article to our business manager's email listed in the banner on the left. We also have volunteer opportunities to be a part of our leadership team or support the new 15th AF organization. It takes a community to be able to continue the legacy!