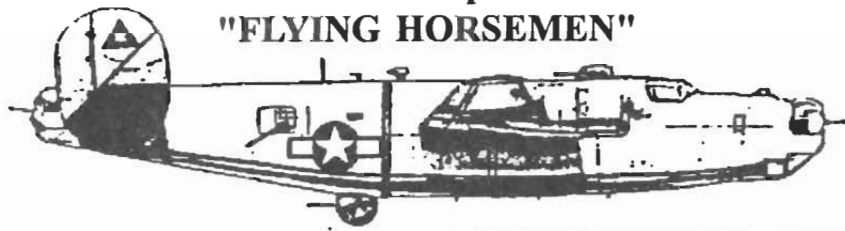




**449th Bomb Group Association  
"FLYING HORSEMEN"**



OCTOBER '96

(FOLLOWING INFO. SUPPLEMENT)

449TH BOMB GROUP (WW2)

## **15TH AIR FORCE ASSN. INFO. HAS BEEN ADDED TO AFA 50!**

All previous plans had been explained in the October 96 "LATE PASS" that was mailed out just a few weeks ago. We indicated that a "follow on" newsletter would follow. **AND THIS IS IT!**

In this envelope you will find the "Advance Reg. Form" for the two 449th events in the overall AFA 50 Reunion. These have not changed; Squadron Dinner on Wed. evening at the "Stardust" and our Thurs. a.m. Memorial Breakfast and business session.

With the inclusion of the 15th AF's Reunion, their registration form and explanation is included in this mailing, **we can still hold our 449th two activities and not miss other AFA 50 or 15th AF Reunion activities.**

However you must read over the 15th AF info. before fully completing your selection of events.

It is now possible to attend the 15th AF Assn. events, our own 449th two events and attend selected events of the AFA 50 program. So it is left to each of you to review the materials before selecting your program.

In all three cases you need to complete the 449th Adv. Reg. Sheet for the two 449th scheduled events. Mail this form to the Treasurer; J.B. Miller.

We still register rooms at the "STARDUST" per instructions in the Oct. "LATE PASS". Events with the 15th AF Assn. will be held at the Riviera Hotel, just across the street from us ....

**IMPORTANT: The CANYON TOUR is scheduled to depart at 1000 on Saturday** and they are being understanding regarding the late deposit date previously printed, so in order to get seats to be sure and **send in your deposits NOW!**

The **1997 Tour info.** is enclosed on another page, it is **still on also!!!**

You must **make your tour reservations ASAP** -- the Europe or Canyon Tour, or both.

**UPDATE ANALYSIS:** We have three "Reunion/Conventions" going on at the same time. Imagine how your Assoc. reunion planners have had to "deal with this"! We will need to register with all three, if we plan to attend any of their functions. **We have listed a day-by-day function** for you to consider in order to get all out of the complete "extravaganza" and still have an evening left "free", for you or your crew, friends, etc. to see other areas of the Las Vegas area. (this day-by-day is on another page).

## OVERALL REVISED SCHEDULE

### DAILY EVENTS:

incorporating all three "reunions"; the AFA 50; the 15th Assn.; and our 449th BG.

- APR 22; Tues:           449th Registration, Stardust.  
                               15th Assn. Registration at the Riviera Hotel (across the street)  
                               50 AFA Welcome Reception and Registration; at the Convention Center  
                               (reception 5pm-7pm).
- APR 23; Wed:           449th Registration at Stardust.  
                               15 Assn. Registration at Riviera Hotel.  
                               15th Combat Theater (a continuous running film from 0900 to 1630 hrs.)  
                               50 AFA Aerospace Exhibition; Convention Center  
                               15th Assn. Welcome Reception; Riviera, 5-7pm.  
                               449th Squadron Dinners; Stardust Hotel.
- APR 24; Thurs:       15th Assn. Combat Theater running film; 0900-1630 hrs.  
                               449th Memorial Breakfast 0745 am; Stardust.  
                               449th Business Meeting 1000 hrs.; Stardust.  
                               50 AFA Aerospace Exhibition; Convention Center.  
                               15th Assn. Luncheon; Honoring their 15th AF Commander; open to all 15th registrants;  
                               Riviera Hotel.  
                               Thursday evening; open for all individuals, crews, etc. to visit or see items of your choice.
- APR 25; Fri:           50 AFA Anniversary Air Show; Nellis AFB  
                               War birds, static displays, aerial demonstration teams.  
                               15th Assn. Banquet (coats required ... all other occasions casual attire) Riviera Hotel;  
                               Patriotic show and Parade. Reception starts at 6pm.
- APR 26; Sat:           15th Assn. Breakfast 0800 buffet; Riviera  
                               15th Assn. Memorial Service & Wreath laying.  
                               Scheduled CANYON TOUR to depart at 1000 am. (Canyon Tour persons to go to  
                               Stardust Hotel at "Break") If not on Canyon Tour, you can attend the 15th a.m. events  
                               and return by 1030 am to Stardust.
- Remember:**       Registration for 50 AFA is at the Convention Center;  
                               Registration for the 15th Assn. is at the Riviera Hotel.  
                               Registration for the 449th is right in our Stardust.
- To take in all of the above one must register for all three organizations.

**DETAILS:**           **Tickets for the 449th and 15th Assn. events will be in your registration packets when you check in with them. Tickets for the 50 AFA Events will be mailed to you in March of 1997. (see page 5 of your October LATE PASS.)**

**\*\*\* NOTE: MAIL THIS FORM TO THE 15TH AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION \*\*\***

**15TH AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION  
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM  
LAS VEGAS REUNION 22-26 APRIL 1997**

1. Mail this form or a copy with check or money order for **full payment** to the 15th Air Force Association, P.O. Box 6325, March AFB, CA 92518.

2. Make all checks or money orders payable to 15th AFA Reunion.

3. We expect record attendance and all 15th AFA activities will be reserved on a first-come basis. Reservations will be confirmed by mailing you a blue 15th AFA confirmation card. Please allow 4-6 weeks for receipt. Please retain the card and present it at the reunion registration counter.

4. Late registration (receipt after 23 March) may not be confirmed, but will be passed to the Reunion Committee. **WE ENCOURAGE IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION.** Full refund will be made if written cancellation is received at our Post Office Box no later than 13 April. After 13 April, refund is subject to charges by caterers and vendors. No refunds will be made for partial attendance.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY:**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (MI) (last)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ 15AF Group \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(names)

Any Additional Guests \_\_\_\_\_  
(names)

**Note:** All guests/family members/neighbors are most welcome and will be made part of our 15th Air Force "family". All attendees must pay for the reunion package as listed below.

Hotel Reservations at \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE LAS VEGAS REUNION PACKAGE**.....\$143.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(each) (no. attend) (total)

**15TH AFA MEMBERSHIP DUES (optional) .....** \$15 (Annual) or \$150 (Life) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT PAYABLE TO 15TH AFA REUNION).....** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION**

(please type or print clearly)

**FILL OUT A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT, OTHER THAN YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST.** Make a copy for your records. Mail to: **AFA Registration, P.O. Box 9129, Silver Spring, MD 20916-9129 or fax to: 301-933-3884.**

**Registration fee MUST accompany this form or registration cannot be processed.**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. dollars (in check or money order only) for those events checked above.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. dollars to my credit card, as indicated:

VISA       MasterCard       American Express

Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as printed on Badge)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name as printed on Badge)

Co./Reunion/Affiliation: 449th BOMB GP. (WW2)  
"Flying Horsemen"

Credit Card Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(P.O. Boxes not accepted)

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder's Signature

I will be staying at \_\_\_\_\_ hotel.



AFA supports the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Please indicate here if you require assistance.

I am a veteran of service in the armed forces of the United States.

**All cancellations must be received in writing. No cancellations can be taken over the phone. A \$20 service fee will be charged for all cancellations. After April 7, 1997, there will be no refunds.**

<b>Registration Form must be accompanied by check or money order (in U.S. dollars), payable to "AFA" or credit card authorization.</b>	<b>Special/Early Registration</b> Postmarked prior to Feb. 15, 1997	<b>Regular Registration</b> Postmarked after Feb. 15, 1997	<b># Of Tickets</b> (circle one)	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>REGISTRATION (required for each participant)</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>1 or 2</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Tues., April 22 - Welcome Reception (Conv. Ctr. 5pm-7pm)	\$10.00	\$20.00	1 or 2	\$ _____
Wed., April 23 - International Airpower Reception (Conv. Ctr.)	\$10.00	\$20.00	1 or 2	\$ _____
Wed., April 23 & Thurs., April 24 International Airpower Symposium (includes both days) (Conv. Ctr.)	\$150.00	\$175.00	1 or 2	\$ _____
Thurs., April 24 - 50th Anniversary Reception & Pre-show Buffet OR Anniversary Reception & Post-show Dinner Table of ten (10) (FOR POST-SHOW DINNER) (Conv. Ctr.)	\$30.00 \$125.00 \$1,250.00	\$40.00 \$125.00 \$1,250.00	1 or 2	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
Thurs., April 24 Anniversary Show (at HILTON HOTEL) MATINEE . . . . . (Seating is assigned & . . . . . 2pm-3:30pm) EVENING . . . . . limited for both shows) . . . . . 7pm-8:30pm)	\$40.00 \$40.00	\$50.00 \$50.00	1 or 2 1 or 2	\$ _____ \$ _____
Round-trip transportation shuttle from hotels to Convention Center (3 days-Tues., Wed., Thurs.)	\$17.00	\$23.00	1 or 2	\$ _____
Round-trip transportation from Las Vegas to Nellis AFB Please indicate which day - <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 25th <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 26th	\$11.00 (per day)	\$15.00 (per day)	1 or 2	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL .....</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Special offer for non-members, "AIR FORCE FIFTY" introductory, AFA Membership (18 months for the price of 12 months, FREE 6 month bonus)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED .....</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

## ITINERARY FOR EUROPEAN TOUR AND GROTTAGLIE AIR BASE

Taranto	1 night	(Deltino Hotel or similar)
Sorrento	1 night	(Sorrento Palace, Vesuvio, Villa Parco Hotel or similar)
Rome	2 nights	(Visconti Palace, San Griogio, Massimo Hotel or similar)
Florence	2 nights	(Majestic, Londra, Jolly Hotel or similar)
Venice/Mestre	2 nights	(Ramada, Plaza, Bologna, Stazione Hotel or similar)
Vienna	2 nights	* (to be advised)
Salzburg	2 nights	* (to be advised)
Munich	2 nights	* (to be advised)

\* To be advised when we have dates and confirmation (SEE OCT. "LATE PASS" p.19).

NOTE: Supplements may apply if Venice accommodations fall on Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights.

### TOUR FEATURES

**"16 Days"**

**DATE:** OCT. 1997, Leave N.Y. OCT. 2, 1997.  
**DEPOSIT:** \$100.00 per person! **MAIL ASAP IN 1996!**  
**COST:** Not to exceed \$2700 per person, double occupancy.

- Accommodations at indicated First Class Hotels or similar with private bath or shower
- Continental/buffet breakfast daily
- 4 dinners with wine (1/2 bottle PP), mineral water (1/2 bottle PP) and coffee at local restaurants: 1 in Vienna; 1 in Munich; 1 in Rome; 1 in Florence
- 7 dinner at hotels (beverages not included) 1 in Taranto; 1 in Sorrento; 2 in Venice; 1 in vienna; 2 in Salzburg
- Half day guided tours: Imperial Rome (including St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum). Florence (including entrance fee to the Accademia Museum); Venice (including entrance fee to the Doge's Palace); Vienna; Salzburg; Munich
- Guided visits en route: Pompeii from Sorrento to Rome (including entrance fee to the excavations); Assisi from Rome to Florence (including the Basilica of St. Francis)
- Full day excursion to Berchtesgaden from Salzburg (including entrance fee)
- Transportation by private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach beginning when group arrives in Bari/Brindisi airport until arrival in Munich
- Venice transfers by private motorlaunches upon arrival and departure from the city: P. Roma / Hotel / P. Roma
- Professional English Speaking Tour Escort throughout
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person throughout
- Hotel taxes and service charges

**ALL THOSE GOING WILL BE CONTACTED BY THE TRAVEL CO. WITH SPECIFICS IN JAN. '97.**

**MAIL DEPOSITS ASAP TO:**

"GOOD FRIENDS TRAVEL SERVICE" 2326 N. AIA, INDIALANTIC, FL 32903.  
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Attention 449 B.G. Association members:

## WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REPRINTING THE THIRD VOLUME OF OUR HISTORY.

"Grottaglie, and Home!" This 496-page, hardbound book captures the history of our bombardment group with rich history and excellent photographs. Book III is filled with stories of unusual adventure, tragedy and sheer luck of those who survived almost certain death. Stories and pictures from almost every state in the Union helped to create Book III, "Grottaglie, and Home!"

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The 8-1/2-by-11, coffee-table-style book will include a printed four-color cover with a laminate 4-color dust jacket depicting "Silver Wings," a painting by Jim Dietz, a foremost aviation artist. He captures the nostalgia of Pilot Al Isaacs going up into his foot locker in his attic 50 years later for a look! Only the finest materials will be used for the reprinted book, including high-quality paper stock and Smyth-sewn bindings for longevity.

**ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY.** The publisher, Turner Publishing Company, is offering a special pre-publication price of \$52.50. The book will be available in time for our reunion in April 1997. We urge you to place your order today -- the publisher cannot guarantee this special price once the book is published! *Remember to order a copy for a son or daughter, or order a copy to donate to your local library.* Your participation is important to make this project a reality.

Watch your mail for more information on this project. The publisher will send you a flyer with more information -- but we urge you to take advantage of this offer today!



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Send your orders (checks made payable to Turner Publishing Company) to:

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## **POST-REUNION TOUR: a SOUTHWEST CANYON/LAND TOUR!** **- to depart Las Vegas, Sat. April 26th, 1997.**

We have planned a Post-9th Reunion Tour of the wonders and beautiful sights of the Southwest U.S. for a 6 day, 5 night tour. We will bus to **ZION NATL. PARK**.. visit **BRYCE CANON**.. **CRUISE LAKE POWELL**... see **GRAND CANYON** (from the South Rim).... travel to **SEDONA, AZ** & visit **TUZIGOOT & MONTEZUMA CASTLE NATL. PARKS** .... ride the **VERDE CANYON RAILROAD** .... have a **CHUCKWAGON DINNER & SHOW AT THE BLAZING "M" RANCH**.... visit **HOOVER DAM** before returning to Las Vegas.

The tour will include 2 I-MAX SHOWS, PARK ADMISSIONS, ... DELUXE BUS, (with driver\* tour guide), First Class rooms, ... 5 Breakfasts and 5 Dinners. Everything is included except gratuity for the Bus driver and Guide. The cost is \$675 per person double occupancy; \$850 for single occupancy (but we will double you up with another "single" tour traveller). A \$370 deposit per person (double or single) is required, ASAP. Send your deposit to: "Good Friends Travel Svc.", 2326 N. AIA, Indialantic, FL 32903 or call Shirley at 1-800-407-0099. Contact the Assn. V.P. and Tours leaders, Lee Kenney 1-(407) 242-8654 for questions.

## **REPRINT HISTORY BOOK III**

As you know our inventory of the 449th History Book III has been depleted for several years. We have studied several ways to again make the book III, "Grotto & Home", available to our membership. We had determined that it would be very hard financially to reprint Book III and also produce a new book IV.

We have found a publishing house willing to take the financial risk for reprinting History Book III. This will relieve the stress of inventorying, shipping & handling and a complete restoration of the preparatory needs to get it on press ... to the 449th treasury!

The contract was signed with the Turner Publishing Company who also have the "Air Force Fifty" book contract. The reprint preparatory work is now underway, it is planned to have this book available before our next reunion rolls around in Vegas in April '97. The Turner Co. is well respected for their military book publishing and has produced a great number of such quality books.

At this juncture, a new book IV is still being contemplated if publishing computer complications can be surmounted! Although the number of stories and content have been overall a disappointment some of the ones we did get are excellent and fresh. Let's not allow your stories to be conspicuous by their absence!

Closer attention to the troublesome computer has been promised and after book III's needs are properly "Put-to-Bed" we shall take a further look and give a progress report on a new book IV.

STAY TUNED!

Dick Asbury-Group Historian

## **2nd EUROPEAN TOUR PLANNED: Register now! (See p.5)** **-- to Italy-Austria-Germany! IN OCT. 1997!**

So many have asked, when is the next tour to Italy? The Sept. '95 Tour was so well received that some want to repeat the tour, and others who could not make the first will now have opportunity to do this one!

It will be almost identical to the '95 Tour but we have added one more day and night in SALZBURG to include a full day excursion to Berchtesgarden and Hitler's Eagle Nest. The rates have gone up a little and estimate rates will not exceed \$2700 per person double occupancy. The trip is planned to leave New York Oct. 2, 1997. The complete tour will take 16 days. A \$100 deposit per person is required and must be made ASAP. Mail to "Good Friends Tvl. Service", 2326 N. AIA, INDIALANTIC, FL. 32903. Everything is included except 1 dinner in Rome, Florence and Munich. Any questions contact; Assn. V.P. Lee Kenney, 1-(407) 242-8654 or Shirley at Good Friends, 1-800-407-0099.

Additional information & instructions will be mailed out to the depositors regarding the tour in early 1997.

**The 449th BGA Newsletter**

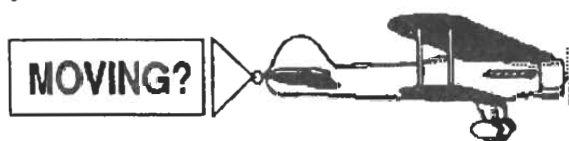
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