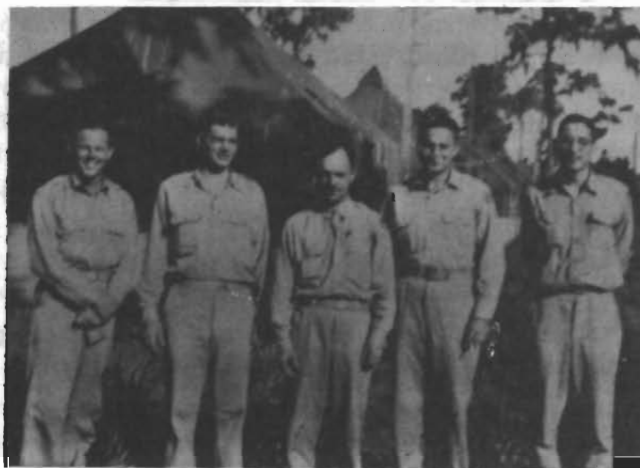


**The FLIGHT SURGEONS OF THE 449TH**

A special thank-you to these men for tending our aches and varieties of wounds and illnesses...

- L to Rt;
- Wm. Conway, 718th
- Cecil Pettersen, Group
- Edwin Gammell, 717th
- Earl Scott, 716th
- George Clark, 719th



.....and to all of the Medical Techs and specialists of all four Bomb Squadrons....to the men of the ambulances, to the men of the needles!

**449th Bomb Group Association (WW2)**

**"FLYING HORSEMEN"**

Hey, all 449ers, WW2!!!!  
 Plans are underway for the First Reunion (and the 40th Anniversary) of the "Fightin' Flyin' Horsemen"! The Place: Tucson, Ariz...naturally! (place of origin)



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 TUCSON IN '83**

## “Do You Remember.....?”

Digging all those air raid trenches around the tents and huts? But especially the day when the order came to fill them all in and in general “clean up” the area? Between those first days of jumping into those trenches for “bed-check Charlie” and watching his flares drift down, waiting for his one bomb to impact, watching the anti aircraft English artillery crews rotate their guns, and the near final days of absent trenches we each subconsciously selected emergency cover spots? And how many of the fellows either stumbled into a mud filled trench, were pushed, or actually opted for the mud rather than the possible near impact of Charlie’s drop?

That endless supply of spam and peanut butter...how come, of all the ships that were torpedoed in trans-Atlantic crossings, the peanut butter & spam ship always managed to get thru?

And how each hut and tent saved their goody packages from home for a once per month of smorgasbord? Plus the locally stomped bottle of vino?

Why was it that the truck ride into Taranto was much smoother than the return ride? And why did those olive presses in every Italian village manage to send a few extra men to the sides of those trucks?

Whose idea was it to carry a spare distributor when going to Bari? Must have been the English from across the runway!

And speaking of those Englishmen, across the runway...with their Wellington Wimpys and their bi-plane amphibians (I believe they were called “Walruses”).....who else sweat out the peel-off on mission return to see one of those Walruses sitting right smack in the middle of the runway, at touchdown point?...and hearing Control politely asking them to get the hell off?.....and, of course, the Libs kept right on coming, if even to take that amphib right under the landing gear! But of course they managed to trickle off in time for the first 24 to touch down!

and, in visiting Bari....your first encounter with the lettering on the water taps in the John...plus that “hole” in the floor...the two taps were lettered “F” and “C”.....and naturally the “C” stood for Caldo (meaning hot!) and the “F” meant Freddo, or cold! Luckily the so-called hot water really wasn’t that hot!

and in Taranto.....the mixture of uniforms! Indian Sikhs....Greeks....the Scots in their kilts....the English hob nailed boots....the various Navy jumpers and ribboned berets....and the long queue (line, that is) at the British ENSA....what was the name of that Theatre? also the name of that little one in Grottaglie? and do you know why the last rows to be filled at that large theatre in Taranto were the ones directly under the balcony? and that liquid wasn’t orange squash!

and especially the quiet of the night during “stand-down”.....and the quiet of the briefing room when the Chaplain was called upon?.....but especially the warmth and pride you felt when the debriefings were over and we learned that all aircraft returned with but minor wounds at the most .....coupled with that “well done” when the aiming point was clobbered!

*.....the Reunion will be filled with many more!!*



*.....and the day some fighter pilot tried  
to fly his P-51 thru the large hangar?*

## 2nd Newsletter Dedication

The Newsletter of the 12th Oct 1982 was dedicated to all 449ers....from all areas of the Bomb Group....from its inception 1 May 1943 to its WW2 transfer....for all ranks, for those living and for those gone!

This 2nd Newsletter is dedicated to those 449ers who flew the first thirteen B-24's from the U.S. to Italy....on Operations Order 200, Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, 29th November 1943.

The Ops Order lists the following B-24H aircraft Pilots, all crew members, and all passengers (Group Hqs, Sqdn Hqs staffs, plus other flight crews);

Acrft #	Pilot	Acrft #	Pilot
41-28623	Col. D. Alkire	42-7747	Councill
41-52117	Fergus	42-7715	Whodle
41-29203	Meade	41-28594	Frones
42-7691	Garrison	42-7732	Geisel
41-29215	Thieme	42-52155	Gentry
42-52126	Woltkamp	42-7716	Polink
42-52106	Stephens		

The route was via South America, to Casablanca (Africa), and on to Grottaglie Air Base, Italy. En route, Capt. Councill, 719th C.O. and the Ops Staff ( a total of 10 crew men and 4 passengers) crashed in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. The other 12 aircraft became the first 449th Combat aircraft.

To all these 449ers aboard all aircraft departing Morrison Army Air Field, this 2nd Newsletter is dedicated! (a copy of the Ops Order with the complete names of all those aboard can be seen at the Reunion!)

Several of these men will be there.....!



449<sup>th</sup> C.O.s

OUR RECORD AS A FIGHTING GROUP IS ENVIABLE. WE HAVE DESTROYED THE ENEMY AND HIS INSTALLATIONS WHEREVER WE HAVE FOUND HIM. YOUR COMRADESHIP, BORN IN COMBAT, HAS BECOME OUR SPIRIT. LET US NOT FORGET OUR BATTLES IN THE SKY, OUR BOMBS BURSTING UPON THE NAZI; THE HUN, THE COLD, THE RAIN, OUR SWEAT AND TOIL, SEEKING ALWAYS TO IMPROVE AND EXCEL IN WHATEVER TASK WE ARE GIVEN.

*Jack Handley*



GROTTAGLIE AIR BASE, ITALY  
....former Italian Airfield Admin Bldg.,  
used as the Group Headquarters Bldg. 449th.

# 449th BOMB GROUP AIRCRAFT!

<b>SILVER BABE</b>	(so named because she was the first aircraft in the Group in her shiny aluminum instead of combat green)
<b>HUMPTY DUMPTY RAG-A-DAS</b>	12-27-44 (returned from a Brenner Pass mission with her plexiglass all covered with blackening of residue of oil, smoke, from a sister ship that blew up right in front of her; some aileron and elevator surfaces were gone and an emergency landing completed safely by crew)..716th piloted by McGrath.
<b>PRINCESS HELEN ONE NIGHT STAND PISTOL PACKIN MAMA</b>	(a 716th ship; downed over Regensburg. A special Stars & Stripes strip was made of her flight)
<b>TOUCH ME NOT STAR DUST....</b>	(a famous aircraft...after many sorties went into hangar queen status and resurrected for the final sorties)
<b>LONESOME? SHIRLEY JEAN</b>	(completed 100 msns, a 716th ship)....later crash-landed in Russia.)
<b>MIS-CHIEF CLASSY CHASSIS</b>	(first to complete 50 msns without an early return; a 717th aircraft that completed 87 sorties. (Col. Darr Alkires' aircraft) (a 718th) (a 717th number 33, blew up on take-off, Aug 15, 44.
<b>LURCHIN URCHIN RACY TOMATO MISS—N-MOAN.... BUCKET OF BOLTS.... YE OLDE RUGGED CURSE.... WOODSCHOPPER.... LOVELY HEADS.... BOOM-BOOM.... BY-FONG CLUB.... BIG NOISE FROM KENTUCKY.... QUEEN BEE.... HEADING HOME.... HEY MAC.... UMBRIAGO.... KAYO.... DARLING VI.... MISS LEE.... DRAGGIN WAGGIN.... MAY STRICKNINE.... DEVIL'S HENCHMEN.... LADY IN THE DARK.... SUNSHINE</b>	a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th a 718th old nr 5, flew 77 sorties..a 719th. a 716th nr 54...a 717th also nr 54...a 717th nr 6...a 719th Jan 44 with Isgrigs crew. with Claybaughs crew in 716th with Powers crew in 716th with Messingers crew in 716th a 716th (serial no. 42-52106...MIA 3-29-44...became captured by Germans who flew her as a propaganda aircraft, landing her as a propaganda aircraft, landing her in N. Italy Apr 9, 44 with a nr 428 on her nose) One of the orig aircraft from U.S. to Grottaglie AB flight. (number 456)
<b>SALTY DOG.... GHOST O'THE OMAR LITTLE BEAVER/RED RYDEK FICKLE FINGER THE WISE VIRGIN II.... EVERYBODYS BABY LIL JO TODDY</b>	(named for a Kansas City Ballroom — or a Topeka hangout)  flown by Harmons crew.

OUR BABY  
HOT TO GO  
WEARY WILLIE  
THE SHACK

HARPERS FERRY.... a 718th...flew 86 msns

BUZZER.... a 719th...flew 77 msns

FOREVER AMBER.... a 718th

BUTCHY DARLIN.... a 718th

THE INHOOMIN CRITTER

SOPHISTICATED LADY

THUNDER BAY "BABE" (named after the Lake Bay at Aplena, Mich)

EIGHT BALL.... number 13...a 718th

ORE SHACK

SLEEPY TIME GAL

SAGITARIUS

BORN TO LOSE

(from the 451st & was to be changed to "Hoosier Honey" but flew the 4-4-44 msn and went in)...a 719th

PAPER DOLL....

also went on the 4-4-44 msn and went in...a 719th ship.

VALIANT VIRGIN....

716th...nose picture was cut out & is on display at Harlingen TX museum.

(and more names coming in.....)

## 1st Pres. Unit Citation to the 449th....

The Bucharest, Romania mission of 4-4-44 became the first 449th Presidential Unit Citation mission; here are the tolls of enemy aircraft taken that day:

### Confirmed Kills

32 ME 109s  
6 FW 190s  
1 ME 113  
1 ME 110  
40 Kills

### Probables

6 ME 109s  
5 FW 190s  
2 JU 88s  
13 Probables

### Damaged

5 ME 109s  
1 FW 190  
6 total Damaged

for a total of 59 aircraft.

The 449th was cited for its outstanding efforts of that day.....with the entire Romanian Air Force centered upon the Group.....and unescorted by any allied fighters. The 449th was credited with destroying the Romanian Air Force that day of 4-4-44.....the low box lost 5 of the 6 aircraft going into the target area.....a prior aircraft had turned back.....the Group lead was Lt.Col. Gent.....the low box was lead by Tony Polink and that 719th Sqdn really took the brunt of the fighter attacks. The downed aircraft of that mission were piloted by Polink, McCormick, Kendall, Garrison, and Thieme; 449th casualties of these 5 aircraft were; 3 killed in Polink's, 5 killed in McCormicks, 3 killed in Kendalls, 8 killed in Garrisons and 10 killed in Thieme's plane. Many of the survivors sustained injuries (not listed) and possibly of the returning aircraft, others may have died (unknown at this writing). The number of injuries of those completing that mission is not known.....the total of 29 KIA above is furnished by John M. McCormick, who states that over 200 enemy fighters attacked that day!

"FLYING HORSEMEN" roster continued from the first newsletter, dated 12 Oct 82.....these are listed in the order of correspondence received, as were the first 86 names contained in that first newsletter. Following the first reunion we intend to print an organizational roster with all of the names, addresses, etc listed in alphabetic order.....for mailing to all members, for record purposes and better referencing.....in the meantime, the coordinator does have a 3x5 card file maintained in alpha order when he began to run into duplication of references by members writing in names for contact! Add these to your first list of names:

Frederick C. Skolfield, 2598 Valleydale Dr., Conyers, Ga 30207 (717th pilot from Feb 44 to May 44).....Denver R. Barnett, PO Box 466, West Middlesex, PA 16159 (719th Sqdn).....Robert F. Clark, 7301 Sherbrook Blvd., Upper Darby, PA 19082 (717th Comm Tech who also stood guard dy over the B-24's).....D.L. Bohannon, 1631 So. San Carla, Green Valley, AZ 85614 (718th Armanent O from beginning to Mid 44).....William C. Apgar, Lt.Col. USAF Retd, 3608 Embudito N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111 (719th pilot '44).....Warren M. Wykel, Col USAFR Retd, 486 Circlewood Dr., Venice, FL

33595 (717th pilot, Oct 44 to May 45...shot down on mission to Vienna, crash landed in Hungary & ret'd to fly more msns).....**J.C. Ash**, 1524 Wagon Train SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 (719th Nav Bombdr, Nov 44 to May 45).....**Ralph W. Turner**, 1577 River Rd., Brunswick, Maine 04011 (S Sgt in Group Ops).....**John R. Cline**, Lt.Col. USAF Retd, PO Drawer 1503, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (717th Armament O).....**Kermit F. Snell**, PO Box 356, Leoti, Kans 67861 (717th...from beginning to May 45).....**James E. Petersen**, Col. USAF Retd, 415 Champlain Dr., Claremont, CA 91711 (Group Adjutant from May 43 to Aug 45).....**David W. Tack**, 533 N. Main St., Fond du Lac, Wisc 54935 (Nav for Giesel, in 719th from Aug 43 to Jun 44, 50 msns).....**Vernon R. Dickson**, 8351 E. 4th St., Tucson AZ 85710 (flew in "Sunshine". In orig cadre).....**Herb Martin**, 3540 Elderland, Franklin Park, ILL 60131 (718th pilot, in orig cadre).....**T.J. Tobin**, 4017 S. Newportway, Denver, Colo 80237 (718th Engr O, orig grp).....**Don Ullman**, 10327 N. Versailles, 39 West, Mequon, Wisc (718th orig Sqdn Bombdr, to Group Bomdr and to 47th Wing as Project O).....**William Conway**, M.D., 27 Monroe Av, Larchmont, NY (Flt Sgn 718th, orig grp).....**Al Romeo**, 13 Birchwood Rd., Medford, NY 11763 (718th Nav OCt 44 to May 45).....**Ed Gomer**, 246 Crescent, Dougaston, NY 11362 (716th gunner..on "Princess Helen"; Jul 44 to Mar 45, 50 msns).....**Robert M. Miller** Lt.Col USAF Retd, 1820 N.E. 5th Pl, Ocala, Fla 32670 (knocked down on 2nd msn, at Schwechat.....crew got 3 frs, P-38's a 4th, survived the crash landing as co-pilot and made a successful 23 day evasion.....was being given Pilot check out by Lt. Martin Rouse, wonder what happened to him?).....**Dr. John R. Allen, Jr.** 305 E. 5th St., Waverly, Ohio 45690 (716th medic...now a Veterinarian & County Commissioner).....**Sherman F. Ashby**, 633 N. 11th St., Geneva, Nebr 68361 (in medic sectn).....**Russ Bannister**, 1116 So. 3rd, Box 290, Washington, Iowa 52353 (asmt unkn).....**Eric F. Bessels**, 11 Walworth Ave, Scarsdale, NY 10583 (Grp Hqs S/Sgt).....**Auty O. Blanton, Jr.** (USAF Retd...member of Charlotte AFA Chapter) 1418 Redcoat Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211.....**Joe W. Bush**, 140 Water St., Waterville, Ohio 43566 (flt crew, asmt unkn).....**Robert H. Crimmings**, East Park Towers 111 (Apt 5DN) 11 St, Racine, Wisc (former First Sgt in one of the Bomb Sqdns).....**J.D. Curtis, Jr.** 3401 Ave. A, Snyder, TX 79549 (asmt unkn).....**Thomas Ray Custer**, Rt 3, Box 346, Kilgore, TX 75662 (in Grp Hqs).....**Ralph C. Donnelly**, 53 So. Grove St., Freeport, NY 11520 (flt crew in a BS).....**Earl J. Elliott**, 504 N. Mound St, Nacadoches, TX 75961 (in Grp Hqs).....**Gordon K. Finnemore**, 6325 Utah Ave, N, Minneapolis, Minn 55428 (medic in a BS).....**Rocco V. Garramone, Jr.** 4033 W. Parker Ave, Chicago, ILL 60639 (in Grp Hqs).....**Leonard D. Hill**, Lt.Col USAF Retd, PO Box 3359, Carson City, Nev 89702 (Adj't of the Grp Hqs Medic Sectn).....**George B. Kennedy** 7715 Takoma Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20012 (former Officer representative for the Red Cross in the 449th).....**Willis Knoll**, 206 E. 30th St, Holland, Mich 49423 (a Sgt in a BS).....**Ed G. Latak**, 4360 Salem Dr, Blasdell, NY 14219 (a Sgt in a BS med sectn).....**James W. Murphy**, 9231 Lawndale Ave, Evergreen Park, Ill 60642 (Sgt in Grp Hqs).....**J. Donald Osier**, 248 E. Seneca St., Sherrill, NY 13461 (link trnr instr in Grp Hos; Jun 44-May 45).....**Arthur Ray Null**, 12713 E. McGee Dr. Whittier, CA 90602 (Lt. in Grp Hqs).....**William F. Nettekoven**, Rt 1, Box 140B, Stillwater, Minn 55082...716th, Nav on Andersons Crew but became a POW on 28 Dec 44 flying with another crew.)

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**Morris J. Padia**, 8113 So. Strub Ave, Whittier, CA 90602 (a Lt in Grp Ops).....**George J. Papadopoulos**, 6933 Eastbrook Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224 (718th medic).....**Peter Petrovic**, 5708 Bayshore Dr, Seminole, Fla 33542 (in a BS).....**Robert R. Riffle**, Box 138, Laughlintown, PA 15655 (Mail clerk in Grp Hqs).....**Charles E. Sarver**, 642 W. Market St, Troy, Ohio 45373 (in the Grp Hqs Awards & Dectns office, completed the battle casualty reports).....**Elmo S. Dooley**, 148 Mattson St, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501 (717th BS, with Wykle in crash landing & survival escape).....**James E. Richey**, Box 127, McDermott, Ohio 45652 (717th ball gnr & photog.).....**Richard T. Ashbury**, 415 Bond Pl 2C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206 (717th pilot).....**Judson L. Dailey**, Rt 1, Patriot, Ohio 45658 (asmt unkn).....**Emil K. Brenckman**, LtCol USAF Retd, 7101 Falling Springs, Ft. Worth, TX 76116 (Grp Bombdr; Oct 44 to May 45).....**Frank R. Oswald**, 1968 So 14th St., Milwaukee, Wisc (717th Bombdr).....**Joe Reznick**, 925 Oaklawn, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 or 27014 (in Grp Hqs).....**Fred Route**, 6260 Teller St, Arvada, Colo 30003 (Tail gnr on Gentrys crew).....**Merle E. (Andy) Anderson**, Lt.Col USAF Retd, 8073 Poulson St., Citrus Hts., CA 95610 (716th Pilot; flhing for Amer Corp in Saudia Arabia).....**Merle H. (Bud) Bergeson**, 2730 So. St. Aubin, Sioux City, Iowa 51106 (716th Nav on Cornmawwlis' crew).....**Robert L. Blackwood**, 48 Oakwood Dr, Chapel Hill, NC (zip ?) (716th bombdr).....**Robert Diehl**, 223 So. 34th St, Allentown, PA 18104 (nose turret/photog in 716th).....**Bill Hamby**, 8811 Canoga Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91304 (asmt unkn).....**Walt Humphrey**, 1005 5th St, Zephyrhills, Fla 33599 (former injured P-38 pilot reasgd as 716th Pers Equip O).....**William C. Kilroy**, 11 Glendale Rd, So. Portland, Maine 04106 (radio op on Andersons crew).....**William W. Langdon** 142 Hillside Dr., Shelton, Wash 98584 (716th; career gunner).....**John Lawson**, 931 Crafford, Bushnell, Ill 61422 (tail gnr on Andersons Crew in 716th).....**John J. Mattson**, 3311 May, Silver Springs, MD 20906 (pilot in 716th).....**Lincoln N. Molinari**,

104 Gloucester Rd, Massapequa, NY 11758 (ball turret gnr on Andersons crew).....**Leroy P. Muse**, (Rt 1, Box 37, Geary, Okla 74030 (Flt Engr 716th, Andersons crew).....**Tony Orsini**, 33 Surrey Lane, Colonia, NJ 07067 (Nav in 716th, on Wildings crew).....**Charles Jordan**, Col USAF Retd, 664 Oxford St, Longwood, Fla 32750 (718th Sqdn C.O. mid 44 to May 45).....**Henry C. Schumann** 14812 Evey Turn, Woodbridge, VA 22193 (718th crew bombdr; Aug 44-May 45).....**Bill Clark**, Box 633, Alturas, CA 96101 (tail gnr on Hagens crew in 718th).....**K.E. Yarian**, 1595 W. Main, Alliance, Ohio 44601 (flt engr on Germinders crew; flew in "Classy Chassis"; from Alamogordo 43 to May 44; now owns Heating & Air Cond Co.).....**Benedict Yedlin**, 1000 Herrontown Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540 (719th ball gnr; Apr to Sep 44).....**Robert Jackson**, PO Box 2742, Abilene, Kans 79604 (718th mechanic; now owns a Hwy Constr bus.).....**Frank Jordan**, 1016 W. Myrtle St, Independence, Kans 67301, (718th sheet metal; now owns a htg & Air Cond bus.).....**David Crockett**, Rt 3, Box 184, Franklin, GA 30217 (718th sheet metal; retired from Genl Motors, Atlanta).....**Reginald L. Ferguson**, 246 Wesley Circle, Macon, GA 31204 (Flt Engr on "Forever Amber" and "Butchy Darlin" in 718th).....**Myles E. O'Neill**, 95 Garvin Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31098 (on a 719th crew).....**George A. Carter**, 5700 N. Queen Rd, Plymouth, Ind. 46563 (tail gnr on Fouts crew in 718th).....**Mack Baker**, 4744 Amity Pl, Charlotte, NC 28212 (ball gnr on Hagens crew in 718th).....**Russell Donavon**, Rt 1, Box 175, Milton, Dela 19968 (flt engr on Hagens crew in 718th).....**William C. Allen**, Col. USAF Retd, 1870 Battlefield Rd, Marietta, GA 30064 (719th C.O. Sep 44 to May 45; has fully recovered from several eye ops).....**William W. Martin**, 824 Linden Ave, Pleasantville, NJ 08232 (716th Bombdr & nose gnr).....**William Bolt**, 3317 Bouvier St, Rowlett, TX 75088 (716th pilot; shot down on day of his promotion party and became POW).....**R.J. Thoensen**, 5819 No. West Blvd, Davenport, Iowa 52806 (717th elec specialist from origin thru duration).....**George Blase**, 8222 Church Rd, St. Louis, MO 63147 Group Ops O).....**Charles R. (Dick) Dacey**, 7 Dunster Path, West Yarmouth, Mass 02673 (716th pilot from Bruning & compltd his tour).

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## 449th Bomb Group members of the Romanian POW Assoc;\*

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(the following names of former 449th were supplied by the Association of Former Prisoners of War in Romania rosters; our own Tony Polink, 449th BG Assoc member has served as part-Pres. of this Organization...also John M. McCormick & Bob Lynch!

The 449th BG Assoc anxiously urges and awaits a reply from the following list of our 449th crew members, and members of the Romanian POW Assoc., to please contact the coordinator for roster info (former Sqdn, flt position, names of aircraft, and some of your historical reports).

Ames, Paul	24 Princeton Dr, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675
Balch, Charles W.	191 Bellmue Ave., West Haven, Conn 06516
Blanchard, Keller J.	31 Poplar Dr., Shalimar, Fla 32579
Bontly, William C.	724 N. Ringold St., Janesville, Wisc 53545
Boyles, George B.	PO Box 105, Calhoun City, MS 38916
Brazzale, Guido N.	Box 133, Lakeville, Conn 06039
Brioli, Amarico J.	1401 So. Spring St., Mishawaka, Ind 46544
Carter, Lucious	6695 Marlborough Circle, College Park, CA 30349
Chadwick, Percival A.	37 Hemlock Dr., Milford, Conn 06460
Chonka, John	3210 Ashmont Lane, Missouri City, TX 77459
Edmund P. Cordery	8 Weston Ct., Wexford, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
Daniels, George D.	1016 Brownfield, Mesquite, TX 75150
Deringer, George A.	435 Liberty St., Ada, Ohio 45810
Draminski, Edward R.	1630 Valencia Way, Reston, VA 22090
Elsrod, Ivan L.	72 Buttermilk Rd., Richmond, Ind 47374
Fugere, Lucien C.	PO Box 232, Colo. Springs, Colo 80901
Gibbs, Roy W.	1028 N. 78th Ave., Omaha, Nebr.
Goodman, Saul D.	439 N. 5th St., Columbia, PA 17512
Hartman, John E.	Box 64, New Ringgold, PA 17960
Herres, Francis J.	571 Lyman Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Hoover, Otho	PO Box 22, Ashland, MS 38603
Igou, James M.	Rt 4, Box 102, Lakeland Dr., Monroe, NC 28110
Jarrard, John H.	Rt. 4, Box 210, Dahlonega, GA 30533
Johnnsen, Glenn F.	11567 Madrone Ct., Auburn, GA 95603
Kendall, Richard W.	1216 Lariat Dr., Bartlesville, OK 74003
Lahr, Paul A.	53 Bryant Pl., Stratford, Conn 06497
Lawless, Elmer N.	912 E. 7th St., Lamar, MO
Labato, Eulalio B.	563 Potter Dr., Colo Springs, Colo 80909
Lowe, Jesse Q.	Rt 6, Box 159, Lucedale, MS 39452
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Martin, Joseph	Misty Way, Hemet, CA 92343
McDowell, Joseph W.	PO Box 41, Sandia Park, NM 87047
Powell, Elvin G.	178 Osborne Lane, Southport, Conn 06490
Rhoades, John J. (Jack)	7211 Delta Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117
Rogers, Dale E.	25816 Altho Dr., San Bernadino, CA 92404
Roth, Martin E.	220 Ocean Blvd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
Rothenberg, George F.	4970 Cascade Rd., SW, Atlanta, GA 30331
Schattler, Howard F.	268 Lark Lane, Folsom, CA 95630
Schmitz, Robert K.	6819 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75214
Sharpless, Edward J.	PO Box 663, Kenneth Sq, PA 19348
Sherman, Willard M.	Foamer Rd., Southampton, Mass 01073
Temchulla, Frank Jr.	4205 McCreary Rd., Erie, PA 16526
Ware, James R.	1184 Spruce St., Berkley, CA 94707
Zimmerman, John L.	3600 So. 6th SP F-6, Cottage Grove, Ore 97424

\*NOTE—The above 449ers are in roster by the above listings; please contact the Coordinator by mailing your response and include your 449th assignment historys.

We have just learned of the passing of Robert A. Hoggatt, former 449th, an active member in the Romanian POW Assoc....he is survived by his wife, Helen. His passing occurred on 11 Dec 1982, his address was; 13239 Bonanza, Sun City, Arizona.

# FIRST REUNION



## TUCSON, ARIZ. 4, 5, 6 NOV. 83

Mark your calendars! Start planning to attend!!!! Hotel information, a schedule of events, and programs will be published in following Newsletters!

Your Assoc. Cabinet (Pro-Tem) is: Dick Downey, Pres/Coordinator/Newsletters. Col. Jack Randolph, Vice. Pres./Programs. F. "Jack" Kruckmeyer, ~~██████~~ Treas. Don Lapham, Historian/Publicity. Vern Dickson, Board Member. Chas. Crowe, Board Member. Bill Allen, Board Member. Earl Rhine, Displays.

A planning meeting was held in Tuscon this March 14, 15 & 16 which: (a) elected the above Cabinet (pro-tem), (b) adopted a 449th Bomb Grp Assoc Constitution, (c) toured the D-M AFB and Pima Air Museum for Reunion tour, and (d) outlined the general plans for the Reunion!

As a Non-Profit Organization, we can only exist by your donations. The Pro-Tem Cabinet has started the ball rolling but more donations are needed for a successful and memorable Reunion....programs, reunion items, newsletters (which require 240 copies, 8 pages per cy, and still growing), stamps, stationery. All expenditures are itemized, all donations itemized, all donations are tax deductible!

SEND YOUR CHECKS TO-DAY, To: J. Kruckmeyer, Treas. 449th BG  
600 E. Naranja Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704

Plan to Come Early & Stay Late!...but mostly be in Tucson for the Reunion Events of the 4th, 5th and 6th of November 1983!

449<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP