#### Membership Directory and Records Being Updated - PLEASE HELP!

We continue to update the Membership Directory and the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Records computer database so that we might better serve and respond to our membership needs and inquiries we receive about 99<sup>th</sup> BG personnel. *Correct E-mail addresses are especially important!* With an updated computer database we will be able to efficiently and promptly keep our Newsletter mailing list current, ensure annual dues are properly recorded, and respond to your letters and those written by others seeking long lost 99<sup>th</sup> BG crew members and friends. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL CHANGES TO:** 

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# 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Historical Society Membership Application/Address Change

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### On the Home Front - With Amy Buckingham

This is such a wonderful time of the year to try recipes, stay inside and enjoy looking out at the wintertime weather. Our Arkansas weather includes rain with a chance of snow, the cool weather is getting us in the mood for sitting in front of the fireplace with a great book. Old family cookbooks and old recipes are one of those enjoyable things to read. It is such a joy to me to find ones that are hand written by my Mother or Grandmother and reminisce. As I remember the aromas from the kitchen and the great times over the years spent with family and friends while sharing food together. Sharing those special recipes and memories has become a family tradition.

At our 2004 reunion in Baltimore – I received a number of recipes from Marge Smith, who had been collecting them in past years for a 99<sup>th</sup> cookbook. Because they did not receive enough recipes there will be no cookbook, instead I will share those recipes with you over the next years' newsletters. Please send <u>your</u> favorite recipes and memories for this article to Amy Buckingham, 20 Flathead Drive, Cherokee Village, AR 72529. Thank you, I will enjoy hearing from all of you. Thanks to Marge for these two recipes and the joy of having her as one of our Associate Members

#### Simple but Delicious Angel Food Cake

1 one-step angel food cake mix

1 – 20 0z. can crushed pineapple, not drained

1 tsp. vanilla

Stir all together well with a fork, do not use mixer.

Bake at 350 degrees in an angel food cake pan use time on box or two 9 x 5 loaf pans for 33-40 min. Cool loaf pans on their side and angel food cake pan upside down.

Marge Smith says, "Even if you don't like angel food cake you'll like this". For special events add whipped topping and fruit such as strawberries or a cherry.

#### **Appetizer Sausage Cheese Balls**

1 lb. hot sausage (uncooked) – mild is good also

3 cups Bisquick

1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese- grated

Use fork to mix sausage, Bisquick and cheese well, shape and press into ½ to 1-inch balls and put on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-17 minutes. Makes 150 party balls.

Very lightly greased pan will clean up easier. Recipe is easily cut in half.

Marge comments, "You can make balls ahead of time and bake at party time." Or you can bake and freeze them ahead and reheat at 300 degrees for 8-10 minutes and serve. Remove from freezer exact number you will use and reserve the rest for later entertainment and enjoyment. This was Jim Smith's favorite snack to make for Super Bowl Parties. Jerry and I thought of Marge and all the wonderful times we've enjoyed with Jim and Marge at reunions as we made this recipe.

# 99th Bomb Group 2005 Annual Reunion INFORMATION

October 17th to 20th, 2005 in Tunica, MS

Hollywood Casino Hotel
1150 Casino Strip Resorts Boulevard
Tunica Resorts, MS 38664
www.hollywoodcasinotunica.com. FA2

800-871-0711, www.hollywoodcasinotunica.com FAX 662-357-7895

There are 50 rooms held for the 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at a rate of \$59.00 per night plus 10% tax. This is about 30 miles from Memphis, TN and the airport is Memphis International (MEM). <u>Call 800-871-0711 for Reservations using the CODE BG 1005 to ensure a room at the group rate.</u> Additional detailed information for the Reunion, hosted by David Hill and Walt Montgomery, will follow.

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

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#### **Presidents Message**

Greetings to all; I hope this finds you all reasonably well and fit. We're all in our eighties, aren't we? But remember, every day is a victory! The Baltimore 2004 Annual Reunion went well, I thought. Jim and Rose LaVey and his friends did a good job, as usual, and our thanks go to all of them. The Board of Directors meeting got some work done, and I personally was impressed again by how fortunate we are in our associate members. Gary Staffo, Jerry Buckingham, Mike Hayman, and David Hill have all contributed important ideas and deeds to our organization. They're good men – real 99-ers.



At the WWll Memorial on the Mall in D.C. it was great to see about thirty-five of our guys lined up for a group photo. Great moment! Some folks criticize the memorial, saying it's not dramatic or emotional enough, like the ones for Vietnam and Korea. I disagree. I think it reflects our generation, not very flashy or emotional, practical, quietly dignified, conscious of our duty, and just wanting some peace and quiet in our lives. It said all that to me. I hope you all get to see it personally.

As of this writing, David Hill and Walt Montgomery, with input from Arkie Clark and Jules Horowitz, are working hard on setting up our next annual reunion. Right now plans are being worked on to have our 2005 Reunion in Tunica, Mississippi (About 30 miles from Memphis, TN) in mid-October 17 – 20, 2005. Currently we're looking at a possible hotel rate of \$59 per night, single or double. Stay tuned! We'll get the word to you ASAP so maybe you can squeeze us into your busy dance card. For 2006 and 2007 Arkie, Jules & Co. are angling for Wichita, KS and maybe Savannah, GA. Keep taking your vitamins.

A word of thanks and praise for the work of our Past-President Vince Bell. (That's all you get Vince – one word). I've been following Vince ever since RTU training in MacDill Field, when I was assigned as his radio operator. He sat up there and steered the ship while the other nine of us did all the work. Seriously, with Bell and Chuck Bigbee up front, we never worried much about the flight deck. They took us to Berlin – and back! Christmas is approaching, so God rest you merry, gentlemen.

'Til next time, God Bless our country, and God Bless you all. Warren T. Burns

#### In Search of .....

"In Search of ......" is a column dedicated to members of the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group and friends, families, and others trying to find information about loved ones or the history of the 99<sup>th</sup> BG. If you know anything about the individuals named below, or the information requested, please take a minute to get in touch with the point of contact. If you would prefer to do this anonymously or have your name with held, you may contact the Newsletter Editor who will forward the information without reference to the source.

99<sup>th</sup> BG Ground Crew Members - One of the major information voids we have in our 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS records is that of the Ground Crew members. All have been praised for their unselfish dedication and devotion to duty that kept the planes flying and the extra efforts each made to ensure the aircraft and crew returned safely from each mission. Please take a few minutes and honor them by sending in the names of any Crew Chiefs or Ground Crew personnel you remember along with your Squadron number, the aircraft number/name and dates they serviced your aircraft. Photos or other related correspondence is also welcomed. We will add this information to our 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS computer database. Gary T. Staffo, 6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504 Phone W 202-586-9577 e-mail: Gstaffo@gis.net

AAFBS Big Spring, TX Bombardiers, et. al. - Lou Thole the author of the "Forgotten Fields of America" book series that covers World War II bases and training is currently working on Volume IV. This Volume will include the Army Air Force Bombardier School at Big Spring, TX; AAF Roswell, NM; AAF Tyndall, Panama City, FL and AAF Victorville, CA He would like to hear from any of our members who were there during WWII and would be willing to share their stories and other materials from AAFBS, Big Spring or the other AAF fields. Please contact: Lou Thole, 11263 Marlette Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45249 Phone 513-489-7400 e-mail: Tarplane@aol.com

EDITORS NOTE: My Uncle 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John C. Staffo of the 99<sup>th</sup> BG 348<sup>th</sup> BS earned his Bombardier wings at Big Spring in Class 43-4 on March 10, 1943. This summer I visited the AAFBS site at Big Spring, TX which is now a public airport and has a museum known as "Hangar 25". Hopefully these 3 photos of Hangar 25, an AT-11, and a bombardier training aid will rekindle memories.







Aircraft Lost Over Poland - The Blechhammer missions were costly and on 08/27/44 "Achtung" a B-17G #4297570 (Jack Humbrecht Crew MACR 7991), and on 12/02/44 the B-17G #446182 (Harvey Webb Crew MACR 10030) of the 346<sup>th</sup> BS were shot down. Szymon Serwatka of the "Missing In Action" aircraft project which tracks down the location of WWII aircraft shot down in Europe and documents their story would like to learn more about these aircraft and their crews. He also is interested in the 416<sup>th</sup> BS "Mary Emilia", a B-17G #446534 (William Tappen Crew MACR 13243) that crashed near Cottbus on 03/22/45. Szymon Serwatka, Koenigsteiner Street #124, 65812 Bad Soden, Germany e-mail: SSerwatka@yahoo.com

Visit the "Missing In Action" aircraft project website at: wwww.samoloty.ow.pl/amiap/

#### In Search of .....



Sgt. Charles R. Barber 346<sup>th</sup> BS - Don Barber is looking for information about his Grandfather Sgt. Charles R. Barber 346<sup>th</sup> BS and a B-17G aircraft known as "The Wolf". Sgt. Barber flew 35 missions with the 99<sup>th</sup> BG between 11/07/44 – 04/19/45. Detailed information can also be found at his 11/15/04 posting at the Army AirFoces.com website 99<sup>th</sup> BG page. Contact: Don Barber, 1703 Carbon City Road, Morganton, NC 28655 Phone 828-403-0615 e-mail: K9Spark@msn.com



Lt. Robert J. Griffin 416<sup>th</sup> BS Crew? – Lynda Rea the granddaughter of Sgt Terrance J. Meenihan sent us this photo believed to be the Lt. Robert J. Griffin crew. The 6 men kneeling in the fist row (L-R) have been identified as follows: Adrian O. Stantz (Left Waist gunner); Belfort A. DelVecchio (Radio Operator); Thomas P. Clarke (Top Turret); Thomas P. McInerney (Ball Turret); Albert E. Booth III (Right Waist Gunner); Terrance J. Meenihan (Tail Gunner). The second row may be (order unknown and names uncertain?) Robert J. Griffin (Pilot); Robert L. Broderick (Co-Pilot); Lorence E. Catterson (Navigator); David L. Adams (Bombardier). This Photo is from the period T.

Meenihan flew his 50 missions from 03/28/44 – 07/15/44. Please help us! Contact: Lynda Rea, Augusta, MI e-mail: Lynda@firebear.com or Gary T. Staffo, 6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504 Phone W 202-586-9577 e-mail: Gstaffo@gis.net

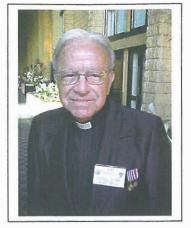


Lt. Wilson H. Kirtland Crew 416<sup>th</sup> BS? – Heidi Lee the daughter of Sgt R. G. Hibbard sent us this photo of her Dad, and another photo of two men in front of the B-17F #42229509, "Bad Penny". Sgt. Hibbard flew primarily with Lt. Kirtland during the period 10/31/43 – 03/11/44 and we hope that someone will be able to identify the two men in the photo. Contact: Heidi Lee, e-mail: HeidiLee@nwrain.com or Gary T. Staffo, 6226 Garden Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1504 Phone W 202-586-9577



e-mail: <u>Gstaffo@gis.net</u>

Poltava, Russia "Operation Frantic Joe" Mission Members? - Mr. Ian Mackersey a noted New Zealand aviation author is preparing a book about the men who flew on these missions and would like to contact any of our members who would be interested in talking about their experiences and if they have stayed in touch with any of their Russian counterparts. Please check out his website at the address below to review some of his previous books. Those who have had to use a parachute will be especially interested in "Into The Silk" with stories from the Caterpillar Club. Contact: Ian Mackersey, 12 Kakariki Avenue, Mt Eden, Auckland 10003, New Zealand Phone 64-9-638-7585 e-mail: IMP@ihug.co.nz Website: http://www.IanMackersey.com or Gary T. Staffo for more details.



# Chaplain's Corner - Rev. Michael J. Bucci

My fellow comrades, we just completed our latest Reunion and it was great! We all were impressed by the World War II Memorial, and the Arlington National Cemetery which has over 290,000 buried there according to one of the guides I spoke to. I personally was most impressed by the Changing of the Guard ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Beautiful is all I can say. The young soldiers who perform this work deserve a lot of credit for the job they do with great honor and precision. Placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown by the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS was special for me and very touching for all of us. It reminded me of all who have paid the price for war and I would like to have continued on to visit the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Iwo Jima Monument, but perhaps some other time.

I missed Arkie and Betty Clark, and Billie and Bob Bacher, and my prayers are with them and that they are in good health with God's Blessings. Let us keep having these reunions as we do not have many years ahead of us and it is a good reason for many of us to keep getting together and sharing our stories to preserve the 99<sup>th</sup> BG history. The next 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS event is a Mini Reunion at Daytona Beach, FL April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 sponsored by Virgina and Mort Magee. The next Annual Reunion is being planed for October 2005 and will be hosted by David Hill near Memphis, TN.

While we were at the Reunion we were informed that Walter Butler (416<sup>th</sup>) had passed away. Walter made many contributions to the 99th BGHS over the years and last served as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer. We will miss him, and our prayers are with him and his family. Please let us know when one of our 99<sup>th</sup> BG members passes away so that I may contact the family on behalf of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS and pay our respect. Fortunately as we lose our 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS members who have served us so well for so very long, we have a group of Associate members who have stepped up to help do the work. You have to come to a Reunion and watch them at work on the computer to see how much they have accomplished and the tremendous job they do with each member who comes by to ask about this or that, or to see them scan in photos, papers and other items that will help preserve the history of the 99th BG. Thanks guys!

Keep in touch and know that I remember each of you and our deceased comrades in my daily mass. I close with this special message: "If wisdom's ways you wisely seek, five things to observe with care: To whom you speak, of whom you speak, and how, and when, and where."

God Bless all of you, Father Mike

P.S. My special "thank you" to Rex Carnes for filling in during my absence and "Congratulations" to him and his new bride.

#### In Memoriam

Lord grant eternal rest and happiness to all the deceased members of our Group, and to their families the joy of their memories. Father Mike

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Warren Whitmore	348	08/27/03	Walter Butler	416	09/02/04
John Plummer	347	11/13/04	John Trapuzzano	348	05/24/04
Edward A. Peddycorn	347	12/16/03	Chester W. Mitchell	347	00/00/03
Noe Theriot	416	00/00/00	James Harmon	347	12/01/03
Robert W. Hunt	416	03/07/04	Al Rockwell	416	05/25/04
Charles Crump	347	07/00/04	John King	347	00/00/03
Sidney Buck	416	12/08/03	Robert Slater	348	10/01/04
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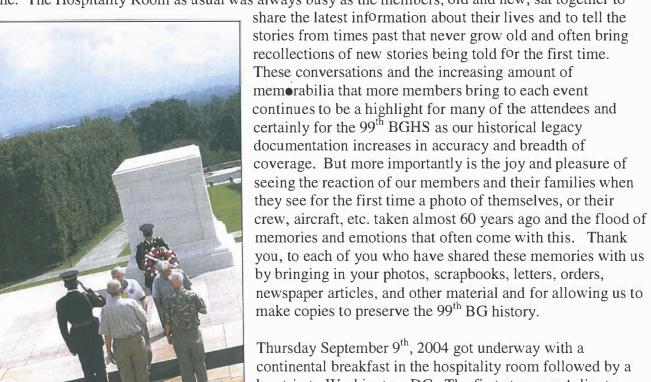
#### 99th Bomb Group 2004 Annual Reunion Report by Jim LaVey September 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Timonium, Maryland

It was another memory making event for the 80+ attendees who traveled to Timonium, Maryland for the



99<sup>th</sup> BGHS 2004 Annual Reunion hosted by Jim and Rose LaVey. The Reunion Registration on Wednesday went off smoothly as the attendees came in and were greeted by some of the usual early arrivals. Soon old friends had taken up their places throughout the Holiday Inn lobby and were catching up on old times and the latest news. Coffee and

donuts were on the table, but Marge Swingen (416<sup>th</sup>) provided pounds of cheeses and sausages which were well received. Rose, Marge and Jenny Haymen were great hostesses and every one was made to feel at home. The Hospitality Room as usual was always busy as the members, old and new, sat together to



continental breakfast in the hospitality room followed by a bus trip to Washington, DC. The first stop was Arlington



National Cemetery where the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. This was a very moving experience for all as we first watched the precision of the changing of the guard, and then Vincent Bell (346<sup>th</sup>), Father Bucci (347<sup>th</sup>), Jules Horowitz (348<sup>th</sup>) and Ted Heller (416<sup>th</sup>) accompanied the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS wreath to the Tomb for placement. As the wreath was placed on the tomb (as if on cue), the sun broke through the clouds and shined down upon us as a wide body aircraft flew across the sky in the background. From there the group of 84 proceeded to the World War II Memorial. The night before in the Hospitality Room Dick Christiansen showed on DVD the PBS special that covered the history, construction and highlights of the WWII Memorial. This provided an outstanding background to prepare us for our visit and allowed us to appreciate the symbolic meaning of the many features of the design and layout. These two events were for most of us a very personal experience and in themselves made this Reunion a very special one to share in the presence of this group of "the Greatest Generation." Each of us was moved by the Wall of Honor at the WWII Memorial where the engraved words "Here We Mark the Price of Freedom" and the 4000 Gold Stars remind us of the over 400,000 lives sacrificed in combat.



The day was not over yet as from here we went out to Dulles International Airport to visit the new Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum. This was an opportunity to buy a few gifts or just browse through the new Museum filled with aircraft from all periods including the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay", the SR-71 Blackbird, the Space Shuttle and too many others to mention. The entrance walkway to the new NAS Museum also includes the "Wall of Honor" where donations have been made to recognize the names of those who have made contributions or sacrifices for aviation by placing their names on aluminum air foil panels for all to see.

Friday September 10, 2004 started off with the usual continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room. The 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Board of Directors met before and after lunch to take care of business. The Annual Membership Meeting was held at lunch with 71 members in attendance. That evening 83 attended Lorenzo's Timonium Dinner Theatre for a buffet dinner and the show "It's 11pm, Where are Your Parents?"

On Saturday morning we had the very special privilege of viewing "A Video Tribute to Sidney Buck 416<sup>th</sup> BS". This video was something that everyone could relate to as it was a typical presentation of what many of the 99<sup>th</sup> BG veterans went through themselves. The video scrapbook with some narration by Sidney himself and the period music reminded everyone of those days long ago when brave young men like Sidney and each of the 99<sup>th</sup> BG veterans made the transition from young teenagers enjoying life to men facing combat and risking their lives to preserve our freedom. Sidney flew his final mission on December 8th, 2003 but through this presentation he will remain in our hearts and minds forever. We are all very grateful to Mrs. Mary Lou Buck and her family for allowing us the privilege to share this story as part of our efforts to preserve and promote the history of the 99<sup>th</sup> BG.

The group of 46 then boarded the bus and traveled to Pimlico Race Track. The group enjoyed lunch while watching the thoroughbred racing and there were claims that some even came back with a few extra dollars in their pockets! At 7pm that evening the Grand Banquet was held in the main ballroom with 97 members and guests in attendance. President Vince Bell welcomed everyone and Troop 497 of the Boy Scouts of America provided the color guard for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. The invocation was performed by our 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Chaplain, Father Bucci which was followed by an excellent dinner. The first guest speaker was Lt. Col. Edward O'Neil USAF who shared with us his very moving personal experiences of combat in Afghanistan. After his presentation Lt. Col. O'Neil was made an honorary member of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS and received a standing ovation in recognition of his service. The second speaker was Mr. Paul Cora who has written many articles concerning military aviation and recently published an article about the 99th BG entitled "Diamondbacks Over Europe" which had involved extensive historical research including interviews with several of our 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS members including Jim LaVey. The evening continued with dancing until 10pm and then many retreated to the Hospitality Room for more conversation and refreshments until midnight. Overall it was a very good night for everyone to share old and new company and to make new memories. As the evening wound down good friends parted with kind words and hopes that they would be around to return for the next 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS event and share the bonds of friendship that many started about 60 years ago and continue today.

On Sunday September 12th, the Hospitality Room opened at 8am and many dropped in for the continental breakfast and to say their thank you and good bye before heading back home. By noon almost all had left and the 2004 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Annual Reunion was over leaving everyone appreciative for having had the opportunity one more time to share good times with friends and return home with hopes to make the next reunion.

On a personal note I would like to say a very special "thank you" to my wife Rose for all she did to make this Reunion a success. Recognition must also be given to Mike and Jenny Hayman, and to Jerry and Amy Buckingham, for their assistance to us in helping to ensure we all got on and off the buses safely and no one got lost or left behind. David Hill and Hank Grandizio were very helpful bartenders and allowed me to get away when necessary to take care of other items. God Bless each and everyone of you for attending and I hope we will soon meet again at the next 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS event.

Sincerely Yours in the 99<sup>th</sup>,

Rose and Jim Lavey

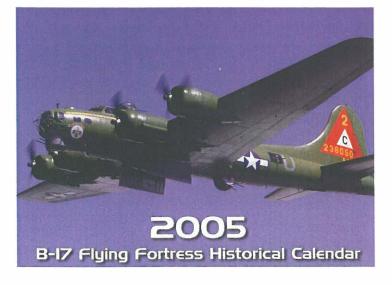
P.S. If you lost a gold hoop earring about 1 ½ inches in diameter with a leaf engraving on the left and right side please call me at 410-252-5688 and I will mail it to you.

#### 99th BGHS NOTICES - 2005 B-17 Flying Fortress Historical Calendars Now On Sale!

We are proud to announce that we are now selling to members the 2005 B-17 Flying Fortress Historical Calendar. This Calendar has color photos on the front and rear covers and opens up to be 18 inches tall by 12 inches wide. The 9" x 12" top of each page features a full size black and white photo of a B-17. The bottom 9" x 12" half has two small pictures and the calendar for the month which is annotated with key facts about the B-17 history and WWII. This calendar includes photos provided by members of the 99th BGHS for May, June and October 2005. It was a smashing success at the 99th BGHS 2004 Reunion in Timonium, MD where we quickly ran out of our first supply. To order your calendar(s) make your check payable to the "99th BGHS" and include \$8.00 for each calendar (this includes shipping by USPS First Class Mail in the US). A perfect Christmas gift for family and friends. The calendar can be purchased from other sources at a higher cost and usually does not include shipping. Make checks payable to the "99th BGHS" and mail to:

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For any questions please contact Gary at the above address or by e-mail at GStaffo@gis.net or daytime phone 202-586-9577. Gary is still looking for more 99th BGHS WWII photos for our historical collection and for possible use in the 2006 Calendar.



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**DIAMONDBACKS** 

### "The Diamondbacks - The History of the 99th Bomb Group (H)" Now On Sale! LAST CHANCE!

This is the book that every member should have. It is a hardcover 9" x 12" with 112 pages filled with facts, pictures and stories about the 99<sup>th</sup> BG aircraft, missions and the men who flew them. There are only about (30) copies left at \$35.00 each, postage paid in the lower 48 as a one-time special offer sale. Current price is \$52.50 from Turner Publishing for the few they have left. If you already have one, they are a perfect gift for family, friend or your local Library or Veterans Post as part of the Veterans Legacy Campaign. Let us know in your order and we will include a special bookplate inside the front cover page that will honor your contribution when you personally present the book.

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## 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Mini Reunion April 27 to May 1, 2005 in Daytona Beach, Florida

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites 930 North Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32118 1-800-804-7851

There are 25 rooms held for the 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at a rate of \$79.00 per night plus tax (Room with City View), or \$89.00 per night plus tax (Room with Ocean View). Reservations must be received by April 1, 2005 in order to insure room availability at the group rate. All rooms have refrigerator and microwave. The Resort is on the beach. There is a swimming pool available. Restaurant serves Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – casual and affordable. There are 5 or 6 restaurants very close, with Julian's restaurant a mile away. Please phone the Hotel directly to make your room reservations,

# 99th BGHS Mini Reunion Registration Form

Please complete As Soon As Possible and mail this 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Mini Reunion Registration Form with your check to our Host, Morton G. Magee at the address provided below.

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