



6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group  
Association

TINIAN ISLAND  
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REUNION IN NORTH SEATTLE/EVERETT  
SEPTEMBER 11 - 15, 2019



What comes to mind when you think of Seattle? Coffee, the Space Needle, 'Frasier', rain? Seattle is so much more! Year-round greenery, snow-capped mountains, and orca-filled waters await you! The "Emerald City" is filled with museums, shopping, and fun. Seattle is the headquarters for Fortune 500 companies like Amazon, Starbucks, Microsoft, Costco, and a thriving aviation and aerospace industry. Boeing employs over 80,000 people in and around Seattle. What better place for the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Reunion!

If you fly into Sea-Tac Airport (SEA), you will be an hour south of our reunion location. You'll need to prearrange transportation via rental car, Uber, cab, or Shuttle Express. A closer airport is Paine Field (PAE). It is only five minutes away and easily accessible via cab or Uber. United and Alaska Air currently fly to Paine Field.

Our reunion will be at the Hilton Garden Inn. From your room you can enjoy stunning views of the surrounding mountains, the Boeing Factory and Paine Field airport. Parking is free. Rooms are spacious. Breakfast is included in your \$149 room rate. A fitness room, WiFi, and a pool are also available for your enjoyment. A bar and restaurant are conveniently on site. Next door, the Future of Flight museum has a cafeteria for day-time meals. We hope we can provide a fascinating and dynamic reunion experience for you all. You'll love the vitality and beauty of this area so much you may want to extend your visit.

Call now to reserve your room. **Mention the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group for your special rate of \$149 per night.** PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY TO INSURE OUR SPECIAL RATE! Hilton Garden Inn, Seattle North, 8401 Paine Field Blvd., Mukilteo, WA



425-423-9000





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I begin this message for all of us in the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association with a quote from one of my favorite authors, Robert Heinlein: “A generation which ignores history, has no past ... AND NO FUTURE”. I quote this to help in our strategy of remembering that our real purpose as an organization is not only to continue honoring our WWII Veterans, but to carry on their HISTORY for current generations so that they will have a FUTURE similar to what all of us have enjoyed by virtue of our Veterans’ victory and accomplishments. Our next opportunity for this action is coming very soon in Mukilteo, WA thanks to the efforts of Dave & Mariane Danley. They are our latest VOLUNTEERS to carry on our legacy of Reunions and education to our next generations. We cannot thank them enough, and all of our other volunteers from the past, for the time, effort and energy devoted to our purpose. This will be yet another chance for us all to see where the infamous B-29 was designed and built by The Boeing Company.

The first 6<sup>th</sup> BG Reunion I ever attended with my Father was in Seattle sponsored by Boeing to celebrate the first flight of the B-29 Aircraft. The occasion represented the first time I learned the details of Dad’s WWII involvement, so it is a very special place for me personally. We all look forward to another wonderful Reunion with our Veterans and all of the friends we have made through the years with relatives and simply interested and interesting people who are now involved with the 6<sup>th</sup> BG. Thank you to Dave and Mariane for making this possible for us all.

Our next get together will bring us yet more discussion over what to with all of our valuable memorabilia. Too many questions continue to arise about our legal liability in this gift to whomever we may eventually decide. This is one of our seemingly most difficult decisions. Don Kane has expended much effort in this endeavor, for which we are deeply grateful. But a decision must be made to generate the stated goal above for the HISTORY of our Veterans’ accomplishments. We owe this to our Veterans and the American citizenry to do our best to propagate the facts and results of our civilization in the United States of America.

Last, but not least is our WEBSITE concept discussed at the last Reunion. Funding is our major issue for this endeavor and your Board will discuss this and generate some new ideas to generate money. Our Auctions and other ideas will move to fund this as we do seem to agree this is a significant method to “broadcast” our history to our world. I ask all of our members to submit ideas for funding this as well and look forward to discussions and a DECISION on as much of this as possible.

This should end your President’s Message for the upcoming Reunion so that we can all think about our contribution to the above ideas. We must do our best to insure the current generation will indeed have a FUTURE as bright as ours has been since our Vets came home to the United States of America with victory in a World War.

Thank You.

★ John R. Creek, Jr. ★

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## FROM THE EDITORS



We hope that you enjoy this issue of the newsletter and will take the time to go to the links to learn more about our reunion and the 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have stories or photographs you would like to share in our newsletter, please send them to us: [swbates1@gmail.com](mailto:swbates1@gmail.com)

Hello again. There is a lot of good stuff in this edition of the newsletter starting with everything you need to register for the next reunion in September. Dave and Mariane Danley are putting together a great event, and we sincerely hope that everyone will attend. Mariane is Ed Vincent’s niece. This is another chance to catch up with friends and to learn more about the 6<sup>th</sup> and its significant contributions to the war effort.

We are starting a new feature in this edition that we hope will continue in the future. We would love to hear from our vets, their spouses, or children about What the Sixth Means to Me. We want this to be a place where the significance of these Veterans, this organization, these reunions, and your memories come alive. Just write down your thoughts and send them to us, maybe 150 words or so, just a half page, and we will start including them in upcoming newsletters. If you don’t feel comfortable writing it all down, Shirley or I will be happy to interview you at the reunion and use your thoughts to create your story. We hope this will become another way of keeping the memory of the 6<sup>th</sup> BG alive for all our readers.

We have included a wonderful story about the B-29 Propeller Memorial at Grand Island, Nebraska. Virgil Morgan originally wrote this story for a reunion in the 1990’s, and we have condensed it to fit here. When the future web site is complete, the entire story will be placed there, but for now you have to live with this teaser and some of the twists and turns that took place trying to get the monument in place in time for a fall reunion. At our Mukilteo reunion we are sure Virgil will be happy to tell the story in detail, maybe even embellishing it a bit.

A last request—we have included another reminder about the Library of Congress’ Veterans’ History Project. If you can, go to the web site, and do what you can to add to this valuable collection of stories about the contributions of our veterans during WWII. It is important to keep this history alive. And don’t forget, register for the reunion. We look forward to seeing you in Everett.

A gentle reminder—if you are eligible to apply for the 6<sup>th</sup> Scholarship please consider doing so.

# THE B-29 44-69972 FLIES AGAIN

The B-29, better known as DOC, is operational again. Based in Wichita, Kansas at the Eisenhower National Airport, DOC is open for tours, and occasionally rides both at its home base and when it is on tour throughout the country.

DOC is on tour this summer at the following locations:

- June 15 -16 at Whitman AFB, MO, Knob Noster, MO.
- July 19-21 in Madison, WI.
- July 22-28 in Oshkosh, WI.
- Oct 25 and 26 at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX.

Each stop is in conjunction with an air show and rides are being offered at each stop. The cost of the rides, times and other details are located at the web site: [www.b29doc.com](http://www.b29doc.com) or by calling 316-260-4312.



Restored DOC



## WHAT THE SIXTH MEANS TO ME

In broadening the scope of this column to include not only Veterans, but also spouses, and children, I am writing as the daughter of Captain Ralph C. Wilson, Airplane Commander/Pilot of “The White Mistress”, B-29-50-BW, serial number 42-24776 in the 40<sup>th</sup> Squadron.

The Sixth is many things to me, and they are all wonderful treasures I have acquired since attending my first reunion in Midland, Texas in 2008. Thank heavens for Phil Crowther’s website where I found the Sixth and for David Wilson for the information he has so generously shared at the reunions! At the top of the treasure list is “A Dad Fix”. That is a term coined by another Associate Member I heard 4 years ago in Portland and can relate to completely.

When I am around the Veterans, their personalities, sense of humor, strong moral code, sense of duty, devotion to family, and patriotism, they all remind me of my parents. No wonder they are called “The Greatest Generation”.

At the reunions I have met Veterans who knew my Dad and even my Mother at Grand Island. I have learned how my folks were similar yet different from some of the others, too. They were married in March 1943, and Dad was 29 when he went

to combat. His crew called him “The Old Man” since most of them were 19, 20, and 21. When Dad left for Tinian, I was six weeks old! About that time I came down with pneumonia. It must have been pretty scary for both of them – combat and a new baby!! And a sick one at that.

I count as treasures the Veterans, spouses, children, and grandchildren who have become our friends over the years. From them I have learned so much about the Veterans and their sacrifices, the importance of Tinian, the B-29 and its missions, and, of course, what was happening at home and around the world during WW2. The stories they tell are personal and real. Unlike some other Dads, mine did talk about the war (especially after a couple of drinks) but not these same stories.

I do wish that my parents had lived long enough to enjoy some of the Sixth Bomb Group Reunions, too. Dad passed away in 1970, 14 years before the first reunion, and my Mom in 1975. They would have enjoyed all of it!

*Shirley Wilson Bates*



# THE GRAND ISLAND PROPELLOR MONUMENT: A CONDENSED STORY

*Note: this story is a condensed version of the original written by Virgil Morgan.*

For several years the Sixth Bomb Group Association Board had discussed holding a reunion in Grand Island, Nebraska, and installing some type of memorial commemorating the time the Group spent training there and expressing thanks to the people of Grand Island for their hospitality. At the 1992 reunion the Board decided to proceed with a memorial to be located at the Grand Island Veterans' Memorial Park. And so, began the saga of the Grand Island Propeller Monument.

Ed Allgor suggested the Group erect a propeller and submitted a drawing of his proposal. A decision was made that October, 1993 would be the date of the reunion and the dedication of the propeller monument. A target date was set, but the challenge of finding a real B-29 propeller was more complicated than anyone thought.

There were dozens of phone calls made to museums, scrap yards, and museums. A hub was found here, pieces found there, payments made for phantom propellers that really didn't exist and had to be refunded. According to Virgil, "Finally, we found, we thought, the very blades we had been searching for and in June 1993. They were delivered to Seattle only to find out they were propeller blades for a Super Constellation and not a B-29. Both aircraft used the same engine, but the blades were different." So, Virgil was now the proud owner of the propeller blades for a Constellation engine and various parts for a B-29 engine. The clock was ticking way too fast as the October reunion was approaching as was the promised dedication of a monument in the city of Grand Island.

Virgil Morgan made a call to the San Antonio Propeller Service who, possibly with some divine intervention, found suitable B-29 blades from a source in Arizona, had them shipped to San Antonio and on to Seattle. It was August 1993 now, and the clock was ticking faster.

Finally, the propeller began to take shape in the Morgan #04 building in Everett, WA. It soon became apparent that the handling of this monster was not going to be easy in Grand Island without special life equipment or support stands so these were also fabricated in the Morgan shops. The assembled propeller was 16 feet 7 inches in diameter and had to be taken apart for shipment to Grand Island. Boeing came through and did the final finishing and plating, and we copied the original stenciling on the blades to insure they had their exact original

markings. We were able to trade four 6<sup>th</sup> BG patches for four authentic WWII blade decals to add to the authenticity of the blades. We recognized that the blades on a B-29 tilt slightly upward at an 86-degree angle. We were able to manufacture the supporting structure to allow for the authentic angle. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, work in Everett was done and everything was disassembled and shipped to Grand Island. The project was almost on time if not exactly on budget.

Ruhe Construction in Grand Island was a huge help with the installation as they constructed the monument base and did much of the work necessary to complete final installation. Without the Ruhe's and the cooperation of Grand Island Public Utilities, we would have had a really difficult time getting the project completed.

The monument was complete, the dedication was a success, the Veterans' Park contains a monument to the Sixth and a permanent symbol of the Group and their time in Grand Island.

We found out later that our idea was in competition with another group who wanted to place a monument in the same location. It was the initial presentation by Mel Simpson that carried the day and gave us the rights to build our thank you to the city. He was a great salesman.

This project was made possible with the help of many people and organizations who deserve some recognition—This was a max effort and once again we achieved success. The Sixth met the challenge and performed above and beyond.

Many thanks to the following individuals: Virgil Morgan, Irene Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Ray Ramsey, Don Burton, Lynne Burton, J. B. Hodson, Ray Holtzclaw, Harry George, Frosty Arden, Ed Allgor, Mel Simpson, Jim Bauter, Royce Ruhe, Ed Ruhe, Roger Bell, Dan Fore, Ed Peal.

Thanks to the following Companies and Organizations: Sixth Bomb Group, Association and Board of Directors, Confederate Air Force, US Propeller Service, Yellow Freight, Morgan Aero, Boeing Corporation, Hamilton Standard, Royce Ruhe Construction, Grand Island Public Utilities, Veterans' Association of Grand Island, City of Grand Island, NB.



INSCRIPTION FOR THE B-29 PLAQUE IN  
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

B-29 C.B.I. - GUAM - SAIPAN - TINIAN

1944

1945

20<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE

6<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP (VH)

24 BOMB SQD. 39 BOMB SQD. 40 BOMB SQD.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION THANK THE PEOPLE OF GRAND ISLAND FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY WHEN WE TRAINED HERE IN 1944-1945 BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE PACIFIC THEATRE OF WAR TO FLY 1,750 WORLD WAR II COMBAT MISSIONS OVER JAPAN.

WE OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE WERE THE FIRST TO USE AIR POWER TO END A MAJOR WAR WITHOUT AN INVASION OF THE ENEMY'S HOMELAND.

THIS 16'7" PROPELLOR IS JUST ONE OF THE FOUR WHICH PULLED EACH GIANT B-29 INTO THE SKY!

DEDICATED BY

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION - OCT. 1993

DESIGN BY ED ALLGOR



## GETTING MILITARY RECORDS FOR YOURSELF OR RELATIVES

If you are interested in obtaining copies of your military service records or those of a relative, you can obtain them from the National Personnel Records Center either by using an on-line request or by writing the Center.

Veterans or next-of-kin of deceased veterans can use the online order form at [vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov) (or use the SF-180 Obtain and Fill out Standard Form 180 (SF-180) , OR

Write a Letter to Request Records: National Personnel Records Center, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63138.

Include as much of the following information as possible:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- Service number or social security number
- Branch of service

- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth may also be helpful, especially if the service number is not known
- If the request pertains to a record that may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include:
  - Place of discharge
  - Last unit of assignment
  - Place of entry into the service, if known.

Please submit a separate request (either SF 180 or letter) for each individual whose records are being requested.

Please Note: Next-of-kin (the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister of the deceased veteran) must provide proof of death of the veteran, such as a copy of the death certificate, a letter from the funeral home or a published obituary.



## VETERANS' HISTORY PROJECT

The Veterans' History Project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. To participate please look at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) and search for Veterans' History Project. The information provides how and why to participate and has all you need to know to join the project. This is a great way to remember your father, spouse, or grandparent and keep alive the memory of their experiences and sacrifices during WWII.

## SCHOLARSHIP

The Truman Heartland Community Foundation advised us that Gina Turner has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for the 2019-2020 school year. Gina Turner attends North Dakota State University majoring in Medical Lab Science and is scheduled to graduate May of 2020. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. She has worked summer jobs at Dairy Queen and with a summer school program for K-6 grade kids at a local school. She volunteers at the local hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop. Gina is the granddaughter of Warren Higgins.

### ☆ BOARD MEMBERS ☆

John Creek, President  
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Ed Vincent, Secretary  
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Robert Frick  
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Warren Higgins  
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Jack Koser  
Glenda Richards  
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David Wilson

# IN MEMORIAM

**Lori Lea Litzenberg Forsman**, 64, died February 19, 2019 in Girard, PA, surrounded by loved ones after tenaciously battling ovarian cancer for five years. Lori was the daughter of William “Bill” and Naida Litzenberg. Bill was a tail gunner on the Bad Penny and Bad Penny 2 in the 40<sup>th</sup> Squadron. She was raised in New Jersey but moved to Minnesota earning a degree in Special Education. After her mother died, Lori moved back to Erie, PA, to help care for her father. At that time she became deeply involved in the Sixth Bomb Group, attending and supporting numerous reunions. Memorials in Lori’s name can be made to the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Education Fund in care of Larry Dananay, 501 Stonecliff Lane, Butler, PA 16006 or to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. POB 695, LaPlata, MD 20646

Some remembrances of Lori by other 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Sixth Bomb Group members:

“a long-time member who regularly attended reunions, supporting them in every way...”

“ a wonderful person remembering everyone at the reunions, their crew, their role, and their children ...”

“took it upon herself to call Veterans on their birthdays, when they were sick, or just to talk ...”

“enthusiastic, kind, gentle, caring...”

To read the entire obituary, see <https://www.edderfuneralhome.com>



## Sixth Scores \$17,000 Bond Purchases

### Col. Tucker Sets the Pace With His \$4,000 War Bond Purchase

“Just before this issue went to press, \$4,600.00 worth of War Bonds were purchased. Following are the names of the purchases and amounts”

Col. Tucker, 40 Bomb Sq.---\$4,000.00

Maj. Tatum, Group. HQ.---450.00

Sgt. D.A. Dows, 40 Bomb Sq. ---150.00

“Not long-ago Capt. Jack Koser, 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, purchased \$150.00 worth of War Bonds. These members of the Sixth Bombardment Group, as well as the others in the Group, are not only backing the attack now, but also the attacks we shall deliver against the enemy in the future”.

A detailed summary of the Group purchases since June 1, 1944 is as follows:

Sixth Bomb Group Hq. _____	\$ 1240.75
40 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron _____	6800.00
39 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron _____	4800.25
Group Total _____	\$17,041.00

.....A bit of history from David Wilson



# 6<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP MERCHANDISE

## THE PIRATE'S LOG, 6<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP DVD, AND OUR DISTINCTIVE T-SHIRTS AND HATS NOW AVAILABLE

**THE PIRATE'S LOG:** first published in 1946 and often reprinted. It is a 74 page book chronicling the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group from reactivation in 1944, training in B-29s at Grand Island, over-water flights to the Caribbean and departure for Tinian in the Pacific. The book follows bombing and mining missions over the Japanese Empire and the conclusion of history's greatest conflict in September 1945. With second, third and fourth generation young people continuing to show more interest in WW 2, this is a must for family members. Each copy of The Pirate's Log costs \$30.00 which includes mailing.

**DVD:** contains 450 photographs and runs 58 minutes. It tells the story of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group and all of the support personnel from reactivation stateside in April 1944. The DVD follows the bombing and mining missions culminating with the dropping of the Atomic bombs and the signing of the unconditional surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945. Each costs \$30.00 which includes shipping.

To order The Pirate's Log and/or DVD, contact Larry Dananay at: [beagle22b07@yahoo.com](mailto:beagle22b07@yahoo.com) or Larry Dananay, 501 Stonecliff Lane, Butler, PA 16001.

For **T-shirts, hats and squadron pins:** Steve has a great selection of new colors and styles available now. Contact Steve Dananay at: [www.6thbombgroupgear.com](http://www.6thbombgroupgear.com)

### PRESERVE OUR HISTORY

As you come across diaries, photographs, articles, magazines, or other items of interest from the time your Sixth Bomb Group Veteran spent with the organization, please consider donating them to The Sixth if no one in your family wishes to hold on to them.

David has worked hard to preserve and share this memorabilia with other members who attend the reunions and visit the history room. All donated items will be cared for properly and at some point in time, archived at a central location containing all that relates to the Sixth Bomb Group. We all must strive to continue the legacy of The Sixth.

For more information or to arrange for a donation contact David Wilson at [damabrca@embarqmail.com](mailto:damabrca@embarqmail.com)



### DUES REMINDER

There is an envelope enclosed in this newsletter to remind members and associates of the need to pay their dues to the organization. A couple of notes:

- ALL PAST UNPAID DUES ARE FORGIVEN
- YOUR DUES ARE PAID THROUGH THE YEAR THAT FOLLOWS YOUR NAME ON THIS NEWSLETTER ADDRESS LABEL (*for example: Smith 18 means dues are paid through 2018*)
- DUES ARE \$20 PER YEAR AND THIS IS REFLECTED ON THE ENVELOPE. YOU CAN PAY FOR MULTIPLE YEARS.
- **Make your check out to Sixth Bomb Group and mail to Treasurer, Larry Dananay, 501 Stonecliff Lane, Butler, PA 16001**



# 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association

## Financial Report

Period of October 01, 2018 thru March 31, 2019

### Checking Account

Balance Checking Account 10/01/2018..... \$7,433.19

#### Income:

Membership Dues.....	\$1,250.00
Publication Sales (DVD & Pirates Logs).....	\$360.00
Proceeds From Reunions (Registration, Auction & Raffle Proceeds).....	\$3,717.32
Scholarship Contributions (Lori Forsman Memorials).....	\$160.00
Memorial Contributions.....	\$0.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$5,487.32</b>

#### Expenses:

Misc. Expenses .....	\$0.00
Newsletter Expenses.....	\$830.00
Mailing Costs (Newsletter, DVD's, Pirates Logs, Etc.).....	\$441.63
Costs for Archiving Records.....	\$0.00
Memorial Donations .....	\$0.00
DVD, Pirates Log Reproductions, Etc.....	\$0.00
Scholarship Fund Donations (Lori Forsman Memorials).....	\$160.00
Reunion Expenses .....	\$63.07
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,494.70</b>
<b>Balance Checking Account 03/31/2019.....</b>	<b>\$11,425.81</b>

### Truman Heartland Community Foundation Scholarship Fund

Period of January 01, 2018 thru December 31, 2018

Balance Scholarship Fund 01/01/2018..... \$34,519.68

#### Additions:

Contributions / Gifts to Fund.....	\$150.00
Interest Income.....	\$362.38
Dividend Income.....	\$1,022.84
Capital Gains/Loss.....	-\$3,494.98
<b>Total Fund Additions.....</b>	<b>-\$1,959.76</b>

#### Distributions / Expenses:

Grants (Gina Turner - \$500.00, Keara Murphy - \$500.00).....	\$1,000.00
Administration Fees.....	\$510.95
<b>Total Fund Distributions / Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$1,510.95</b>

**Scholarship Balance Ending 12/31/2018..... \$31,048.97**



## DETAILS OF REUNION ADVENTURES



Drop everything and call **RIGHT NOW** to reserve your hotel room for the 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Reunion. You can cancel your room right up until 48 hours prior, but **PLEASE** call NOW. I can't emphasize this enough. It will make things so much easier on us if we have a rough idea of attendance numbers. Call the hotel: **425-423-9000**

**FUTURE OF FLIGHT THURSDAY.** Our first adventure outside the hotel will be to the Future of Flight Museum, which is just steps from our hotel. During your Thursday visit to the Future of Flight Museum you will board a bus for a tour of the Boeing Assembly plant which is inside the **WORLD'S LARGEST** building. Experience the modern marvel of commercial jet production on this one-of-a-kind tour of the Boeing assembly plant. The gift shop and revamped museum displays are great for a glimpse into aviation's future.

**MUSEUM OF FLIGHT FRIDAY.** On Friday, we will hop a bus to the Museum of Flight (south of Seattle). When we arrive, you'll be welcomed by well-informed docents who are prepared to provide you with an insider's glance at all the museum's amazing displays. This Museum holds one of the largest air and space collections in the US. In the Aviation Pavilion you'll discover one of your old friends: the beautifully restored B-29. It is parked between the B-17 and the B-47. You'll be able to climb aboard the West Coast's only Concorde, walk the aisle of JFK's Air Force One and view the Space Shuttle mock-up which was used in astronaut training. **The bus has an on-board bathroom and can accommodate wheel chairs.**

**FRIDAY LUNCH.** We will gather for lunch in the Red Barn. This Barn is Boeing's original manufacturing building and is now designated an historic landmark. Enjoy the rustic ambiance and savor your catered luncheon while being entertained by a special guest speaker. Be sure to catch an elevator ride to the second floor of the Barn where you will discover Tinian photos and personal relics.

**FLYING HERITAGE MUSEUM SATURDAY.** Saturday, we will visit Microsoft co-founder, aircraft collector, and Seahawk's owner Paul Allen's very special collection of vintage war machines at the Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum at Paine Field. There is a recently-opened hangar that allows visitors a closer and touchable engagement with the vehicles. The collection emphasizes the European theater, but you will enjoy the walk-through time and the chance to see some familiar warfare equipment.

**BANQUET SATURDAY** At our Saturday night banquet, we will be honored to welcome our guest speaker, David Loffing. He is the Chief Project Engineer for Boeing's Commercial Airplanes and an expert on Boeing's WW2 history.

*I'll try to keep a few special details secret until you arrive.*

If anyone has donations for the Silent Auction that might be difficult to carry, you can send them ahead to our house and we will transport everything to the hotel for you.

**Call us, Dave & Mariane, 5130 Narbeck Ave, Everett, WA 98203 (425-438-9348), if you have questions or concerns.** Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions so we can alert the caterers. Wheel chairs are available in most venues - we can reserve them ahead of time if you let us know.



☆☆☆ 6<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Reunion 2019 Registration Form ☆☆☆

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019** – Registration and Reception (mandatory cost for all)

4:00 PM – Registration desk opens

Hospitality Suite -4<sup>th</sup> floor-open for light supper, beverages and relaxing

**Registration costs include the facility cost, beverages, food, and snacks in the Hospitality Suite and the cost of the Saturday Banquet Dinner.**

\$136.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

8:00 – 9:00 AM Complimentary breakfast served

9:00 AM – Welcome and opening remarks from John Creek in the Meeting/History Room

10:00 AM – Walk to the Future of Flight Museum and Boeing Assembly Plant Tour

Lunch on your own in the Future of Flight cafeteria

1:30 PM – Meeting/History Room with David Wilson and Q&A with the Vets

**\*\* Dinner on your own**

\$25.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

8:00 – 9:00 AM Complimentary breakfast served

9:00 AM Board bus for a private tour of the Seattle Museum of Flight

11:30 AM Catered lunch and Speaker in the Skyline Room in the Museum

3:30 PM Board bus for drive by tour of Seattle and return to the hotel

**\*\* Dinner on your own**

\$60.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ Persons = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

8:00 – 9:00 AM Complimentary breakfast served

9:00 AM Meet the vans going to the Flying Heritage Museum (There is a charge at the door of between \$16-18.00 depending on what discount you qualify for – AAA, AARP, Veterans, etc.)

**\*\* lunch on your own**

12:00 PM Return to the Hotel

1:30 PM Special Presentation. Room to be determined.

6:00 PM Banquet Dinner, guest speaker, and Silent Auction at the Hilton Hotel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

8:00 – 9:00 AM Complimentary breakfast served

9:00 AM Board of Directors' meeting

10:00 AM General Membership Meeting

11:00 AM Chapel Service and Closing activities

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 14, 2019**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

DAVID DANLEY  
5130 NARBECK AVE.  
EVERETT, WA 98203

**DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE HILTON GARDEN INN AT 425-423-9000  
AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY AUGUST 14, 2019.**

**TINIAN ISLAND  
1945**

Larry Dananay  
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