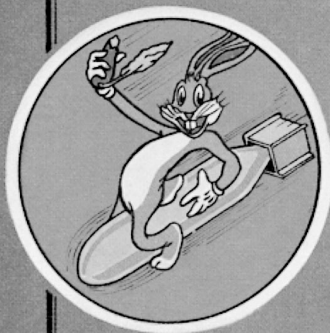


# 380<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP



# Flying Circus



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*Francis Johnson*

# The 380th Bomb Group Association

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### **Membership form:**

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<http://380th.org/form.html>

### **Blog:**

<https://380thww2.wordpress.com/>

## **FACEBOOK**

Search for the group *380th Bombardment Group (5th AF, WWII)* or go to [https://www.facebook.com/groups/380th/In Memoriam](https://www.facebook.com/groups/380th/In%20Memoriam) page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1686408651610839/>

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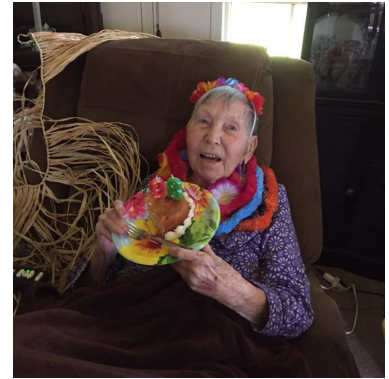
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Born in 1917, Irene Lanners (widow of Louie Lanner of the 529th) will be 99 years old on June 4th. Wow! She always says, "Now, that's old!"

Photo here is of Irene last year on her 98th birthday!

Her daughters, Flora Young and Carrie Elliot, say that if you can send Irene a card, she would be thrilled to hear from you.

Delora Irene Lanners  
% Parkwood Place Care Center  
300 N Bynum St. Rm 122  
Lufkin Texas 75904



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From: Clinton Bock  
To: Bill Shek  
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Hi Bill.

Just writing to inform you of a few pleasing developments.

I have been selected to work/advise regarding the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin for 2017 known as the Territory Remembers Steering Committee. The program aims at repressing the territory at war during 1942 through 1945. I am happy to announce that I was able to get the organisers of the TTR to use one of my 380th Bomb Group uniforms (Loop, Robert H. / 531 / T-134945 / Navigator), for the traveling display which will tour the territory to educate and remind people of the 380th commitment to the Territory during the lead up to the anniversary. See website below.

<http://www.territoryremembers.nt.gov.au/>

I, of course, am trying to ensure that the 380th and other US USAAF groups are recognized in the program.

Cheers, Clint

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### NEW 380TH WEB LINKS:

**Doing research about WWII and personnel?** Need help? See our latest link on the 380th webpage at:  
<http://380th.org/ResearchSources.html>

This list was compiled to assist in finding and obtaining World War II information and personal military records of WWII Veterans.

Organized into these sections: (1) veterans service records, (2) background/history, (3) burial information, (4) forums, and (5) WWII radio music and programs, some sources are specific to a person, some to the 380th Bombardment Group, and some are provided just for background information. The WWII Radio Music and Programs list is for entertainment.

Also recently added to the 380th webpage is a link for the **Hopi Code Talkers**: <http://380th.org/380thHopiCodeTalker.html>

### NEW FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE:

Just added: 380th Bombardment Group - In Memorium. This group page is to add obituaries and other postings of our 380th veterans and their families.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1686408651610839/>

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### DIAMOND LIL:

Attendees to the 2015 Dallas reunion were treated to a visit to the Commemorative Air Force's B-24 "Diamond Lil" (see Newsletter #59-November 2015).

There's a nice write-up on our group's visit in the December 2015 issue of THE DIAMOND LIL NEWSLETTER. Here's the link to that issue:

[http://media.wix.com/ugd/65f239\\_7b04fca102b540a2825175dc270ba321.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/65f239_7b04fca102b540a2825175dc270ba321.pdf)

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Newsletter #60 - May 2016

# HOPI CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION DAY - 2016



**Saturday, April 23rd, 2016**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM MST**

**Hopi Veterans' Memorial Center**

**Kykotsmovi, AZ**



Barb and Doug Gotham and Peggy and Dean Baker represented the 380th Bomb Group Association at this year's Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day



Doug Gotham, Barb Gotham, Geno Talas, Peggy Baker, Dean Baker

## Program Events

10:00 a.m. – Bruce Talawyma & Tim Nuvangyaoma, Co-Master of Ceremonies

- Official Welcome—Auri Roy, Miss Hopi, 2015—2016.
- Posting of Colors – Ira Hayes Post #84 and other Color Guards.
- National Anthem – Ms. Debbie Baker.
- Opening Prayer – Mr. Eldon Povatah.
- Special Wreath Ceremony – Chairman Honanie & Vice Chairman Lomahquahu.
- Playing of "TAPS" – Kellen Polingyumptewa.
- Honor Song—Blue Bear (Sakwa Honaw).
- Code Talkers Honor Song—Comanche Veterans Group.
- Recognition of Distinguished Visitors and Hopi Code Talkers Families.
- Acknowledgment to Native American Code Talkers.
- Lori Piestewa Post #80 Princess and Attendants.

10:20 a.m. – Video Presentation of Comanche Code Talkers.

10:40 a.m. – Opening Speakers

- Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu, The Hopi Tribe.
- Chairman Herman G. Honanie, The Hopi Tribe.

11:00 a.m. – Keynote Speakers

- Stephanie E. Birdwell, Director, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations.
- Shupla Family Member—Ms. Winona Winn Silas & Jared Shupla.
- Mr. Jimmy Looking Glass, Comanche Tribe.
- Tokens of Appreciation.
- Clark Tenakhongva—Presentation of Hopi Sash to Shupla Family.

12:15 p.m. – Lunch meal is served.

1:00 p.m. – Entertainment—Blue Bear Group.

1:30 p.m. – Closing Comments.

2:00 p.m. – Retrieval of National Colors & Closing Prayer – TBD.

## Featured Key Note Speaker



Stephanie Elaine Birdwell is the Department of Veterans Affairs' Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR), which is located within the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. The VA OTGR was established in 2011 as part of the agency's effort to implement the VA tribal consultation policy and enhance relationships with 566 tribal governments located in 38 states.

Ms. Birdwell has twenty years' experience working in Indian Affairs, at both the federal and tribal government levels. She began her federal career as a social worker with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Northern Pueblos Agency in New Mexico. Ms. Birdwell moved on from the agency social service program to serve as the BIA southwest regional social worker (Albuquerque, NM) and BIA division chief, human services at the headquarters level (Washington, D.C.). She also served in various leadership and management capacities (BIA Southwest Regional Office Acting Deputy Director, Indian Services; BIA Central Office Acting Assistant to the Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services; BIA Central Office Acting Assistant to the Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Education Deputy Director, Policy, Evaluation and Post-Secondary Education) within DOI/BIA/BIE and was selected to participate in the DOI Senior Executive Candidate Development Class #16. Along the way, she served for two years with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census managing field operations in New Mexico, Utah and Navajo Nation during the 2000 Decennial "undercount" survey.

Ms. Birdwell earned her Master's Degree in Social Welfare from the University of California at Berkeley and her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

On a personal note, she is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, where she was born and raised, and is mother to twin daughters. Ms. Birdwell was inspired to become a social worker by her father, Dwight Birdwell, a Vietnam Veteran.

## Featured Hopi Code Talker



Franklin Shupla was born on March 1, 1923, in Polacca, Arizona. He was the youngest of three brothers and two sisters.

He spent his early years in Polacca. He attended grade school in Polacca and Kykotsmovi. Later he attended and graduated from Santa Fe Indian High School, New Mexico, where he excelled in sports.

Mr. Shupla was drafted into the U.S. Army on March 1, 1943. He was later selected to become a Hopi Code Talker and served with the 81st Division, 323rd Infantry Regiment, in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations, as a low speed radio operator. His military records cite he sent and received coded messages from battalions, and then decoded the messages for regimental headquarters commanders. Following the end of World War II, Mr. Shupla was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on February 2, 1946, in the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. For his military service, he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

After serving his country, Mr. Shupla returned home and later moved to Brigham City and Ogden, Utah, where he raised his family, which included two daughters, four sons, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He worked with Boeing Aircraft Company for many years until his retirement. He returned home to Polacca where he became active in his kiva duties, enjoyed farming his garden and spent fun time with his extended family. Mr. Shupla passed away on August 4, 2005, at the age of 82. On November 20, 2013, the next of kin were bestowed the Congressional Hopi Code Talker Silver Medal, at Washington, D.C.

# HOPI CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION DAY - 2016



Mesa



Playing of TAPS, Kellen Polingyumptewa



Plaque presented by the Comanche Tribe



Buffalo Soldiers group with Chairman Honanie and the event wreath

Buffalo Soldiers group with (in the blue vests) Jimmy Looking Glass (Marines veteran) and Garrison Tahmahkera (USAF veteran) - Jimmy and Garrison were representing the Comanche



Reigning Miss Hopi, Auri Roy, with the Buffalo Soldiers group



Color guards in red shirts are the Hualapai Tribe Veterans Group and those in white shirts are the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post #84; Buffalo Soldier group; Geno Talas is last on right, representing the Lori Piestewa American Legion Post #80

# HOPI CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION DAY - 2016

## Native American Code Talkers

The Hopi Tribe recognizes and honors the military accomplishments of Native American Code Talkers who served during World War I and II.

At least 6 different Tribes had members who served as Code Talkers in World War I. At least 17 different Tribes had members who also served as Code Talkers in World War II, in addition to the Navajo Tribe.

The type of Code Talking was based on two types of coded messages. Type 1, which was a formal developed special coded-encoded vocabulary in Native American languages. Type 2 was informal use of everyday non-coded Native American languages. These Tribes included:

### World War I

Cherokee – Type 2  
Choctaw – Type 1  
Osage – Type 2

Cheyenne – Type 2  
Comanche – Type 2  
Yankton Sioux – Type 2

### World War II

Assiniboine – Type 2  
Cherokee – Type 2  
Choctaw – Type 2  
Crow – Type 2  
Kaw (Kansa) – Type 2  
Menominee – Type 2  
Muscogee/Creek Type 2  
Navajo – Type 1  
Sioux – Type 2

Canadian Cree – Type 2  
Chippewa/Oneida – Type 2  
Comanche – Type 1  
Hopi – Type 1  
Kiowa – Type 2  
Meskwaki (Sac & Fox) – Type 1  
Seminole – Type 2  
Pawnee – Type 2

Acoma, Apache, Laguna, Mississauga and Tlingit were known to have used their Native language during World War II.

### References:

1. Deputy Secretary of Defense letter, dated July 8, 2010, in reference to Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-420), listing Individual Code Talkers by Tribal Affiliation.
2. Information prepared by the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, dated February 2007.
3. American Indian Culture & Research Journal: *Honoring Native American Code Talkers: The Road to the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008.* William C. Meadows. September 2011.



Charles Lomakema



Perry Honani Sr.



Franklin Shupla



Percival Navenma



Orville Wadsworth



Frank C. Chapella



Travis Yaiva



Warren Kooyaquptewa



Rex Pooyouma



Floyd Dann Sr.

Please visit the Hopi Code Talkers webpage on our website:  
<http://380th.org/380thHopiCodeTalker.html>



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## 2016 REUNION

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The 2016 380th Reunion will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from October 12-16.

The MCM Elegante ([www.mcmelegante.com](http://www.mcmelegante.com)) will be our hotel host for this year's reunion:

Address: 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque

Phone: 505-884-2511 (direct), 1-866-650-8900 (toll-free)

(when calling for lodging, be sure to say you are with the 380th Bomb Group Association)

Online link for hotel lodging reservations is:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1354&skipfirstpage=true&page=1549693>

Lodging rates (does not include taxes):

Standard Double/double room and standard king: \$80

King ADA / King roll-in ADA: \$80

King Tower (executive king): \$100

Suite (2 rooms with separate living and sleeping areas, w/kitchenette): \$130



Lodging rates include a full hot breakfast daily. The MCM is also providing us with free WIFI, free shuttle service (both to/from the airport as well as within an 8-mile radius of the hotel), and complimentary "happy hour" nightly (2 drinks/person registered).

A group city tour has been arranged for Thursday afternoon, October 13, with ABQ Trolley Co.

The Memorial Service venue and Friday/Saturday activities are not yet finalized.

The next issue of THE FLYING CIRCUS (out in late July) will contain the event registration form and other reunion information.

Further reunion information should be available on our website by June 10. Reunion website:

<http://380th.org/REUNION/2016Reunion/Reunion.htm>

Note that our reunion is AFTER the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. The 2016 Fiesta runs from October 1-9. For more info, see their website at: <http://www.balloonfiesta.com/>. The MCM Elegante is honoring our group rate 3 days prior and 3 days after our reunion, so if you are able to come into ABQ before October 9 (note that hotel prices will be much higher in the area from Oct 1-9), you can catch the Fiesta. Note that the reason why we are not holding our reunion during the Fiesta is because it would mean higher hotel, transportation, and other costs, plus much more other people to contend with!

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### ALBUQUERQUE FACTS

Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico. Situated at 5,000 feet above sea level, Albuquerque is base camp for hot-air ballooning. It is a culturally-diverse metropolitan area with over 850,000 residents.

The Sandia Mountains run along the eastern side of Albuquerque, and the Rio Grande flows through the city, north to south.

Albuquerque is home to the University of New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base, Sandia National Laboratories, and Petroglyph National Monument.

The Sandia Peak Tramway, located adjacent to Albuquerque, is the world's second-longest passenger

aerial tramway. It stretches from the Northeast edge of the city to the crestline of the Sandia Mountains. Elevation at the top of the tramway is roughly 10,300 ft above sea level.

October weather: Average high is 69, average low is 46; average precipitation is 1.02"; average relative humidity is 45.3%, and sunshine is possible 80% of the time.

State Flower: Yucca

State Tree: Pinon Pine

State Bird: Roadrunner

State Nickname: Land of Enchantment

Statehood: January 6, 1912 (47th state in the Nation)

State Capital: Santa Fe (At nearly 7,000 ft. above sea level, it is the highest U.S. capital.)

State Aircraft: Hot Air Balloon

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## 2016 REUNION

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### TRAVELING TO/AROUND ALBUQUERQUE

#### AIRPORT

**Albuquerque International Sunport** (ABQ)  
<http://www.abqsunport.com/>

#### TRAIN

**Amtrak** provides service to Albuquerque. Online information at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or call 1-800-USA-RAIL (or TDD/TTY 1-800-523-6590). The station is located at 214 First Street SW.

**NM Rail Runner Express** (505) 245-7245 or online at [www.nmrailrunner.com](http://www.nmrailrunner.com)

A commuter rail running through the heart of Albuquerque. Spanning 100 miles from Santa Fe to Belen through the beautiful Rio Grande Valley, the train corridor has 13 stations, operating seven days a week.

#### RENTAL CARS

Car rental agencies are all located at the Car Rental Facility adjacent to the airport at 3400 S University Blvd SE. In addition, there is a car rental office located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel across the street from the MCM Elegante, at 1901 University Blvd NE

#### USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

For **ABQ Ride** bus schedules and routes, call (505) 243-RIDE (7433).

For **Sun Tran** bus schedules and routes, call (505) 843-9200.

[www.cabq.gov/transit/tran.html](http://www.cabq.gov/transit/tran.html)

#### SHUTTLE SERVICES

Our host hotel, the **MCM Elegante**, provides shuttle service both from/to the airport as well as within an 8-mile radius of the hotel and also to the Rail Runner station.

**Santa Fe Shuttle** (505) 243-2300 / 1-888-833-2300 or online at [www.shuttlesantafe.com](http://www.shuttlesantafe.com)

Provides safe, comfortable travel between Albuquerque and Santa Fe

**Sunport Shuttle** (505) 833-4966 / 1-866-505-4966

Provides round-the-clock transportation to any address in the Albuquerque area from the airport and back again.

Visit them online at [www.sunportshuttle.com](http://www.sunportshuttle.com).

### THINGS TO DO AND SEE

**Albuquerque Museum** - A collection of contemporary and historical art

**Balloon Museum At Balloon Fiesta Park** - View the development of ballooning through historic, scientific & artistic exhibits

**Explora Museum** - A children's science museum

**Hispanic Cultural Center** - Dedicated to the study, advancement, and presentation of Hispanic culture

**Indian Pueblo Cultural Center** - Dedicated to the preservation of Pueblo Indian culture, history and art

**Maxwell Museum of Anthropology** - Offers exhibits and programs relating to cultures around the world (at the University of New Mexico)

**National Museum of Nuclear Science & History** - Learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research to peaceful uses

**New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science** - Foster an understanding of the diverse natural history of New Mexico

**Old Town Plaza** - Shopping and arts in the original City Plaza (one block N. of Central Avenue, at Rio Grande Blvd)

**Tinkertown Museum** - Man-made eccentric memorabilia museum

**University Art Museum** - Our efforts allow people throughout the world to enjoy our acquisitions

**Unser Racing Museum** - All about the Unser family and their racing history

**Albuquerque Aquarium and Rio Grande Botanical Garden** - A "journey" down the Rio Grande from Albuquerque into the Gulf of Mexico

**Popejoy Hall** - New Mexico's grandest multi-use theater (on the University of New Mexico campus)

**Rio Grande Nature Center State Park** - 270 acres flourishing with native grasses, wildflowers, and cottonwoods

**Rio Grande Zoo** - Encounter more than 250 species of exotic and native animals

**Sandia Peak Tramway** - The world's longest aerial tramway

#### CASINOS

**Sandia Resort & Casino** - Provides transportation to and from the casino 24/7

**Isleta Resort & Casino** (505) 724-3800



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## 2016 REUNION

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### Tentative Reunion Agenda:

Wednesday - Early arrivals, no planned group activities - hospitality room will be open from 1-9pm

Thursday - Morning - hospitality room will be open

1:15pm - pickup at hotel for ABQ Trolley "Best of ABQ" city tour - return 3:30pm

6:00pm - Welcome dinner at hotel

After dinner - hospitality room will be open until 10pm

Friday - Memorial Service (hopefully at Kirtland AFB), luncheon (location and type to be arranged), and optional tour (probably the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center) - plans yet to be finalized  
Evening dinner on your own (if enough people are interested, we can order pizza or other local specialty for the hospitality room)  
Hospitality room will be open until 10pm

Saturday - Morning - Member meeting and presentations (perhaps a presentation or poster display of our Hopi Code Talker, Rex Pooyouma)  
Afternoon - on own or additional group tour / hospitality room open during afternoon hours  
5:00pm - Group photos  
6:00pm - Banquet and dancing at hotel

Sunday - Departures

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## MAIL CALL

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Subject: 380th member Tom Lehning

Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2016

I have recently come into possession of my grandfather's letters home during WW2. He was Tom Lehning and a member of the 380th, which I never knew until now. He has been gone 27 years and I would love to be in contact with some of the men who served with him. I didn't know any of them were still living until I saw it on Facebook. He would have been 100 Sept 2, 2015, if he were still living. It's exciting to think about this part of his life that I know so little about.

Angela Lehning Houser: Thomas H. Lehning, Ground Staff, 529th Squadron and Group HQ

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Here's some additional photos from Sgt Joseph Martin Meehan's collection (Group HQ, Ground Staff, Quartermaster)



John Wayne, USO Show



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## LINCOLN SHUTT EXHIBIT AT MAPS AIR MUSEUM

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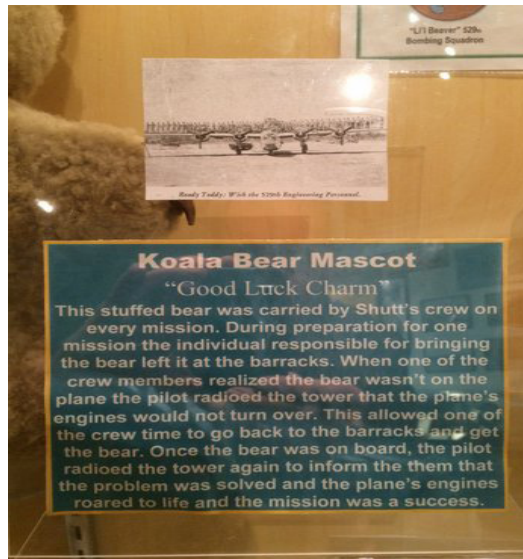
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The Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) Museum in North Canton, Ohio, is developing a display that will include the WWII uniform of SSgt. Lincoln W. Shutt. Shutt was assistant radio operator and gunner on the Daffer Crew, 529th Squadron. A photo of the Daffer crew from Glenn R. Horton's book, *BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST*, is shown here (Bob Daffer, standing at the far left).

Here are the photos sent in by David Bell, Curator of the museum, of the Lincoln Shutt work-in-progress display. They are assuming that the photo of the man in front of the plane "I'll Be Seeing You" is of Lincoln Shutt (it was taken from a photo album).

MAPS recently acquired all of the memorabilia from the Ohio Military Museum of Massillon, Ohio. They are in the process of doing an inventory of all the items and are placing a few donations on display...Shutt is one of them.

Military Aviation Preservation Society (MAPS) Museum  
2260 International Parkway  
North Canton, Ohio 44720  
[www.mapsairmuseum.org](http://www.mapsairmuseum.org)



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## ***THE MISS HAP - FRED CARLAGE & CARMINE IMONDI (By Bill Imondi)***

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On Sunday, April 10th, 2016, my wife and I were visiting her mother at a rehabilitation hospital and healthcare center named Webster Manor in Webster, Massachusetts. My mother-in-law had just arrived there during the previous week, having been transferred from another facility with an outlook to be able to live in an assisted living facility in a few weeks. While awaiting the elevator in the lobby, my wife noticed a framed photograph on an adjacent wall. The black and white photo was of an airplane and its crew. Next to each crew member was handwritten their last name, rank and job function on the aircraft. Looking closer, my wife said, "Hey, there's an Imondi in this picture!" Turning to look, I was immediately stunned and exclaimed, "That's my Uncle Hank!"

My uncle, Carmine Henry Imondi, grew up in Rhode Island and flew with the 529th Bomb Squadron in the Pacific as Engineer on the crew of The Miss Hap in 1943 and 1944. (I found this info online afterwards and as well in a print-out of my uncle's obituary. He passed away in 2008.) Bewildered, I snapped a couple of pictures with my phone (attached here) and we proceeded up to see my mother-in-law.

Needing to know more, I asked a nurse if she had any knowledge about the photo. She did not, but offered for me to call the receptionist the following day as she would most likely know. On Monday, I did indeed speak with the receptionist who confirmed that one of the men in the crew, Lt. Fred Carlage, was a resident at Webster Manor and still there! Lt. Carlage was Navigator on their plane, The Miss Hap. She was also kind enough to give me the phone number of Lt. Carlage's son, Bruce. In speaking with Bruce Carlage, my intention being to make a copy of the photo for the family, he was as amazed as I was and not only offered to meet with me with regards to the photo, but also invited me to visit with his dad who is now 99 (he'll be 100 in November!) and, as far as he is aware, the last living crew member. I'm very excited and plan to visit Lt. Carlage! I'm told he has numerous items of war-time memorabilia in his room and I can't even imagine the stories he can tell.

On Sunday, April 17th, 2016, my wife and I once again went to visit with my mother-in-law and afterwards, I was fortunate enough to spend an hour with Lt. Fred Carlage. (His picture is attached here as well as a photo of the wall of his room, covered with both current and wartime photos.) I must say that I hope to reach an elder

age and be able to recount past events with the ease of Lt. Carlage! I had been researching the 529th Bomb Squadron online and we discussed multiple topics.

He told me he's been living at Webster Manor for about 10 years since his wife passed away and that they take good care of him. He said he remembered Uncle Hank as "a good engineer," taking care of the engines and workings of the B-24. (In my research, I found that the engineer was responsible for a great number of things on the plane from the engines and operating systems to also shooting, if necessary, from the top (Dorsal) gun turret.) Originally from Connecticut, Lt. Carlage said he was with the Hartford National Guard, drafted in 1942 at age 26 and trained as a pilot in Toronto, California. He told me he flew small planes at first then trained as a bombardier, then a navigator. He also indicated that he didn't try his hardest as a pilot because he knew he would end up in Europe but figured the Pacific would be a better option.

He spoke of 15 to 16 hour missions (47 of them!) sitting on hard oak seats, and having an 18 year old tail gunner! He also told me about a time when the pilot tried "skip bombing" where you fly in low at the broad side of an enemy ship, drop a bomb and let it skip across the water like a stone on a pond in an attempt to sink it. It didn't work on this occasion and was not attempted again. One time, when he noticed they would be flying into a hurricane, he gave the pilot a different heading to go around the storm, apparently without really telling the pilot where they were going, and they landed in Darwin, Australia. The pilot wasn't happy!

He told me of bombing targets like ships, bomb storage sites and airports, one mission including the use of 1,000 pound bombs in a South Pacific area of The Solomon Islands called Florida Islands. Even as high in the air as they were (depending upon their altitude, they had to wear respirators and it was bitterly cold), they could feel the concussion and the destruction was so massive that they never used 1,000 pound bombs again. Below, I have also included a link to a video of Lt. Carlage last year receiving long overdue medals and recounting some of the same things he told me in person.

I used the word "fortunate" before in describing my feelings of being able to talk with a gentleman who not only participated in World War II but who also knew my uncle.

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## THE MISS HAP - FRED CARLAGE & CARMINE IMONDI (continued)

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It's quite a connection and will leave a lasting impact on my life. I'm also fortunate and honored to know and to have known family from my dad to all of my uncles and cousins as well as friends who have served our great country over the years. Their service is a constant reminder of why we are free.

Had my mother-in-law been sent to a different facility, had Lt. Carlage not written the names of the crew on that photograph more than 70 years ago for my wife to just happen to notice, this may have been lost to the ages. One last note for now: My aunt, Rita Imondi, Uncle Hank's wife of 61 years, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Sunday, April 10th.

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/30593462/99-year-old-world-war-ii-vet-to-receive-overdue-medals>

Bill Imondi  
Warwick, Rhode Island



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## CHARLES W. HORN CREW

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This photo was sent in by Brian Greba, son of Ray Kenneth Greba (Gunner). Greba is third from left in the front row. He retired from the USAF (30 years). He died in February 2014.

### CHARLES W. HORN CREW (Crew #75) (Jan 1945-Oct 1945)

Acft Cmdr: Horn, Charles W.  
Pilot: Boots, Maurice J.  
Pilot: Wykoff, William G., Jr.  
Navigator: Zilz, Walter G.  
Bombardier: Iozzino, Louis A.  
Flt Eng: Kempfer, Cecil L.  
Flt Eng: Maddox, Lester K.  
Radio Opr: Galchinsky, Louis (NMI)  
Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:  
Orischak, Stephen (NMI)  
Gunner: Dobkin, Arthur S.  
Gunner: Greba, Raymond K.  
Gunner: Neil, Homer F.



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528th - Roland Jerome Folsom, Gunner, D'Alessandro Crew (13), DOD December 21, 2015, Barney, Georgia, reported by his son, Stan Folsom

528th - Norwood H. Keeney, Jr., RCM Operator, Various Crews, DOD May 15, 2014, Richmond, New Hampshire, reported by his son, Norwood H. Keeney III

528th - Phyllis M. Keeney, Widow of Norwood H. Keeney, Jr., DOD November 28, 2015, Richmond, New Hampshire, reported by her son, Norwood H. Keeney III

528th - Elizabeth Jane ("Nane") Loy, Widow of Edward C. Loy, DOD September 4, 2015, Altoona, Florida, reported on her Facebook page

528th - Lester T. Mapes, Jr., Radio Operator, Erwin Crew (28), DOD May 4, 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada, reported by his daughter, Kelly Mapes Worl

528th - David H. Olson, Navigator, Tate's Crew (9), DOD May 21, 2007, Portland, Oregon, reported by his daughter, Marian Olson Vollum

528th - Elmer S. Riding, Ground Crew, Engineering, Maintenance, Crew Chief, DOD September 28, 2001, Austin, Texas, reported by Martha Collins

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528th - Richard Merton Slater, Gunner, Killingsworth Crew, DOD December 7, 2000, Port Townsend, Washington, reported by his daughter, Heidi Slater-Monahan

528th - Robert Jared Tiffany, Aircraft Commander, Tiffany's Crew, and Executive Officer, DOD July 17, 2006, Abilene, Texas, reported by his grandson, David Tiffany

529th - Carl L. Borgstrom, Flt Engr, Selman Crew, DOD March 20, 2016, Dousman, Wisconsin, reported by his daughter, Terry Snyder

529th - Robert A. Daffer, Aircraft Commander, Daffer's Crew (27), DOD March 17, 2016, McCook, Nebraska, reported by his daughter, Kathie Turley

529th - Lawrence Beach Farnum, Ground Crew, Armament, Bombsight Maintenance, DOD November 8, 2014, Tucson, Arizona, reported by his widow, Jeanne

529th - Carmine Henry Imondi, Flt Engr, Ivey Crew (40), DOD November 3, 2008, Naples, Florida, reported by his nephew, William Imondi

530th - Edward Eugene Allen, Tail Gunner, Hamrick's Crew (58), DOD June 15, 2015, Bossier City, Louisiana, reported by his son, Bruce Allen

530th - Raymond Kenneth Greba, Gunner, Charles Horn's Crew (75), DOD February 7, 2014, Bossier City, Louisiana, reported by his son, Brian Greba

530th - George Kassab, Pilot, Bratton's Crew (21), DOD April 13, 2006, Delaware, reported by Ronald Romanowicz, Pennsylvania Military College Museum Committee

530th/RAAF - Angus John ("Gus") Cameron, RCM Operator, Various Crews, DOD February 18, 2016, Canberra, ACT, Australia, reported by Dorelle MacDonald, Craig Bellamy, and Cal Killingsworth

530th - Wayne H. Olson, Navigator, Lewis's Crew (85), DOD October 2, 2015, St. Paul, Minnesota, reported by Steve Stadler

530th - Joe Herbert Satko, Ground Crew, Truck Driver and Airplane/Engine Mechanic, DOD December 27, 2015, Anacortes, Washington, reported by his daughter, Kathryn Satko, and son, Herb Satko

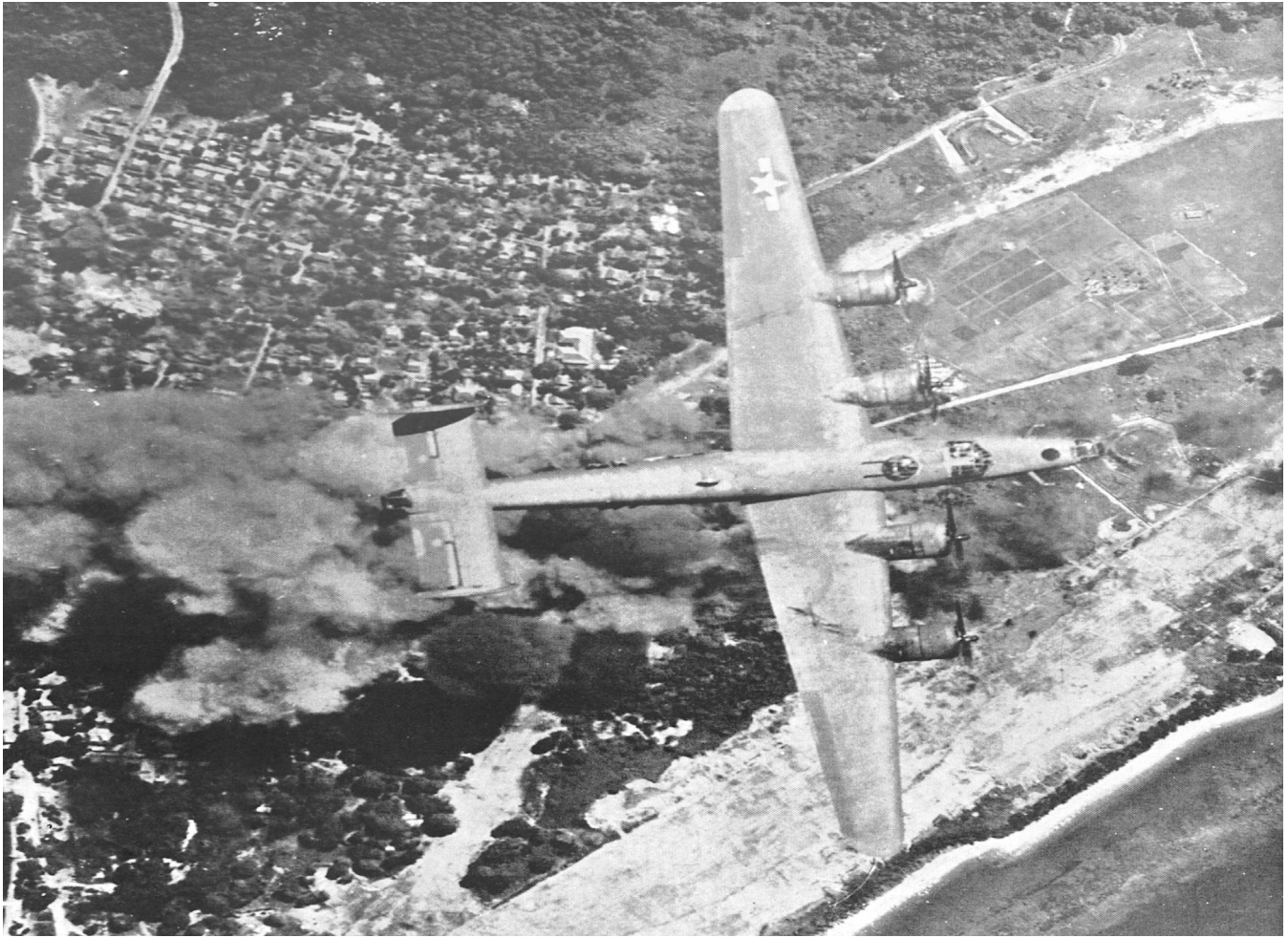
531st - Joseph E. Burdick, Radio Operator/Gunner, Wilson's Crew, DOD June 29, 2015, Brazil, Indiana, reported by his son, Joe Burdick

531st - Carolyn Parrott, widow of Charles A. Parrott, Jr., DOD February 4, 2016, Loveland, Colorado, reported by her son, Jack Parrott

531st - Herbert B. Rosenbaum, MD, Aircraft Commander, Rosenbaum's Crew, DOD January 23, 2016, Boca Raton, Florida, reported by his son, Jonathan Rosenbaum

Squadron Unknown - Donald V. Knapp, Radar Mechanic Night Fighter, DOD December 23, 1971, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, reported by his daughter, Kate Knapp

Other - Doris Mitchell, friend/honorary member, DOD February 10, 2016, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported by her friend, Marie Anderson Johnson



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