



# *The Flying Colt*

## **456th Bomb Group (H)**

### **Stornara, Italy WWII**

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456th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## **2009 REUNION - SEPTEMBER 2-6**

### **Rapid City, in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota**

A visit to Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Ellsworth AFB and more - see page 5

In attendance at the Grand Gateway Hotel, Rapid City:

Standing, L to R: Don Redding, Garfield Klinger, C. Dean Headdy, Allan Pearce, Richard Shields,  
Robert Bollard, Ralph Frizzell, O.T. Billingsley.

Sitting, L to R: Frank Amaditz, Pete Lysek, Emanuel (Manny) Lawrence, Ed Moore, Robert Gullett



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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the spirit of the 456th Bombardment Group (H) alive and maintain the fellowship of all of those who served and fought together from Stornara Italy during WWII.

Material for publication in the newsletter should be sent to the editor or secretary. The expense of publication is paid through funds derived from your annual dues and **contributions**. Material for the 456th web site archive can be sent to the webmaster via email or regular mail.

Association Enrollment:	\$ 15.00
Yearly dues:	\$ 10.00
Life membership:	\$100.00

*Please help by forwarding dues to Frank Amaditz, Secretary/Treasurer. **Please Note: dues are due and payable by January 1st each year.** One final 'please': any address or membership status changes should be immediately forwarded to the secretary to save on the increasing mail return costs. Thank you!*

**- Please Note -  
The PX Remains Closed  
Until Further Notice**

## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer, Frank Amaditz

Taken from the January 2009 Newsletter Vol 1x no 2: *"We are looking for the next generation younger members ( associates ) interested in working with us to plan for the future, including reunions. I would appreciate any input and suggestions from this supportive group. We very much hope that we will be able to continue on with our group's Association. It is so important that all of the sacrifices we made are not lost in the current every day life. Hope to see you in Rapid City , South Dakota in 2009."*

Follow up, Rapid City Reunion meeting on Sept 5 , 2009: The above was thoroughly discussed. Many favorable comments. Looking to hear from person or persons having an interest in the future of our group, that is, to take over the responsibilities, such as, Treasurer, & Assistant, developing a group of Board of Directors to help set the agenda for the new group, coordinating future reunions, etc. Any one interested in any of the above, please write or e mail me with their thoughts, willingness to assume the responsibilities. If the responses are not favorable, we will continue as we have in the past as long as we are able.

**Please note:** there is new information on the address labels. It shows member's status, Life/Life associate, date of last time dues were paid. Any questions feel free to call or write or e mail.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mark S. Thibedeau  
nephew of John Cullina  
Ronald Verini, Veterans Advocates  
of Oregon / Idaho  
Frances Hansen  
wife of late Walter Hansen  
Arthur and Susan Weiss  
cousin of Jerry Kapnick  
Richard Thibedeau  
nephew of John Cullina  
John J Howard  
son of Joseph J. Howard  
C. Dean Headdy

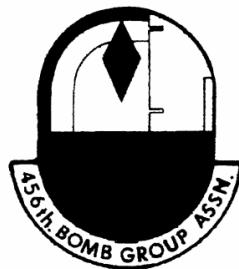


Philip Wolinsky  
son of Marvin H. Wolinsky  
Mary Lou Johnston  
wife of Warren F Johnston  
Herman Stanley Thomas  
step son of Ivan Thomas  
Sandra C. Thomas  
step daughter in law of Ivan Thomas  
Annette Lawlor Caswell  
daughter of Frank Lawlor

CORRECTION: Lois Caddy Lawrence is the daughter of Theodore Caddy

### DONATIONS

John Green  
O.T. Billingsley  
Willis Lunt  
Francis Nish  
Garfield Klinger  
Melvin Schmidt  
Earl Romberger  
Walter P. Nelson  
Robert L. Smith  
Carroll Presnell  
Madeline Markham  
Donald H. Phillips  
Garfield Klinger



Denver Wray

Frances Hansen,  
in memory of her husband Walter  
Mary Lou Johnston,  
in memory of her husband Warren  
Darlene Smith,  
in memory of her husband John  
Mertie Caddy,  
in memory of her husband Theodore

**DUES PAID 2008/2009**  
**THANK YOU!**

Robert E. Fields	Grace A. Wallis
Charles Ellsworth	James F. Anderson
Oakley Thornton	Wallace B. Carl
James C. Downing	Ed Golasinski
Cecelia Cartwright	Gerard Carey
Leonard Nauman	Claire J. Jeppsen
Melvin Schmidt	Richard Kubiak
Regina Vauborg	Donald Phillips
Carter Neuhaus	Dorman Liner
Garland Caldwell	Warren Luttrell
Earl R. Sparks	Maxie Hill
Donald M Watson	Ed Lincoln
Leo Florick	Peter Lysek
William R Long	Hyman Enzer
Albert Wolz	Greg P. Bonham
Cecil Haddock	James Jamrock
Robert Glatz	Glenn L Jensen

**New Associate Member:**  
Douglas L. Pearce, son of Allan Pearce

**2009 REUNION PHOTO SLIDESHOW**

Many of the photos in this issue are from Sam Forck, taken at the 2009 Reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota, but there are literally hundreds to see. Sam has assembled an outstanding slideshow of these photos, with captions, movies and even background music, that will play on any DVD player so you can watch it on your TV. Sam has agreed to make these available until the end of the year for anyone that sends along \$5.00, payable to Sam Forck, to cover the cost of burning the disk and mailing it to you. If you would like one, please send your check and address to:

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**FUNDRAISER For The 456th  
BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION  
Stickers (Bumper Stickers)  
and Window Decals**

Full color vinyl stickers and transparent based decals for use on your car, front door, or wherever.

Image is 4" x 3-1/4" We suggest a donation of \$3.00 for each, postpaid.



***And still available - this beautiful enameled lapel pin!***

This colorful, USA made lapel pin features the 456th Bomb Group Association logo with the 15th Army Air Force patch, in front of Old Glory. The base and surround is goldtone, with single pinback.



**Suggested Donation:  
\$10, Postage included!**

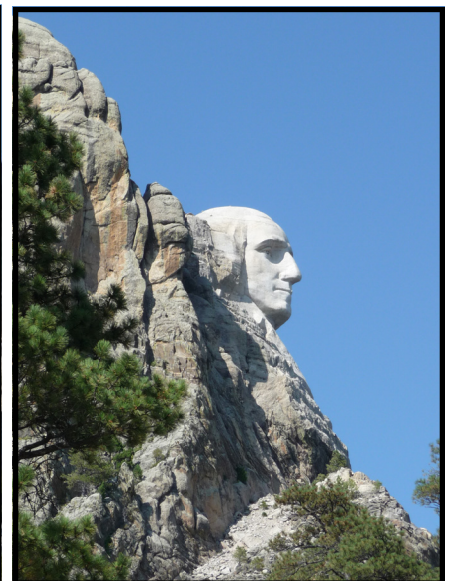
Please contact Frank Amaditz, President, to get stickers, decals or lapel pins, and thanks for your support!

**Minutes from Men's Business Meeting,  
Sept 5, 2009,  
at the 2009 Reunion in Rapid City**

- The meeting was called to order by Don Redding, President.
- Don opened with a prayer. Afterward all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The financial report was then read by Frank Amaditz, Secretary/Treasurer.
- Frank explained that two CDs had matured and the interest rate now was below 1 percent.
- Roy Firestone said that he has been very busy, but he will try soon for a smaller newsletter format.
- Next years reunion will be held in Pittsburgh, and Frank Amaditz will be president.
- Frank spoke about all of the work that Ed Moore does for the group. A lot of people don't realize what it takes to make a reunion run smoothly. Ed was applauded.
- It was mentioned that we want to try to keep the group together. A suggestion was made by Dean Heady that he thought we should have a phone contact program. If we could talk to the members we could encourage them to come to the reunion.
- Dean and Allan Pearce said that they would be willing to do help with this idea. They need phones numbers and names.
- All of the proposed sites for future reunions were mentioned by Don Redding.

- Dates for reunions were also discussed.
- Rich Shields asked if we knew what areas had the most people attending. It was stated that they come from all over the country.
- Don then asked for confirmation on the new officers and directors.
- The names were read for the upcoming reunions.
- Question was asked what would we do if Ed Moore was unable to continue and what would happen to the pictures and money. No answer. Leon Staab said that his fathers group was having the same problem. They elected to let the associate members take over some of the positions and duties. We are looking for associate members to help. This year Sam Forck, son in law of Pete Lysick, was given a job to do on the bus and at the different sites. Don talked about his daughter, Jana. She has worked so hard to help her dad and also in other capacities.
- Many Lawrence thanked everyone for all of the work they do.
- Bob Gullett thanked Leon and Ann for all of their work with Ed at home and at the reunions.
- It was agreed that we will contact the members and talk to them about coming to the reunion.
- Don Redding then closed the meeting.

**Mt Rushmore  
South Dakota**





Jeanne Klinger, Jayne Gullett and Lois Billingsley above; incredible Crazy Horse Memorial at left



Bob Gullett and Pete Lysek share a laugh



Irene Forck with Manny Lawrence; Minuteman Missile and B-1 Bomber on display at Ellsworth AFB



O.T. Billingsley and Bob Gullett



ANDERSON, Lawrence E. – 1990 747th

ATHANASSION, Tony - 4/28/2008 747th

BOLLARD, Roberta, wife of Robert -  
2/17/2009 747th

BRUEMMER, Danny - 1/25/09 grandson of  
Bob Gullett 744th

CALLAN, Raymond J. - 9/10/2009 745th

CASSERLY, Joseph J. - 7/2/06 747th

CLARK, William G. - 8/30/2004 746th

CLERX, Virginia, wife of Albert - 2008 747th

COMAN, James Herb - 7/2009 745th

COOPER, Robert S. - 9/28/2009 746th

CRONK, Dee, wife of Albert - Date unknown 744th

DAVIDSON, Fred G. - 7/2009 747th

DOMINGOS, Richard – 2007 744th

DOMINGUEZ, Richard - 10/2007 744th

FISH, Doris (Francis) – Date unknown 744th

GABRIEL, Mabel (John) - Date unknown 747th

GIANONNI, Sergio O. 2009 746th

HEADDY, Jody, wife of C. Dean - 11/2008 747th

HENNING, Lorraine, wife of Charles T. – 2009  
744th

HUGGINS, Clyde C. 10/29/2009 746th

JENSEN, Richard T. - 1/28/2009 744th

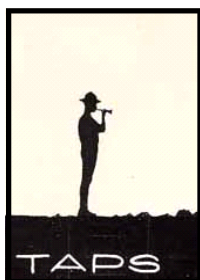
JOHNSTON, Warren F. - 3/6/2009 746th

KARHOFF, Leroy W. - 2/24/2004 746th

KEY, Lillian, wife of Oran R. - Date unknown 745th

LYON, Louise, wife of Joe - 3/2008 747th

LONG, Leo - Date unknown 747th



MAESTAS, Dr. Gilbert - 1/20/2009 747th

MARINE, David - Date unknown 746th

MILLER, Alvin W. - 5/17/09 747th

MILLER, Leo J. - 5/19/2009 746th

MITCHELL, Pete - 10/20/09 Group

RILEY, Harriet, wife of Fred - 2/4/2009

ROPER, Archy M. - 12/03/08 747th

ROUNDTREE, Virble - 11/30/2006 746th

SANDERS, Lorreta, wife of John - 12/18/2005  
745th

SANDERS, Robert W. - 1/12/2009 – 746th

SCHMIDT, Howard - 5/8/2008 746th

SCHRADER Roger 8/21/2008 746th

SCHREIBER, Otto - 10/01/2005 745th

SCHWARTZ, Bernard H. - 1/23/2009 746th

SMITH, Jack J. – 1993 747th

SMITH, John A. - 7/ 8/2009 744th

SWEIGART, Bert L. - Date unknown 746th

THALMANN, Anthony P. - 7/22/1009 746th

THORNTON, Oakley D. - Date unknown 747th

THRASH, Walter L. - 7/13/2008 747th

TODD, William H. - 4/29/2009 747th

VANDEWATER, James K. - 3/05/2005 744th,  
745th

WALLIS, Dale A. - 8/13/2008 746th

WILSON, Gerald R. - 11/2008 745th

WOLINSKI, Marvin H. – 1998 744th

YOUNG, George W. - Fall 2008 747th



At left, Manny Lawrence, Dick Shields and Pete Lysek at Mt Rushmore; above, Georgia Moore with Pat and Allen Pearce and the amazing Journey Museum 'Ring Dancer'; at right, Pete Lysek in teepee; and at left, Frank Amaditz as he was then and as he is now!



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