



**885 Bomb Sq. (H) (Spl)
2641 Spl. Group (Prov.)
Unique Sq. in the 15th Air
Force. Predecessors: 122
BS (H), 122 Liaison Sq. 68
Tactical Recon. GP.**

It has been 4 years since my last newsletter (#10), so am trying to catch up, plus I have a very important letter attached that needs a reply by October 10th ! I hope everyone can help.

Hopefully 122/885BS(H) 2641 Spl. Gp. (Prov) can be represented at a

convention and reunion of all Special Operations Veterans Groups in Tampa Florida in the year 2002.

I am working with my good friend Brad Bradbury of the Air Force Academy, who is a former Carpetbagger, and who travels for them in securing information for Special Operations Section of the Academy. Brad highly recommends this.

Be wonderful if all could give suggestions of some sort that would help.

Please contact Mr. Civitella, who is helping with this phase of it, by Oct. 10th.

If I missed sending my ten newsletters to anyone or any errors in them, please let me know. Also if you know anyone that I can add to the roster, that would be great !

A special note : --

USAF Museum at Wright Patterson looking for items for their Museum dealing with Special Operations. We should have something to donate that may be hidden in an attic or closet.

Thanks for your past and future support.

Taps : --

Charlie Ampagoomian

Tom Bonna

George Doverspike

Gus Mandela

Ermil Mann

T.F.T. #11 Labor Day 2K

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Add to the roster : --

Al. J. Bakun
555 N.Pantano Rd. #352
Tucson, AZ 85710-2323

B-24 RO-Gunner
Originally from 454 BG
52 Missions with 885th

Robt. D. Buchan
116 1/2 N. Franklin St.
Titusville, PA 16354-1761

B-24 Flight Engr.-Gunner
Originally from 484BG 826BS
32 Missions with 885th and 18 others

Bill A. Carow
4606 Ames St.
Madison, WI 53711-1306

B-24 Pilot
Originally from 465BG
31 Missions with 885th and 15 others

Don E. Colvin
1203 Harbor Point Dr..
Celina, OH 45822

B-24 Nose Gunner
Originally from 461BG 765BS
27 Missions with 885th

Bob W. Cox
23313 Longacre Ct.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

B-24 Navigator
50 Missions with 885th

C. S. "Jake" Darelus
262 Oakwoods Dr.
Peacedale, RI 02883

B-24 RO-Gunner
Total 55 Missions

Larry L. Jenkins
P.O. Box 706
Port Angeles, WA 98362

B-24 CoPilot & Pilot
50 Missions with 885th

Joe B. Maloney
1005/5 E. Camden St.
Farrington Village, NC 27312-8514

B-17 Pilot
Originally from 99BG 416BS
37 Missions with 885th and 13 others

Mal. J. Parham
P.O. Box 69
Penrose, NC 28766

B-24 Pilot
Originally with 454BG 736BS
16(?) Missions with 885th and 21 others

Ted Parker (Pieczonka)
4444 Via ElMolino
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

B-24 Pilot and Squadron Weatherman
Originally from the "Cottontails"
45 Sorties/135 Missions

Robt. C. Quade
P.O. Box 504
Albany, IL 61230

B-24 & B-17 CoPilot
Originally from 450BG 722BS
45 Missions with 885th and 5 others

Ed. E. Schmidt
P.O. Box 545
Hazelton, ND 58544

B-24 Bombardier/Navigator
Originally from 465BG 782BS
40 Missions with 885th and 10 others

Bill R. Schnyer
3 Park Ave.
Keene, NH 03431-2330

B-24 Engr.-Gunner
Originally from 454BG
50 Missions with 885th

Don F. West
4444 Jefferson
Houston, TX 77023

B-24 WG/Asst. Engr./Dispatcher
Originally from 454BG
50 Missions with 885th

Acton Wiley
109 South Park Terrace
Agawam, MA 01001-2433

B-24 Gunner
Originally from 98BG 345BS
47 Missions with 885th

Doug D. Zook
421 Holliston Rd.
Fairlawn, OH 44333-3815

B-17 Bombardier
Originally from 99BG 416BS
43 Missions with 885th and 7 others

*122/885 Losses: 95 Crewmen - 11 Aircraft.
OSS: 5 possibly 6 agents lost.*

"Keep 885 Alive"

Hi Cavaliers' - thanks for last letter - been busy with this -
- JRM

For Immediate Release

Proposed Assembly of Special Operations Reunions

On 7 August 2000 an ad hoc planning committee met at MacDill AFB, FL to discuss a proposal for a convention of special operations veterans groups' reunions in Tampa in 2002, the 60th anniversary of OSS. It was decided that such an assembly would be desirable and possible. It would bring together veterans of the Army, Navy and Air Force to share with one another similar, yet diverse, special operations experiences. Tampa, where the United States Special Operations Command Headquarters is located, seemed a logical location since this command recognizes the contributions made by those predecessor organizations to today's special operations. An initial informative contact has been made with MacDill.

With this in mind, it was decided that each organization or group should have its own reunion and identity but would also be associated within the larger assembly for certain events.

Secondly, it was felt that this should not be held in the format of an academic symposium, although it would be hoped that some historical contributions could be realized. In this connection, some military historians and documentary film companies would be invited.

Since the planning is at a very preliminary stage, all suggestions are most welcome. In particular, such things as a name for the assembly; perhaps a logo symbolizing the nature of the gathering; possible programs relating to the nature of special operations; displays; etc. These suggestions should be made by mail prior to 10 October 2000, the date of the next planning meeting, to:

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