

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

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This Special Issue provides our Membership Directory, Constitution and By-Laws, 2002 Annual Financial Statement, and time sensitive information about our upcoming Mini-Reunion, and Annual Reunion to the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Members. We hope to have our regular issue with feature articles out within the next 4-6 weeks. Please continue to contact us and send in your comments and suggestions. Any corrections to the Membership Directory are welcomed and remember that the Constitution and By-Laws should be reviewed as final approval by the Membership is expected at the Annual Meeting this September 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> in Colorado Springs, CO.

Thank you, to all who have responded to our August and January Newsletters with replies concerning updated Directory data, e-mail addresses or phone numbers for the Communication Tree, Home Front items, 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS History information, In Search of contacts, Ground Crew member names, and other items of interest. Our special appreciation to the members who responded to our call to ***“Help Save Our 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group History”*** and have sent us photos, records, orders, letters and copies of other memorabilia related to their war time experiences with the 99<sup>th</sup> BG. If you still have not made plans with your family or a local historical organization, or other group such as the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS, to help preserve your WWII heritage and legacy please give the matter your serious consideration. If you have any questions or would like some help as to how to go about this, who to contact, or related concerns please contact your Editor at the address below, by e-mail, or daytime phone 202-586-9577.

These historical memorabilia items of photos, papers and documents; along with your letters and phone calls providing us names, addresses or phone numbers to contact will soon begin to find there way into our Newsletter as new articles preserving and recognizing for posterity and future generations the contribution of individuals and the 99<sup>th</sup> BG to our wartime effort. We continue to receive Membership Renewal checks and are working hard to ensure that our membership database is current and accurate. Your patience and support are appreciated as we make slow progress in our efforts to improve service to the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS and its members.

We are listening to your comments, constructive criticism, and suggestions. In our next and future Newsletters we hope to include more WWII pictures; at least one article about a 99<sup>th</sup> BG member, aircraft, crew, mission or related history; more pages; and perhaps a few surprises. We are also exploring the possibility of participating in the creation of a B-17 Calendar which will include 99<sup>th</sup> BG aircraft photos. Another project we are looking into is trying to identify as many as possible opportunities for oral/video history recording of the stories of 99<sup>th</sup> BG members in their communities or through state, national or other organizations public and private. Thank you, for your continuing support, contributions and encouragement.

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**99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Mini Reunion**  
**April 30 to May 4, 2003 in Daytona Beach, Florida**  
 Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center  
 2700 North Atlantic Ave.  
 Daytona Beach, FL 32118  
 1-800-654-6216

There are 30 rooms held for the 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at a rate of \$79.00 per night plus tax. Reservations must be received by March 30, 2003 in order to insure room availability at the group rate.

All rooms have refrigerator and microwave. The Resort is on the beach. There are swimming pools and sauna available. Restaurant serves Breakfast and Lunch with Dinners by arrangement (minimum of 12). There are 5 or 6 restaurants very close, with Julian's restaurant a mile away. This is the same location as the Mini Reunion in 1994. Please phone the Resort directly to make your room reservations.

**99<sup>th</sup> 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.

	Per Person	Number of people	Total
<b>Registration:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Picnic: (Wednesday 04/30/03)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Banquet: (Saturday 05/03/03)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
Please select your Dinner Choice Prime Rib ( ) or Coconut Shrimp ( )			
<b>Total</b>			\$ _____

Tours: (tentative depending on interest, <b>pay at reunion</b> )		Number interested
Daytona Beach Speedway	\$12.00 plus transportation	_____
Chocolate Factory Tour	free plus transportation	_____

Send check to Host: Morton G. Magee Phone: 386-673-8549  
 2801 N. Halifax Ave. #155  
 Daytona Beach, FL 32118-3179

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: 346 347 348 416

Questions or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Editors Note:  
 Our special "thank you" to Virginia and Mort Magee for being such gracious hosts once again.

**Constitution And By-Laws**

**The 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Historical Society**

**ARTICLE I  
 ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization shall be the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Historical Society (BGHS).

**ARTICLE II  
 PURPOSES**

1. To perpetuate the history of the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group and the memory of lost comrades through educational forums and preservation of records.
2. To arrange for reunions and periodic tours to provide social, educational, and recreational activities for the members.

**ARTICLE III  
 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization shall be open to all who were members of, or attached to, the United States Army Air Force 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group during World War II, 1941-1945. Spouses, widows, widowers of those who served in the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group are also eligible for membership.

Members may become Life Members upon payment of Life Membership dues as established by the Board of Directors.

Air historians and others interested in the goals of this organization may become Associate members. Associate members may attend meetings and other 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS activities and will receive all publications of the society. As honorary members, Associates are entitled to attend all Membership Meetings. They may enter into all discussions and may be elected to become members of the Board of Directors. Associates may not vote, nor may they preside or make motions, unless they have been elected to become members of the Board.

All paid-up members-in-good-standing are eligible to vote at Membership Meetings. The dues of this organization shall be \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) each year and shall be payable on the first day of January of each year. Dues may be changed by a majority vote of the members-in-good-standing at the annual Membership Meeting.

99<sup>th</sup> BGHS members may form Chapters (state or local) for social and educational purposes provided: (1) Chapter Members are current members of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS, and (2) Chapter programs and activities are not in conflict with the spirit and purposes of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS.

Local committees formed for the purpose of creating 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Chapters must draft a proposed Charter, or articles of incorporation, and proposed by-laws. These drafts must be submitted to the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Board of Directors for approval before further organization actions are undertaken.

Upon inactivation, the residual effects of a Chapter (funds, property, historical documents and artifacts, etc.) must become the property of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be members of the Board of Directors, and shall be elected by the new Board of Directors after the annual Membership Meeting.

Any one officer, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may serve in more than one office.

An elected officer shall preside at all Membership Meetings.

The President shall serve as head of the organization. He sits as Chairman of the Board of Directors and, with their advice and consent, exercises general supervision over the affairs of the organization.

The Vice President shall exercise the office of the President in his absence, or upon the inability of the President to act, with rights and responsibilities as if he had been duly elected President.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records, file certificates required by law, federal or state, and will give and serve all notices to members of this organization. The Secretary will be the official custodian of the records and the seal of this organization. The Secretary will also attend to regular correspondence of the organization, and will execute duties incident to the office of Secretary.

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization; shall render at stated periods, as the Board of Directors shall determine, a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting; and shall exercise all duties incidental to the office of Secretary. The Board of Directors will commission an independent audit to be conducted each year.

The Vice President for the Newsletter shall be elected to the Board by the Board of Directors for an indeterminate length of time and at the pleasure of the Board. This non-voting member of the Board shall normally be the Editor of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Newsletter.

This officer will also be responsible for promotion of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS activities, and will, upon request, provide advice and counsel to the Board.

No officer shall for reason of the office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director from receiving compensation from the organization for services other than as Director or Officer.

#### **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS shall be managed by the officers and members of the Board of Directors (BOD). The Board will consist of the four officers and at least three other members eligible to vote.

To be eligible for office, the nominees of the Board of Directors must have been members of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS for at least one year before the election.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors who are present at a Directors meeting shall constitute a quorum. Each Director shall have one vote. Voting may be done by proxy. If deemed necessary, the President may call for a vote by mail, provided each Director is polled.

Directors shall serve a term of four years. A member who completes the normal four year term as Director leaves the BOD at the end of the Reunion of his fourth year in office, allowing him to maintain a vote until society business is completed by the BOD for that year.

A Director is expected to attend all BOD meetings during his term of office, except if excused for illness or family emergency.

A Director vacates his office by death, by a resignation accepted by the President, or by unexcused absence from two consecutive annual BOD meetings.

New members are brought onto the Board of Directors in the following procedure.

Prior to the general Membership Meeting at the annual reunion, the BOD holds a preliminary meeting at which time a prospective candidate for the BOD is invited and indicates his willingness to serve. The BOD then prepares a slate of nominees for presentation to the Membership Meeting. Nominees must attend the Membership Meeting, where the election of new Board members by the full membership in attendance is conducted by the presiding officer.

Following the general Membership meeting the BOD meets again, including the newly elected member(s) who are now eligible to vote. Any outstanding business is completed, and officers shall then be elected by the newly constituted Board of Directors.

At its discretion, the Board of Directors shall approve the hiring and compensation for any employees which they determine to be necessary in the conduct of the organization.

At its discretion, the Board may vote honorary memberships to special assistants such as historians, a librarian, a curator of artifacts, a chaplain, a sergeant-at-arms, a doorkeeper, etc.

At its discretion, the Board may vote honorary membership to former Board members in recognition of unusually outstanding achievement on their part.

NOTE: Honorary membership conveys the right to meet and discuss all issues, it does not carry the right to preside, to make motions, or to vote.

At its discretion, the Board may elect a member to "Honorary Life Membership" to the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS, or to the Board of Directors itself. The Board may establish privileges of its own choosing in conferring this rare honor, such as elimination of dues, retention of voting privileges, etc. Conditions for election (e.g. length of service, age unusual achievement) should be specified and recorded in the minutes of the Board's proceedings.

#### **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

A Membership Meeting of this organization shall be held during the regular annual reunion. A notice shall be mailed to every member-in-good-standing at his address as it appears in the membership listing of this organization. Such notices shall be placed in the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Newsletter telling the time and place of the Membership Meeting.

A majority of member-in-good-standing who are present at a Membership Meeting shall constitute the necessary quorum for conducting the business of the society. Members with paid up dues are eligible to vote. Associates and honorary members are not empowered to vote, but they may participate in discussion of motions. Any question may be called to vote if a majority of the meeting requires it.

At all meetings voice votes ("Viva Voce") shall be called.

#### **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Standing committees shall be established by the Board as required. The President shall appoint the members to standing committees for indefinite terms.

Special committees, addressing immediate or short term situations, shall be established by the President. He shall appoint committee members and chairmen for terms of office for a period of one year or less, if the situation is resolved.

#### **ARTICLE VIII ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The general Membership Meeting at the annual reunion is considered a mass meeting and, as such, the Order of Business shall be the agenda designed for that event by the organizing leadership.

Other meetings (such as the Business Luncheon) will also be designed with specific agendas to carry on the affairs of the society.

The Board of Directors meetings will follow the standard Order of Business:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of Officers
4. Committee Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Announcements
8. Establish time and place for next meeting
9. Adjournment

The current addition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the procedural authority for conducting the business and affairs of the 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS.

#### **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**

These articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members-in-good-standing present at an annual Membership Meeting, or at a called Special Meeting. The proposed amendments must be mailed to all members-in-good-standing at least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION**

The 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS shall make no individual distribution of gains or profits upon dissolution, but shall, upon dissolution, distribute all such gains or profits, together with all Society pictures, diaries, orders, letters and files, to the Albert Simpson Historical Research Center, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

**REVISED APRIL, 2002**

# 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS MISSING MEMBERS JANUARY 2003

Please contact your Newsletter Editor if you can provide us with a new address, phone number or lead so that we might get in touch with the following 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS members that we have not been able to obtain a current address for.

Membership directory has been removed for privacy.

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

### Aviators' Heaven.....

I hope there's a place way up in the sky, where old flyers can go on the day they die.

A place where a guy can buy a cold beer, for a friend and a comrade, whose memory is dear.

A place where no doctor or lawyer can tread, nor an FAA type would ne'er be caught dead.

Just a quaint little place, kind of dark, full of smoke, where they like to sing loud, and love a good joke.

The kind of a place where a lady could go, and feel safe and protected by the men she would know.

There must be a place where old flyers go, when their flying is finished, and their airspeed gets low.

Where the whiskey is old, and the women are young, and songs about flying, lying and dying are sung.

Where you'd see all the fellows who'd flown west before, and they'd call out your name, as you came through the door.

Who would buy you a drink, if your thirst should be bad, and relate to others, "He was quite a good! Lad".

And then through the mist, you'd spot an old guy, you had not seen in years, though he taught you to fly.

He'd nod his old head, and grin ear to ear, And say, "Welcome, my son, I'm pleased that you're here.

For this is the place where the true flyers come, when their journey is over, and their war has been won.

They've come here at last to be safe and alone, from the government clerk, and the management clone,

Politicians and lawyers, the Feds and the noise, where all hours are happy, and they're all good ol' boys.

You can relax with a cold one, maybe deal from a deck, this is heaven my son..... You've passed your last check!"

### 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.

<b>Victor N. Crawford</b> 347 <sup>th</sup>	09/23/02	<b>Frank O. Hopkins</b> 346 <sup>th</sup>	01/30/01
<b>Milton Houdsahelt</b> 347 <sup>th</sup>	12/12/02	<b>Marcellus B. Anderson</b> 416 <sup>th</sup>	06/16/02

## 99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Member Profile - Col. Ray V. Schwanbeck



Colonel Ray V. Schwanbeck  
Last Combat Group Commander  
of 99th BG in 1945

Colonel Schwanbeck entered the Army in 1930 and started flight cadet training in 1933 at Randolph-Kelly field in Texas.



Cadet Schwanbeck, PT-3, 1934

Colonel Schwanbeck completed flight training and in 1936 joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> BG at Langley Field, Virginia flying B-10's. In 1937 he joined the 19<sup>th</sup> BG flying B-18's and then B-17's.



61278-1091-4AB)(1-5-40) COMBAT CREW 15-10, 30TH BOMB SQ (H), MARSH FIELD, CALIFORNIA.

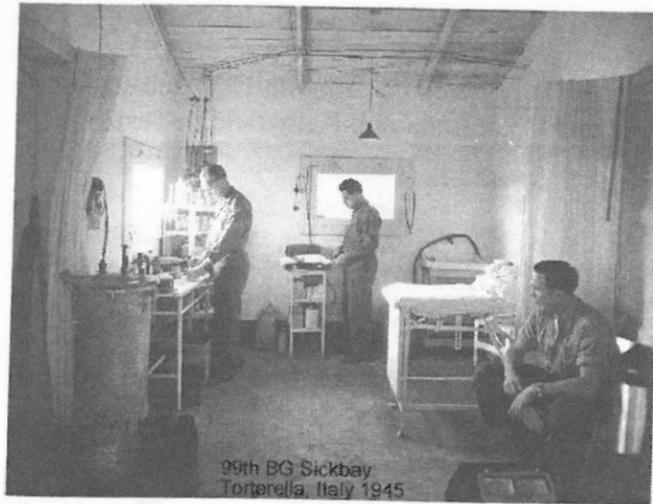
He flew a tour with B-17's in the Pacific ( Java and Australia) from 1941 through 1942. He then came back to the states as Training Group Operations Officer with B-24's and then B-17's. Then on January 5, 1945 joined the 99<sup>th</sup> BG as Group Commander.



99th BG over Alps, 1944



B17 Formation



99th BG Sickbay  
Tortorella, Italy 1945

We do not know the names of these individuals, any ideas? This was in the 99<sup>th</sup> BG Sickbay in 1945.

Colonel Schwanbeck also had a copy of the German ACT OF MILITARY SURRENDER signed on May 7, 1945. This is shown below.

Only this text in English is authoritative

ACT OF MILITARY SURRENDER

1. We the undersigned, acting by authority of the German High Command, hereby surrender unconditionally to the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command all forces on land, sea, and in the air who are at this date under German control.

2. The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 2301 hours Central European time on 8 May and to remain in the positions occupied at that time. No ship, vessel, or aircraft is to be scuttled, or any damage done to their hull, machinery or equipment.

3. The German High Command will at once issue to the appropriate commanders, and ensure the carrying out of any further orders issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and by the Soviet High Command.

4. This act of military surrender is without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by, or on behalf of the United Nations and applicable to GERMANY and the German armed forces as a whole.

5. In the event of the German High Command or any of the forces under their control failing to act in accordance with this Act of Surrender, the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force and the Soviet High Command will take such punitive or other action as they deem appropriate.

Signed at Rheims 0241 on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1945.  
France

On behalf of the German High Command.

IN THE PRESENCE OF

On behalf of the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force,      On behalf of the Soviet High Command,

Major General, French Army  
(Witness)

99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Historical Society Annual Financial Statement

Item	General Fund	Reunion Fund	Total
Balance 31 Dec 01	\$27,225.50	\$11,644.64	\$38,870.14
First Quarter			
Income: Dues/Donations	\$1,398.50		\$1,398.50
Interest	\$67.94	\$28.74	\$96.68
Reunion Returns			\$0.00
Income Total:	\$1,466.44	\$28.74	\$1,495.18
Expense: Postage	\$81.89		\$81.89
Printing	\$500.00		\$500.00
Reunion		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$5.00		\$5.00
Expense Total:	\$586.89	\$1,500.00	\$2,086.89
Balance 31 March 02	\$28,105.05	\$10,173.38	\$38,278.43
Second Quarter			
Income: Dues/Donations	\$645.00		\$645.00
Interest	\$56.15	\$23.54	\$79.69
Reunion Returns		\$3,127.92	\$3,127.92
Income Total:	\$701.15	\$3,151.46	\$3,852.61
Expense: Postage			\$0.00
Printing			\$0.00
Reunion		\$1,557.00	\$1,557.00
Miscellaneous	\$177.80		\$177.80
Expense Total:	\$177.80	\$1,557.00	\$1,734.80
Balance 30 June 02	\$28,628.40	\$11,767.84	\$40,396.24
Third Quarter			
Income: Dues/Donations	\$710.00		\$710.00
Interest	\$36.23	\$14.85	\$51.08
Reunion Returns			\$0.00
Income Total:	\$746.23	\$14.85	\$761.08
Expense: Postage	\$472.00		\$472.00
Printing	\$213.18		\$213.18
Reunion		\$236.97	\$236.97
Miscellaneous			\$0.00
Expense Total:	\$685.18	\$236.97	\$922.15
Balance 30 Sept 02	\$28,689.45	\$11,545.72	\$40,235.17
Fourth Quarter			
Income: Dues/Donations	\$605.00		\$605.00
Interest	\$26.53	\$10.71	\$37.24
Reunion Returns			\$0.00
Income Total:	\$631.53	\$10.71	\$642.24
Expense: Postage			\$0.00
Printing			\$0.00
Reunion		\$500.38	\$500.38
Miscellaneous	\$17.12		\$17.12
Expense Total:	\$17.12	\$500.38	\$517.50
Balance 31 Dec 02	\$29,303.86	\$11,056.05	\$40,359.91

99<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION  
 RADISSON INN COLORADO SPRINGS NORTH  
 8110 North Academy Boulevard Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920  
 Telephone ( 719 ) 598 - 5770 or Fax ( 719 ) 598- 3434  
 SEPTEMBER 17----21 2003

RATES : \$ 79.00 with tax \$ 85.64, Includes FREE Breakfast  
 6:30 AM- 9:00 AM / FREE Transportation TO and  
 FROM Airport.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers of  
 Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Rooms requires \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

SMOKING: \_\_\_\_\_ NON SMOKING: \_\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ TWO  
 double beds \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Accessible \_\_\_\_\_

One day Deposit require : American Express, Master Card, VISA, Discover  
 Card., Diners Club, or Personal Check.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check In Time 4:00 P.M. Check Out Time 12:00 Noon

**DRIVING DIRECTION:**

FROM I-25 TURN SOUTH AT EXIT 150 ACADEMY BLVD  
 LOCATED WEST SIDE OF ACADEMY BLVD

HOTEL RADISSON INN COLORADO SPRINGS NORTH  
 COLORADO SPRINGS , COLORADO

REUNION  
 99<sup>th</sup> BOMB GROUP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2003

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY ROOM  
 COST per PERSON \$15.00 Number Attending \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Maybe a visit to AIR FORCE ACADEMY ( IRAQ & Terrorism no  
 Approval yet ) We will go to the Garden of the Gods and visit the Trading  
 Post . If we get approval from AFA will have lunch there.  
 Cost Per Person \$35.00 Num. Att. \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting 9:30 A.M. 12 Noon Business Lunch at the  
 Hotel. After lunch Board of Directors meet again at 1:30 P.M.  
 Cost Per Person \$ 15.00 Num. Att. \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Evening 5:30 till 10:30 trip to the Flying W Ranch for BAR-B- QUE a Stage  
 Show, and a Tour of a Authentic Western Town Beef or Chicken & Fixing.  
 Cost Per Person \$40.00 Num Att. \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_

SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> A Tour of a Gold Camp " Cripple Creek" Enjoy the view of the Rockies. Tour  
 A Three story County Historical and Mining Museum. Then to the Double  
 Eagle Hotel & Casino Food & Drinks and gaming if so desire. Depart at 9 A.M.  
 Arrive back at 3 P.M. Cost Per Person \$ 30.00 Num. Att. \_\_\_ Total \_\_\_

SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> BANQUET at the Radisson Hotel Cost \$25.00 PP # Att \_\_\_ -Total \_\_\_  
 Total COST \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PH. \_\_\_\_\_ .SQUAD \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check To: ROBERT J. BACHER 692 N. ABBE RD. ELYRIA, OH 44035-3044  
 Ph. (440) 365-3023 PLEASE SEND EARLY!!!!!! If Extra Guest let me know please.

Luncheon : Salad , London Boil, Bake potato. Veg? ,dessert Apple Strudle  
 Banquet: Open Bar, Salad , New York strip steak . Bake Potato Veg? Chocolate Mousse

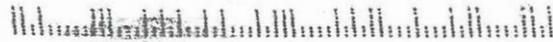
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## SPECIAL EDITION NOTE

Inside this issue:

Note From The Editor

***99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Mini-Reunion April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Daytona Beach, FL INFO!***

99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Constitution and By-Laws

Membership Directory Effective January 2003

Chaplain's Corner

99<sup>th</sup> BGHS Member Profile – Col. Ray V. Schwanbeck

2002 Annual Financial Statement

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***PLEASE Don't Wait, Send your Reunion Registration Forms In NOW!***