



**500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Association and  
Friends of the 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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- 1. 497<sup>th</sup> and 500 Websites. We have had to change the arrangements for the sites. As of this writing, we are trying to update them and get them running again.**
- 2. 497<sup>th</sup> CDs. We recently completed digitizing the scrapbooks for the 869<sup>th</sup>, and 870<sup>th</sup>, and 871<sup>st</sup>. Any of these are available on request for members who renew. New members will get them automatically.**
- 3. *Wings of the Marianas.* This is the successor organization to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing Association. While plans for 2016 are presently incomplete, it is expect that the Reunion will take place in the last week of May in New Orleans. It will feature a trip to the WWII Museum.**

4. **Friends of the 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group** is composed of those with ties to the 497<sup>th</sup> but have joined the 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association. Corey Thompson ([brobxb29@gmail.com](mailto:brobxb29@gmail.com)) is the 497<sup>th</sup> Representative.
5. **CDs**. There are CDs available for the 497<sup>th</sup> and the 500<sup>th</sup>. Both feature Personal Accounts, the Montone Collection, as well as three squadron scrapbooks from the 500<sup>th</sup> and three from the 497<sup>th</sup> (the 869<sup>th</sup>). New scrapbooks for the 870<sup>th</sup> and the 871<sup>st</sup> Squadrons have been completed. Members can request copies at the time of membership renewal. New members will get one CD of their choice. Others can be purchased for \$10.00 (includes postage).
6. **Fold3**. The site is listed below.  
<http://www.fold3.com/browse.php#292|h1bCH6AV->  
There has been a great deal of interest in the records of men of the 497<sup>th</sup> and 500<sup>th</sup> as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force as a whole. Direction for easy access to the 497<sup>th</sup> and 500<sup>th</sup> sites is enclosed in this mailing. If the viewer looks around, many photos of the 20<sup>th</sup> can be found. There is no charge. Some of these records, especially Personal Accounts are available nowhere else.
7. **World War II Memorial**. You may already be familiar with the WWII Memorial. All those who were KIA are supposed to be listed but many are not. There were well over 300 men from the 497<sup>th</sup> and over 200 from the 500<sup>th</sup> who were lost. Individuals can send in entries as well. Since there were many from the 500<sup>th</sup> that died and were not listed, the 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Association honored all men from the 500<sup>th</sup> who died in service. For further information, go to <http://WWIIMemorial.com> and then go to the Registry. It is also possible to add photos. For those interested, the Honor Roll list of the men of the 497<sup>th</sup> is available on request from [edlawson@netsync.net](mailto:edlawson@netsync.net). It shows all the men memorialized with links to National Archives and the World War II Memorial. The links take the viewer right to the Memorial where entry can be downloaded. Volunteers are sought for help in adding 497<sup>th</sup> names to the WWII Memorial.
8. **E-Mail and Postal Mail, Websites**.  
Note this notice is being prepared in two forms. An e-mail version will go out as well. The e-mail version will make it easier for those with computers to log on by just clicking. There are many sites on the web. They can be found by just going to B-29.
  - A. **B-29 SuperFortress Then and Now**. Consolidates a great deal of information with many sections <http://www.b-29.org/>
  - B. **Milt Martin**: Includes 17 videos including Pratt, 29th Bomb Group, Flying the Hump and the Marianas.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/miltm1944>
  - C. **WWII Airfields of the Plains**. During WWII vast expanses of Kansas and Nebraska were transformed into massive training bases for American Bomber Crews. Special section on the 330<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group. Many crew photos. <https://flic.kr/g/pyvrr>
  - D. **Prairie Bombers Digital Library**. Has a great deal on the 497<sup>th</sup>, especially on individual crews.  
[www.PrairieBombers.org](http://www.PrairieBombers.org)
  - E. **Saipan**, <http://vimeo.com/107303765>. *Saipan Then and Now* by Gary Boothe (who also made the video on Tinian). "Spectacular and informative. You have created another masterpiece. Many thanks for the attention to detail and especially for the time and effort you devoted."  
Bill Copeland.

F. "Doc", the B-29 being restored in Wichita. Has photos. <http://www.b-29doc.com/>

G. Lost Crews [http://www.exciteableitalian.com/497/lost air crews.htm](http://www.exciteableitalian.com/497/lost_air_crews.htm)

9 Japanese Television Interview. In June, we were contacted by a Japanese Television organization for a program to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. The crew came from Toyama. Toyama was the last target of the 73<sup>rd</sup>. Charlie McCoy and Ed Lawson were on that mission. The camera crew and interviewer along with Erika Takehama, the translator, went to the homes of both men for the interviewer. The interviews plus much historical data were included in a CD that was made for broadcast in August. Plans are now under way for a version in English to come out at the end of December. We hope to have it available for our members. We also plan to show it at the New Orleans meeting.

10. Veterans History Project. Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The mission is to collect, collect, and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

Members who are veterans are asked to consider making a contribution. Family members of a veteran can also make a contribution. Check the enclosed leaflet.

11. Fold3 Directions. The 500<sup>th</sup> (and the 497<sup>th</sup>) have simplified directions for going to their websites. For further instructions or questions, e-mail [500thbombgroupb29@netsync.net](mailto:500thbombgroupb29@netsync.net)

12. 500<sup>th</sup>, 497<sup>th</sup>, Wings, Museum Dues Applications.

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## 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Association

### Membership Renewals & New Member Application (Year is from June 1-May 31)

YES! I want to continue as a Partner and help the 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Memorial Association with its mission of preserving and perpetuating the glorious memories of courage and heroism of the men of World War II.

The 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Association is recognized as a non-profit under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Checks can be made out to: 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group and sent to: Kenneth F. Fine, 2003 SW Meyer Blvd, Blue Springs, MO 64015, (816) 228-4212, [finechateau@msn.com](mailto:finechateau@msn.com)

Annual Dues \$25. Contributions \_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

Telephone ( ) ( ) ( ) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If Legacy, Name of Person to Whom Related \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in the 73<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(If Other, Please give further information) \_\_\_\_\_

### Renewal for Friends of the 497th

Yes! I want to continue as a Partner and help the Friends of the 497<sup>th</sup> Section of the 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Memorial Association with its mission of preserving and perpetuating the glorious memories of courage and heroism of the men of World War II. The 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Memorial Association is recognized as a non-profit under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Checks can be made out to: 497<sup>th</sup> Section, 500<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group and sent to: Corey Thompson, 497<sup>th</sup> Representative, 26351 S. McHardy Rd., Brandon, SD 57005-7009, Tel: 605-582-3437. [broxb29@gmail.com](mailto:broxb29@gmail.com)

Annual Dues \$25. Contributions \_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Telephone ( ) ( ) ( ) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If Legacy, Name of Person to Whom Related \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in the 73<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(If Other, Please give further information) \_\_\_\_\_

### B-29 Museum Membership Application

The B-29 Museum holds the extensive collection of the memorabilia of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing as from other sources. It has extensive exhibits and educational programs.

Yes! I want to join and help the B-29 Museum with its mission of preserving and perpetuating the glorious memories of courage and valor of the men who trained at the Army Air Fields in Kansas during World War II. The B-29 Museum is recognized as a non-profit under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are deductible.

Checks can be made out to: B-29 Museum, Inc., and sent to P.O. Box 29, Pratt, KS 67124.

Annual Dues: \_\_\_ \$20. \_\_\_ Life Membership \$200. Contributions \_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_



**The B-29 Wings of the Marianas**

**“To preserve and perpetuate the history and achievements of the World War II B-29 Wings stationed in the Marianas, their planes, and the men who flew, maintained and supported them” through education, reunions, media, and museum.**

**Membership Application**

Please print

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your connection to those who served in the Marianas in 1944-1945?

Veteran: Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Connection:  Spouse  Son  Daughter  Grandchild  Other

Will you want to avail your special skills/experience to help our mission? \_\_\_\_\_ i.e., contributing to newsletter; computer work; reunions

Annual Membership (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made out to: J.A. Cohen, Treasurer, B-29 Wings of the Marianas, and sent to:

J. A. Cohen, B-29 Wings

19201 Hwy 12, #261,

Sonoma, CA 95476-5413.

Website: <http://www.b-29wings.org/>





**Veterans at B-29 Wings of the Marianas Reunion, Washington, DC, 2015**

**Front row:** Left to right, Earl Stubbe, 502<sup>nd</sup> BG, 315<sup>th</sup> BW; Chum Bohr, 314<sup>th</sup> BW; Emmanuel Horowitz, 501<sup>st</sup> BG, 315<sup>th</sup> BW; Jean Allen, 497<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Stephan Leonoudakis, 499<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Ed Lawson, 500<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW.

**Back row:** Jack Rodin, 330<sup>th</sup> BG, 314<sup>th</sup> BW; Don Thurow, 500<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Jerry Presutte, 330<sup>th</sup> BG, 314<sup>th</sup> BW; Clinton Osborne, 498<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Sid Bolin, 497<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; John "Jack" Davidson, 500<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Henry Ratenski, 16<sup>th</sup> BG, 315<sup>th</sup> BW, Ed Hyde, 315<sup>th</sup> BW

**On Platform:** Partially hidden, Hugh Phillips, 500<sup>th</sup> BG, 73<sup>rd</sup> BW; Incoming Chair.

Photography courtesy of Sandra Ann Gillard



**B29 Wings of the Marianas Reunion, Washington, DC, 2015**  
**"Completed full tour of duty (35 missions)"**

**Left to Right, Ed Lawson, 500<sup>th</sup> BG; Sid Bolin, 497<sup>th</sup> BG; Jean Allen, 497<sup>th</sup> BG**  
**Back: Hugh Phillips, 500<sup>th</sup> BG**

Photography courtesy of Sandra Ann Gillard



**B-29 Wings of the Marianas Reunion, Washington, DC, 2015**  
**"Holders of the Distinguished Flying Cross"**

**Left to right, Jack Rodin, 330<sup>th</sup> BG; Ed Lawson, 500<sup>th</sup> BG; Stephan Leonoudakis, 499<sup>th</sup> BG; Sid Bolin, 497<sup>th</sup> BG; Jean Allen, 497<sup>th</sup> BG;**  
**On Platform, Nancy Baskin, L 498<sup>th</sup>, Hugh Phillips, 500<sup>th</sup> BG; Incoming Chair**

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國民の血に染められた  
軍閥の手を縛れ！

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日本が世界を相手にして戦ひ  
得ないといふ事は、誰でも知  
つて居る事である。斯様な戦  
争に諸君を引込むと云ふ愚意を  
演じた軍閥は處罰されねばな  
らぬ。  
併し日本が破滅しないで存続  
する爲には、剛健で而も若い  
君達が皆戦場の塵と消えて了  
はぬ中に戦争を終止しなければ  
ならぬ。  
諸君！ 犬死を止めて、國家  
を救へ。それが今の君達の最  
大の義務である。

Propaganda Leaflet dropped over Japan with original notation below on record.

Serial No. 2056

Purpose: To cause a slackening in war production and avoid loss of civilian lives.

Comment: Fear introduced in the minds of industrial workers with warnings of continued bombing of industrial centers and the instigation of a total or partial evacuation of such an area.

Format: standard 5 x 8 leaflet. Rest of sentence indecipherable.

“Our bombing of your industrial area will become more and more severe. We warn you to move out of the industrial areas.

We do not wish to injure or kill civilians. Only by leaving the areas can you be saved. All factories are military objectives not the soldiers guard there”