



39TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
814 Charles Court
Oregon, WI. 53575

Thank you visiting the 39th Bomb Group (VH) Web Site. If you are a descendant of a veteran of the group or have an interest in the history of the 39th Bomb Group (VH), then you are invited to join the Association.

It's easy to say, "Why don't we all meet" but it's another thing to put it all together. Thanks to the efforts of James W. Wyckoff and his wife Betty, who were confronted with locating veterans of the 39th Bomb Group as well as preparation, Forty-Four years after WWII, the 39th Bomb Group held its first reunion in Bellevue, NE in 1990.

"Now a decade plus years have passed since the first reunion, the men who remain, gather each year to enjoy each other's company, talk about the days of the service and their missions and remember with honor those friends and comrades who were lost during the missions and gave their lives in honor of their country as well as those who have taken their final flight since WWII and lost the battle of time". - Dave Smith, TG, Crew 31

The following pages contain a membership application and a questionnaire so that we can include your veteran's accounts of what they remembered about their missions and the crews of the 39th Bomb Group (VH), on the web site.

Pete Weiler
Webmaster@39th.org
39th Bomb Group (VH) Web Site

THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT

Membership Application:

The purpose of this form is so that we have a record of your desire to join the Association and so we can add you to our records for inclusion in our Association. This sheet is sent to the Association Webmaster who handles the registration of new members and renewal of current memberships.

Web Site Information Sheets:

The 39th Bomb Group Association has a web site at the following address: <http://39th.org> and <http://39thbombgroup.org> that was established on July 25, 2000. Our Facebook page is 39th Bomb Group (VH) Association.

The web site is a way to share the stories of accomplishments of our veteran's missions and the heartache and tears of losing friends and comrades who gave the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Only in their stories are they able to be honored and remembered.

The foundation of the web site information comes from "History of the 39th Bomb Group" by Robert Laird (of Crew 5) and David C. Smith (Crew 31) that was published in 1996, which is comprised of personal accounts submitted by Veterans of the 39th as well as information contained in documents obtained from the National Archives and various other sources. The web site not only has the original information from "History of the 39th BG" but also has new information as result of new contacts with veterans of the group and/or their family members and updated information since the time "History of the 39th Bomb Group" was published.

About the Veteran's Service & Mission Information Pages

B-29 crew veteran:

Information you can provide regarding your veteran including, combat crew or any of the ground crew who serviced the aircraft or worked in any other areas of support whom were valuable in keeping the 39th Group's history alive via our web site. If local communities have honored your veteran or crew, please let us know the details so we can add the details of this honor to our web site.

Ground crew veteran:

While there is information on the web site about the ground echelon it is limited when compared to the B-29 Crews. Information regarding the ground crews, what aircraft(s) did they help maintained (if your veteran was a mechanic or working in one of the shops) or if they worked in any other section, accounts as to personnel, job duties etc is a valuable part of the Group's history. If local community has honored your veteran, please let us know so we can add the details of this honor to our web site.

Other Pieces of Information:

Lists of missions the crew participated in, accounts of these missions, mission diaries are all items of interest because they help tell what missions the crew participated in and what the missions were like soon after they were completed. If possible, perhaps the veteran's thoughts from 1945. Images of decorations and citations earned by crews and individual are added to respective sections, so when possible please list any decorations and citations that were awarded to your veteran and members of his crew – individual or as crew.

Photos:

In addition to your veteran's accounts, help show who made up the crews were by matching the names to the faces – then and if possible, a more recent photo. Do you have post war photos of the crew from a Crew Reunion that may have been held? These all are great because they show there has been a bond that has lasted through time. Damage or mission photos are also great because they show the results of the crew and the Group's efforts and help tell the story. Family photos can also be added to veteran profile page if you desire. Please send digital images scanned 200 pixels min (jpg, png format) to: webmaster@39th.org. If you are unable photos and mission diaries – we can scan them for you.

Military Orders:

Military orders are a great record of who was part of the 39th BG. Since the start of the web site by using movement and orders covering award of decorations some of the names that did not appear in "History of the 39th Bomb Group" were found enabling these men to be honored with their fellow comrades on our web site. Please contact our webmaster at the address listed below for a list of orders that he already has.

If you have any of these items that you are willing to share, our webmaster can scan your pictures and return the originals to you or if you have access to scanning equipment please send electronically. (Taking photos with your phone and sending that way will also work.)

***Your Privacy with respect to the web site:**

It is the practice of the webmaster to respect your privacy.

- No information with regard to Army Serial Number, street address, telephone number or email address is displayed on the web site without permission. Army Serial Number is only used for tracking in our database.
- Only the Army Serial Numbers of the members of the 39th Bomb Group who are listed on the Casualty List from 1945 are displayed on the web site.

Note: There are times where contacts are made via the web site from 39th BG veterans and family who may have known crew members and have lost touch with over the years and are wishing to renew contact with other crew member's family, or perhaps a the family member of fellow veteran of group hoping they can get more information about their loved ones time with the Group. Please indicate in the boxes provided on the forms if the webmaster has your permission to release your postal and/or email address to a fellow 39th BG veteran or veteran family so they may contact you. Otherwise only your email address will be used by the webmaster for the purposes of notifying you about updates to the web site.

Returning the Forms:

Please send the Application and Veteran's Information & Web Site Information Forms ("About Your Veteran's Service" and "Mission Information") to:

Pete Weiler
3728 Aloha Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34232-5504
Email: webmaster@39th.org
Email: historian@39th.org

If you have any copies of military orders, we are interested in those. If you are able to make digital copies, please scan at 200 pixels minimum. They can be sent to one of the emails above. Or if you prefer you can send copies to Pete Weiler at the above postal address.

Note: All photos for the web site are considered a loan and will be returned unless otherwise noted.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Family of Veterans of the 39th Bomb Group or those interested in the history of the 39th Bomb Group are welcomed into membership.

Family Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip & Plus 4: _____

Area Code: (_____) Telephone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Name of widow or relative completing this form *(if different from above)*

Relationship: _____ E-Mail address: _____

Do not display email address on web site – See web privacy policy *

Included is a war time and present day photo of my family's veteran for the 39th BG's web site

Annual dues are for \$25.00 per year

Make checks payable to:

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With this form mail to:

Liz Van Kampen, Treasurer
814 Charles Court
Oregon, WI 53575



39th Bomb Group (VH) Association Web Site Project

Web Site Address: <http://39th.org>
email: the39thbga@39th.org

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VETERAN INFORMATION PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

As a family member of a Veteran of the 39th Bomb Group we want to include your family's veteran in our web site. Please take a few minutes to complete the following forms so that we may include your veteran's valuable knowledge from their service with the Group. Note: Street address and Army Serial **WILL NOT** be displayed on the web site.

ABOUT YOUR VETERAN:

Veteran:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip & Plus 4: _____

Area Code: (_____) Telephone: _____

Date of veteran's death (if applicable): _____

Crew No.: _____ Position: _____ # of Missions Flown: _____

Dates on Guam: _____

If not a former 39th BG member or relative, please give information about previous service or interest in the 39th BG. (check box and use back)

*Army Serial Number: _____

(optional; will not appear on web site it is used to track your name in our database – see Web Site Privacy Policy*)

Highest Rank: Wartime: _____

Military Retiree: _____

Date Entered into Service: _____

Place of Entry: _____

Date of Separation: _____

Place of Separation: _____

Decorations and Citations: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

PETER WEILER • 3728 ALOHA DRIVE • SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34232 • WEBMASTER@39TH.ORG

WEB SITE INFORMATION SHEET

ABOUT THE B-29 CREW

(Please complete this page if your veteran was a member of a B-29 combat crew)

Veteran's Name: _____ MOS: _____

Dates on Guam: _____ Squadron: HQ | 60th | 61st | 62nd

P- _____ B-29 Serial Number: (xx-xxxxx): _____

Aircraft Official Name: "City of _____"

Aircraft Nickname: _____

Where was the crew formed? _____

AC: _____

Radio: _____

Pilot: _____

CFC: _____

Nav: _____

RG: _____

Bomb: _____

LG: _____

Radar: _____

TG: _____

FE: _____

Did your veteran's crew have any permanent replacement crewmembers? Circle: No Yes
If Yes please indicate who, what position they held. If temporary replacements, please add what crew they were from:

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ABOUT YOUR VETERAN'S GROUND CREW:

(If your veteran was a member of the ground crew complete this page. If your veteran was a B-29 Crew Member and you have knowledge of the Ground Crew that serviced your veteran's crew's B-29, please complete the sections that apply.)

Veteran's Name: _____ MOS: _____

Dates on Guam: _____

P- _____ or Section or Shop: _____ Squadron: HQ | 60th | 61st | 62nd

B-29 Serial Number: (xx-xxxxx): _____ (if veteran serviced B-29s)

Aircraft Official Name: "City of _____ "

Aircraft Nickname: _____

What was your veteran's primary duty: _____ or MOS _____

Who did your veteran serve with in their section or crew (if possible, list rank with first & last name and position they held):

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