



6th Bomb Group Association

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Milwaukee Here We Come
October 3 - 6, 2013



As Editor of this Newsletter sometimes you just “luck out” and hard work is made easy when others fill in for you. Thanks to Larry Dananay last year at Charleston when I was on “sick leave”. And again this year when I asked Rob Ritter to give me a few lines on what Milwaukee has to offer for the various venues we can look forward to at this year’s reunion. He did it so well that I’ll just take it from his words as follows. ———

Hello 6th group friends, It gives the Ritter Family from Milwaukee great satisfaction to announce the initial details about the October 6th Bomb Group annual reunion. The dates will be our Thursday- Sunday format the first weekend in October. We have been very fortunate to be able to have booked another Hilton Garden Hotel property, which we so enjoyed last year at Charleston. This particular hotel is from 1882 and is just a classic beauty. It was Northwestern Insurance Company’s first headquarters and was opened three months ago. We were able to get a nightly rate of \$129.00 and this includes breakfast and a grand hospital-ity room. The hotel is very old school and just wonderful. I especially like the fact that it is in a perfect location in downtown Milwaukee close to everything in walkable or free shuttle to get around modes. We have some glorious adventures set up for the group to enjoy to include the following: #1 Friday is the Harley Davidson Museum tour that will include a special docent telling of H-D’s contributions during WW II. We will also be having a catered lunch in an enclosed

tent along the Milwaukee River right at the Museum and Jean Davidson, youngest daughter of one of the founders, will talk about growing up in that era. This will be followed by a short Lake Michigan and City bus tour narrated by one or two of the Ritter boys. #2 Saturday morning is the Miller Brewing Tour with a “tasting” of course at the end. #3 At noon we will lunch

at the Wisconsin Club. The superb relic of the bygone days will be a real treat for our group. This was General Billy Mitchell’s house originally and is used as an exclusive private club today. #4 Saturday night at the hotel we will enjoy a beer and brat tailgate party and watch an incredible movie documentary about the “Honor Flight” program. This was produced in Milwaukee and is playing at theaters across the nation

right now. #5 A very special person will be making a grand appearance at some point of the weekend. Treat yourselves and google these venues. Steve Dananay and I came up with this theme before we left Charleston last year. “Bikes, Beer, Brats, and Bombers” which sounded good at the time late Saturday night. We are always interested in any ideas for refinement on this theme. Gayle, Will and I along with my dad Charles & Clara Daniels along with his other six sons and multitude of grandchildren are really

looking forward to another fantastic reunion and showing off our great city and lake.

Sincerely, Rob Ritter





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today, I face yet another Honor, that is to address you: all of our distinguished members. I have been troubled by this letter, as we have had a difficult time since our last Reunion. We have lost many wonderful friends as long time members and very distinguished Veterans. It is difficult to come up with words adequate to Honor our lost members and their families. I have tried and have decided to say simply: We will miss all of our departed Veterans, **BUT WE WILL NEVER FORGET ANY OF YOU.** As a further tribute to those departed, I decided to try hard to make these difficult times become more an "HONOR" to all departed and all remaining. To this end, I must thank Jack Koser for coming to my rescue only a few days ago. In my inadequate search for a way to create this Honor, I could not come up with a way until Jack's email arrived.

In this fortuitous email, Jack sent an article concerning the infamous "Doolittle Raiders". These gentlemen wished a message be received by the Japanese Empire. They took on an unbelievable Mission to bomb Japan long before we had any of the Pacific Islands from which to launch such an assault. And they did this before the B-29 long range bomber was even on the drawing board. The mission required that, at the last minute, the 80 members make a decision to fly with the knowledge that they would not have enough fuel to return. Their decision was quick and correct: they took off and delivered their message to the Empire. I shall not recant the story further here, but invite all of you to Google "The cup of brandy that no one wants to drink". It will recant the entire fascinating and honorable story of these men we all must remember and honor.

The story reminded me that it is time for all of us in the 6th Bomb Group to find an appropriate way to Honor our Veteran members with a similar cup of brandy, excellent wine or very old Whiskey "that no one wants to drink". After the many horrific battles for the South Pacific Islands, Tinian among them, our men of the 6th, faced many difficult missions also. The creation of the B-29 and the capture of Tinian and Iwo Jima made our assault possible, but what could easily be described as "ragged edge". By that, I mean the available fuel and bomb load required for Tokyo bomb runs, was very close to not quite enough to return. Some will attest to Iwo Jima being a God Send to refuel, my Dad among them. Without Iwo Jima, I would not be here at all, as my Father would probably not have made it back to the relative safety of a remote Island in the Pacific for which many American lives were sacrificed. The strategic thinking, planning, sacrifices and violent battles for South Pacific Islands are why we enjoy the Freedoms that make us who we are and what we have achieved. I believe I mentioned in the last letter to all of you that I would not be what I am today without the phenomenal sacrifices these men made for all of us currently enjoying the prosperity of the United States of America. I do not know how to thank them enough.

Virgil Morgan mentioned to me in an email responding to Jack's "The cup of brandy that no one wants to drink" that the 6th BG was honored to have as a member, one of the original "Doolittle Raider's" pilots while on Tinian Island. He apparently flew only one mission, but as Virgil mentioned, thank God he was not shot down as his treatment by the Japanese would not have been honorable had they found out he was a "Doolittle Raider". The Board and I will find a similar analogy to "The cup of Brandy" and report at our Reunion.

FROM THE EDITOR



I won't elaborate further on Rob Ritter's words on page 1 outlining what's in store for all of us at our reunion. Other than to say the invitation is open to all and Milwaukee awaits your arrival. As for the people of Milwaukee and the places to visit, I can add my own "plug" to that. Post WW II and a stint in college, I spent every 3rd week in the city when covering six states working for the Master Lock Company. One of "Milwaukee's finest" and still to this day the world's largest manufacturer of padlock and combination locker locks.

You can also take it from me you'll never go thirsty in the city as at one time it was the brewery center of America. Nor hungry as Milwaukee still contains some of America's finest restaurants, in particular "great German cuisine". Oh yes, not to forget the state of Wisconsin is big, really big on cheese and it's where the Green Bay Packers have made football mastery for more years than the professional football league teams care to remember. To those attending the reunion the hotel and venue registration on page 7 covers it all and your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated. As will your dues payment noted on page 8. That's my usual "push" as we need your dollars to help defray the cost of the semi-annual newsletters. Speaking of money, when I asked Warren Higgins for his Treasurer's Report he responded, "Bill, 6th Bomb Group Treasury is 'flush' with \$7,437.73 (full house with three 7's and a pair of 3's) with all bills paid and none 'holding'!" You'll also note in the Eunice's Corner article on page 4 that we continue to lose Regular Members. A "sign of the times" as the average age of a WW II veteran today is 90+.

☆ William B. Webster ☆

In closing, let me say how very happy I am that it is only 4 months until our next Reunion. The Ritter Family has an exciting and fun agenda for us all in Milwaukee where we will once again enjoy each others company and we will create the "Cup of brandy that no one wants to drink" for our Veterans starting a new tradition of Honor. As descendants, friends, relatives, members, etc. our message to 6th Bomb Group Veterans: "Thank you for presenting us with the lives we have all enjoyed due to your efforts and sacrifices on Tinian Island".

I look forward to seeing ALL of you in Milwaukee in October.

☆ John R. Creek, Jr. ☆

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The 6th Bomb Group Won't Be Forgotten!

Jack Koser visiting the 6th Mobility Wing at MacDill Field recently where our 6th Bomb Group flag flies and our plaque hangs in the hallway of their Headquarters Building. The 6th has 15 KC-135's and is the "follow on" unit to our 6th Bomb Group. Some of you may recall visiting with Bill Polson, their Historian, who attended the San Diego reunion and wrote that excellent article, "The Real Pirates Formerly of the Caribbean" on our 6th Bomb Group for the January, 2012 Newsletter.



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The Island of Tinian is getting a lot of attention these days as the 70th Anniversary of its invasion in June of 2014 approaches. The Northern Marianas welcomed three veteran groups in March this year. Pacific Development, Inc. Director Gordon I. Marciano confirmed.

Valor Tours brought over sons and a nephew of WWII veterans who served on the islands: Dan Owens, an aircrew member on "FIFI" the only flying B-29 in the world; David Wilson, whose father, Sgt. Bernard Wilson left blister gunner on "Anonymous IV" crew in the 6th Bomb Group; Brent Petrie, whose uncle participated in the liberation of Saipan as member of the 2nd Marine Division; and Hume "Andy" Giles, whose father served as a member of the 4th Marine Division and whose uncle was a 67th Battalion Seabee on Tinian and helped build North Field.

The Valor Tour group, held a ceremony on Tinian on March 18th with Mayor Ramone M. Dela Cruz who joined the group for an evening cookout. Upon returning home David Wilson sent Pirate's Log books to Island officials and all members of the tour group.





- ✱ **Richard "Dick" M. Sidders** of Fullerton, CA passed away April 26, 2013. Dick was a Staff Sergeant in the 39th Squadron and a Tail Gunner with Crew #3905.
- ✱ **Newell O. Fears** of Hopkinsville, KY He was a Staff Sergeant in the 24th Squadron, Radio.
- ✱ **Warren Decker** of Centerville, OH passed away in January of 2009, Warren was First Sergeant in the 39th Squadron.
- ✱ **Dr. Carl J. Manone** of Destin, FL passed away March 14, 2012. Carl was a 1st Lt. in the 40th Squadron. He was Bombardier with Crew #4002.
- ✱ **Martin K. Tennant** of Parkersburg, WV passed away in January of 2003. He was a Corporal with the 39th Squadron.
- ✱ **James Garcia** passed away in March of 1991. James was a Master Sergeant with the 39th Squadron and a Flight Engineer with crew 3904.
- ✱ **Morris Cohn** of Crescent Beach, Niantic, CT passed away on September 19, 2012. Morris was a Radio operator on B-29's.
- ✱ **Edwin 'Sam' L. Dahlberg** of Tinley, IL passed away on January 7, 2013. He was a Sergeant with the 40th Squadron Ground crew.
- ✱ **Edward H Pendergast** of Salt Lake City, UT passed away on December 19, 2012. He was a Staff Sergeant with the 39th Squadron and a Tail Gunner with Crew # 3904.
- ✱ **Henry H. Koltthoff** of Beaumont, CA passed away. He was a Master Sergeant with the 39th Squadron. Henry was a Ground Crewman with Crew # 3908.
- ✱ **Richard G. Lucas** of Pleasantville, PA passed away April 30, 2013. He was a Sgt. serving with the 24th Squadron 6th Bomb Group as a tail gunner on crew #2413. Dick was awarded the Victory II Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with three bronze Clusters and Distinguished Flying Cross. He loved his country and was proud of the time he served with his buddies in the Army Air Corps.

Eunice Plax maintains the "place of record" for deceased 6th Bomb Group Members. Please send information to:
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Bob Reagan – Remembered

Robert "Doc" Reagan of Lowell, MI passed away February 16, 2013

Robert Emmett Reagan, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, golf partner and friend. Not only did Bob live a long, full and active life enjoying every moment with those dear to him, he was a community leader, business owner and active in the dental profession as well. He graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School and entered WWII by enlisting in the Army Air Force where he served in the 39th Squadron in the 6th Bomb Group as a B-29 gunner stationed on the island of Tinian. He discovered there were periodic national reunions for his bomb group in 1989. After attending one, he soon was elected to board positions, newsletter editor, served as President several times and continued to attend reunions, including the latest in Charleston, SC in September 2012.

Bob met Carol Callan while they were students at Marquette University in Milwaukee. After graduation in 1953 the newlyweds chose to start a family and establish a dental practice in Lowell, Michigan. They wasted no time succeeding at both, and their family kept growing and making a mark in Lowell. Over time he was the recipient of numerous awards and honors and was selected as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists. The nominating endorsement cited his "family and community contributions, his professional competence, his quiet leadership, friendliness and kindly manners". His dental colleagues also awarded him the Distinguished Service Award, which states, in part, "...an overview of his private, family, civic and professional life might serve as a guide for how to apply family values so that America would be enriched throughout all the land if his example were followed".

He was also selected Lowell Area "Person of the Year", an honor that recognized his service to the city through the: Lions Club, United Way Community Fund and Lowell Area School Board and numerous others. Bob will be missed by many as besides leaving nine children and their families, 23 grandchildren, dozens of nieces and nephews, there were former patients, many golf and euchre partners, as well as downhill skiing and hunting buddies.

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I didn't have the privilege of meeting Bob on Tinian nor do I recall meeting him at my first reunion at Omaha in 1982. Knowing so few men in the 6th on Tinian, as I was a late comer to the group, and because dates and time escape me, now I'm not even sure at which reunion we first met. However, I do remember a decade or so ago when he asked me to become the Editor of this newsletter. I accepted and a strong personal relationship followed. Then in the ensuing years while serving together as Board Members, we visited often on various issues. One of which was dedicating our efforts to bring 2nd and 3rd generation young people into the Association to perpetuate the name and historic record of the 6th Bomb Group so as never to be forgotten.

More recently I stayed in touch with Bob by phone in checking on his doctor visits. Our last dinner together was in San Diego with our daughter, and I had just lost my wife a few months before and Bob had lost his a few years earlier. His valuable council he shared with us was heartfelt and just what we needed at that point in time.

William B. Webster, Editor



Jim Hays Remembered

James L. Hays (Chaplain, Colonel, USAF, Ret.)
passed away at his home in Norman, Oklahoma on February 12, 2013

Jim was born in Belleville, Arkansas on May 26, 1925, but grew up in Seminole County, Oklahoma, where he graduated from High School in 1942. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served during WWII as a Bombardier on B29s in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to Seminole, married Carolyn McCoy, completed a degree at Oklahoma Baptist University, and moved to Louisville, KY to attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He then returned to active duty as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force, serving at numerous bases both in the US and abroad. He was an outstanding preacher and song leader and enjoyed music immensely. Frequently, sometimes even in public, and as nervous family members watched helplessly, he would start dreamily humming one of his favorite old hymns and then gradually transition into singing it aloud, oblivious of those around him.

Jim also loved to get out on the water and fish and enjoyed sitting in his chair and reading (and he read on a very wide range of topics). A strong, active member of the First Baptist Church in Norman, Jim was well known for his warm and caring Christian character; indeed, throughout his life he was always concerned for others and reaching out to comfort those who needed encouragement. A loving husband and wonderful father, he also served as the caring "patriarch" for dozens within his wider extended family. Jim influenced hundreds of people throughout his life and, no doubt, there are many who saw him as their role model of what a Christian man should be. He enjoyed this life and projected that joy out to all who came in contact with him.

As editor I had the privilege of profiling Jim Hays in the January 2006 Newsletter and the following are excerpts taken from the very meaningful and heartfelt homily he presented us with at the Sunday morning service closing out the Wichita Reunion. When visiting with him it doesn't take one long to recognize that love has played a large part in his life.

I came to Tinian in the spring of 1945 with my first crew, but Bill Lemme, Aircraft commander and Dick Baumgartner were replaced, as was usual, and I flew until May 24, 1945 with Jay K. Anderson. After the hairy May 24 mission when six of our crew bailed out and were POW's, the four of us, Andy, Bob Creek, Harold Brenholtz, and I went to Hawaii for a couple of weeks. I finished



my bombardier career with Harry George's crew. I remembered on the missions I flew from Tinian, we liked to have Chaplain Murphy come by and wave saying "Hurry Back". The lessons learned during my time with the 6th Bomb Group, served me well as we developed loyalty to our fellow crewmembers and learned to bond tightly and quickly. When Tokyo Rose taunted us by saying Jay K. Anderson's crew were POW's, we cheered as we thought our men were dead.

As the crews began rotating home after August 16th I was made Bombsight and Autopilot Maintenance Officer. In February the 6th Bomb Group went to Clark Field in the Philippines and I arrived back home in August 1946, barely in time to get into collage.

I stayed in the Air Force Reserves and when about to complete my education in Divinity School, was called back into service. I convinced the Air Force that I would be a better Chaplain than Maintenance Officer, and I went to Travis Air Force Base, cold turkey. There in the row of familiar B-29's on the flight line were many planes with the beautiful Circle R on the tails.

During that period in my life in the military, the second time around from 1952 to 1977, some of the Chaplains that I worked for thought visitation on the flight lines were not important. However, the Commanders thought it was important and moved my efficiency reports to the highest. In fact later I was invited to SAC Headquarters to lead a discussion on the "Flight Line Ministry".

So we gather here in Wichita as "old fighters" who spent a chunk of our youth together. Proud of one another we return the brotherly love developed on Tinian and since nurtured in our old age. Your closeness defined a lot of my ministry. The fellowship with you and the many that are missing is very important to me. This is the highlight of all my meetings, along with family reunions, and I can only understand it by reminding you that you are family to Carolyn and me.

I doubt if all of us will return next time. I do not know how long we will be able to gather, but always "count me in" as you get together. God Bless.

VETERANS PANEL DISCUSSION YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We were successful at the last two reunions to begin collecting bits and pieces from our Veterans on their life in the military. So we're now reaching out to all of the 6th Bomb Group Regular Members. Those who will attend the Milwaukee reunion and be a part of the panel discussion and equally important those who may not attend but will receive this newsletter. You may not feel that your particular wartime service was important but you're wrong. The 6th Archives need it and the WW II Museum where these will be going needs it. So, to those of you unable to attend a reunion please "corner" a son, daughter or a grandchild and dictate to them a few lines on your 1945 Tinian WW II memories. Then drop it in the mail, fax or e-mail to the address below and we'll take it from there.

You can write on anything; most memorable and most humorous event stateside or Tinian, crew member briefings before and following missions, loading procedures, emotions, POW and "show of force" mission of September '45, post war Tinian activities and how your WW II experiences shaped your life.

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BURIED TREASURE WAS UNDER OUR NOSES!

By Harry George

On Monday, September 20, 1638, Captain Don Francisco stood on the deck of his 2000 ton galleon, the Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion, looking out at two small islands and the three mile channel that separated them. Ominous clouds masked the setting sun. He had been plying the lucrative trade route between Manila and the New World America. The islands were discovered in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan who named them *Islas de los ladrones* (Thieves Islands) because they were a rendezvous for pirates. Later they were renamed Tinian and Saipan. His fear when sailing in this area was seeing another ship bearing down on him with the sign of the 'Jolly Roger' on its sails - Pirates! But this was not to be his fate this time. During the turbulent twenty-four hours to come his undoing was two fold, storms and mutiny aboard his treasure laden ship. Due to the mutiny he was unable to cope with the squalls that would spell the end for him and most of the four hundred people aboard. The ship foundered and was hurled onto a reef in the channel. The precious cargo from the Orient including a solid gold plate and ewer set, a gift from the King of Spain to the Emperor of Japan, spilled into the sea. Three hundred and seven years later in January of 1945 large planes came streaming in

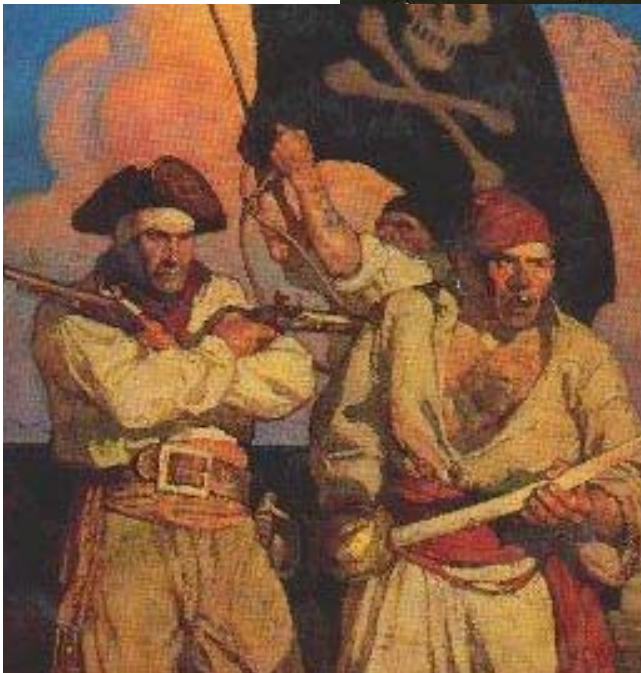
to the four parallel runways hurriedly constructed on the north tip of Tinian Island just three miles from the remains of the Concepcion. Forty-five B-29 aircraft of the 6th Bombardment Group had arrived from the United States to fight a war against Japan. On the sides of the nose of each aircraft were the large distinctive "pirates

head and shoulders with skull and bones" logo of the 6th Group. The Pirate emblem was claimed by the Group when it was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone in 1924. If Captain Don Francisco had somehow slipped out of his "time warp", he would have been terrified at the sight! Strangely, the total gross weight of all 6th Group arriving aircraft approximately equaled the gross weight of the Concepcion! After arrival the flight and maintenance crews plus support personnel settled down to the grim business of delivering discouragement to 'the land of the setting sun', Japan. The precious little free time the men had would be spent piling into jeeps and trucks for a few hours at the beautiful beaches. If lucky, they could do some fishing at the invitation of some CB (Construction Battalion) workers who

had the neatest little boats, plus whatever else the 'flyboys' whom they greatly admired, wanted. It is with regret when we think back that we could have ended a 'time warp' by digging our hands and toes into the sand in the shallow water between the two islands and come up with thousands of pieces of gold and jewelry at the wreck site. It was not until March

of 1987 that an underwater recovery group, Pacific Sea Resources, would arrive to spend months salvaging the cargo from depths of two feet to two hundred feet. A writer for the National Geographic was along and he wrote articles published in the September 1990 issue. Using modern equipment they brought up more than 3,500 pieces of gold, rubies, diamonds and sapphires. One can only imagine what the activity would have been on the islands in 1945 if the word got out. The B-29 crews would have traded with the CBs for diving equipment and flotation gear. Looking back at our production of windmill washing machines, your imagination will tell you what equipment we could have had out in the channel between Tinian and Saipan. Recalling our ingenuity, I would say the 45,000 men on the island would have brought up more. But we had to be content with the "cat's eyes" and "cat's paws" that we brought home. Some of the treasure is still there - anyone up for it?

Editor's choice: Some articles are worth repeating. It was good in the April 1996 Newsletter and it's good today.



hotel

6th Bomb Group Hotel Registration

October 3 - 6, 2013
Hilton Garden Inn/ Milwaukee
Downtown
611 North Broadway
1-414-271-6611

Each 6th Bomb Group Member who attends the reunion:

- ☆ Must make their own reservations by calling the above telephone number.
- ☆ Must identify themselves as a 6th Bomb Group Member to qualify for the special rate.
- ☆ All reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card.
- ☆ Room rates available, upon request, 2 days before and 2 days after our event at quoted price.

Room Rate:

Single/Double \$129.00 plus tax.
Suite \$149.00 plus tax.

- ☆ Reservations must be received by 09/03/2013 to receive special room rate.
- ☆ Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00.
- ☆ Rate includes grand breakfast in The Great American Grill for each guest, per night!!!

airport

The airport is approximately six miles from the hotel.

- ☆ Option one is a taxi to hotel from airport approximately \$25.00 each way.
 - ☆ Option two is a Go Rite way van to hotel from Gen. Mitchell Field which is \$27.00 round trip/per person.
- Their web-site link is:

<https://gorightway.com/reservations?code=6BGSP>.

Attendees will need a credit card to book this.



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events

6th Bomb Group Registration & Event Form

Thursday - October 3, 2013

3:00 PM Registration Open
6:00 PM Opening reception in the hospitality room. Dinner on your own

Friday - October 4, 2013

6:30AM - 10:00 Breakfast served- Great American Grill
9:30AM Board buses- 9:45AM buses leave for Harley Davidson Museum.
10:00AM Guided tour of this beautiful private museum. This will include a special docent telling of H-D's contributions during WW II.
12:00PM Wonderful luncheon at an enclosed tent along the Milwaukee River on the Museum's grounds. Jean Davidson, daughter of the founder, will be giving her recollections growing up in this era.
2:00PM Short Lake Michigan and City bus tour narrated by one or two of the Ritter Boys.
3:00PM Opportunity to take a break or explore the city using the free hotel shuttle.
5:00PM Board meeting
6:00PM Hospitality room open for social hour. Dinner on your own.
7:30PM Milwaukee Harbor Cruise includes dinner and two hour trip aboard the enclosed Edelweiss for the nautical people amongst us. Embark next to hotel.

Saturday - October 5, 2013

6:30AM - 10:00 Breakfast served- Great American Grill
9:00AM Board buses. Buses will leave for the Miller Brewery Tour.
10:00AM Tour begins. There will be a very easy short tour also available for anyone who would desire. Both long and short tours will end up in their famous beer tasting rooms. We will have a chance to interface with some of the brewery workers who are veterans also and would like to meet us.
11:45AM Lunch at the Wisconsin Club. This superb relic of the bygone days will be a real treat for our group. This was Gen. Billy Mitchell's house originally and is used as an exclusive private club today. We will have a very special speaker just after lunch.
2:15PM Return to hotel to take a break or explore the city's landscapes.
4:30PM Open mike and stories in the hospitality room.
6:00PM Cocktails start in the hospitality room - silent auction begins.
7:00PM Beer and Brat Tailgate Party which will later feature a documentary film called "Honor Flight" that everyone will enjoy. John Creek, our president, and crew will close out the fund raising auction, as this memorable night winds down.

Sunday, October 6, 2013

6:30AM - 10:00 Breakfast served - Great American Grill
9:00 AM Sunday Morning Memorial Service TBA.
Everyone have a safe journey home.
Rob Ritter cell # 1-414-380-7888 for any questions.

Let us know about any special needs so we can try to accomodate these.

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Robert P. Ritter
1749 N 83rd St.
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

6th Bomb Group 2013 Reunion

#1 Friday Harley Davidson event with lunch and tour -	\$68.00 - _____
#2 Friday optional Milwaukee Harbor Cruise -	\$65.00 - _____
#3 Saturday Miller Tour and Wisconsin Club -	\$55.00 - _____
#4 Saturday Brat and Beer Tailgate Party w/ movie -	\$20.00 - _____
#5 Registrstion Fee Members/spouses/guests -	\$15.00 - _____

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☆☆☆IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT☆☆☆

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FOR THE TECHIES AMONG US

EXPLORE AIRCRAFT COCKPITS WITH NEW APP



A new app from the National Museum of the Air Force offers a look inside some of history's greatest aircraft. ACI Cockpit360 features high-definition panoramic photos of more than 20 cockpits from well-known aircraft on display at the museum, including the B-29 Bockscar that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, to end World War II.

The app is currently available free for download from the Apple iTunes store, and a Droid version is planned. The app's creator, Lyle Jansma of AeroCapture Images, says that it offers a true sense of being in the cockpit, for pilots and aviation students alike. "Personally, for myself, the most satisfying element is knowing that aviation enthusiasts with limited mobility and access can now have a virtual experience once reserved for pilots and aircrew," Jansma says.



www.nationalmuseum.af.mil