



**The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc.  
The Long Rangers**

## February, 2016 Newsletter

Our Association grew out of the initial meeting of eight former World War II members who got together in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie in Reno, Nevada, on September 11-12, 1972. The goal and hope was for continued growth and expanded interest in the Nation's finest heroes.

The members attending the initial meeting were: Carl Whitesell, Dan Cauffiel, George Jaffe, Ed Jurkens, M.P. Nelson, Arthur Downs, and C. Scott.

Since then, our organization has grown and we have expanded to include the children of the 307th and their families and friends. Our mission is to insure that future generations never forget the sacrifices that these men made for them and for our country. Each year we hold a reunion in a different part of the country to celebrate and reminisce, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

**WE ARE THE FAMILY! WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF HEROES**





## Well, it's about time!

Sorry for the delay, but it was worth the wait.

This will be a fun time for everyone!

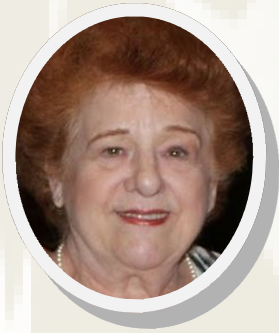
One of our goals this year was to accommodate as many of our members and families as possible.

## And Greta Made it Happen!



[Click here to open the 2016 Family Reunion Official Registration Form](#)

## Let's start off with a **BANG!**



Topping Ann Williams-Warner's performance in New Orleans won't be easy, but Greta Walsh is prepared to make Nashville 2016 one of our most memorable events yet!



*"We've selected one of the best hotels in the Nashville area, and are assured that it meets or surpasses our expectations. The entertainment venues of the Music City are unlimited, and we have landed two excursions that will bring history, music and Nashville dining together for signature events."*

Greta Walsh

Come Join Us—Bring the Kids—Bring the Whole family  
**Holiday Inn - Nashville Airport**  
**Nashville, TN**

Call The Group Desk Now - [866-871-1171](tel:866-871-1171)

**ABSOLUTE: Registration Deadline: July 1st, 2016**

Reunion Dates: August 10 thru 14, 2016

(Wednesday thru Saturday - Depart Sunday)

**Please call the Hotel Group Desk to make your reservation as early as possible.**

**We will need to confirm our final total group numbers by July 1st, 2016.**

**Be sure to mention the 307th Bombardment Group Block to get our special \$115 Group Rate (Single or Double)**

AGENDA

307<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION

AUGUST 10-14, 2016

NASHVILLE, TN

Wednesday- 8/10/16

Arrival

4:00pm-8:00pm

Registration

Thursday- 8/11/16

6:00am-10:00am

Breakfast available, (On your Own)

Jackson's Veranda

08:30am-2:00pm

Music City Tour with Lunch included

WHEELS UP AT - 9:00 am

Loveless Café.

Cost \$85.00 per person

An enlightening & entertaining narrative will include the downtown area with some of its colorful history & beautiful architecture. Also, drive by world famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge on Honky Tonk Row, the original Ernest Tubb Record Shop, the State Capitol and more. An enlightening & entertaining narrative will include the downtown area with some of its colorful history & beautiful architecture.

*Included in the cost of your ticket:*

Ryman Auditorium Museum Admission (self-guided tour)

- Mini-Bus Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide

11:00am-2:00pm

For those who choose to stay back for the above tour:  
Lunch available Latitude 36 (in the Hotel) (On your own)

2:00pm-Until

Open Time On your own

5:00pm-9:00pm

Dinner available Latitude 36  
(On your own)



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AUGUST 10-14, 2016

NASHVILLE, TN

#### Friday, August 12, 2016

6:00am-10:00am

Breakfast available, (On your Own)

Jackson's Veranda

09:00am-10:00am

Officers Meeting – Hospitality Room

10:00am-4:00pm

Open Time On your own

4:15pm-9:45pm

Grand Ole Opry Dinner Tour

**WHEELS UP AT 4:45PM**

**Cost: \$110 per person**

We'll start our evening with dinner at Santa Fe Cattle Co where you will have an entrée selection of BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Catfish or Sirloin served with salad, baked potato, non-alcoholic beverage and Santa Fe's famous yeast rolls.

Then we're off to the world famous Grand Ole Opry. Since 1925, the longest running radio show in radio history celebrates its 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in 2016. Dedicated to honoring country music's rich history, the Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends & the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps. This is the show that made Nashville famous and not to be missed.

*Included in the cost of your ticket:*

- Mini-Bus Transportation
- Step-On Tour Guide
- Dinner at Santa Fe Cattle Co
- Reserved seat ticket to the Grand Ole Opry (Tier 2 seating)



# NOTICE of Members' Meeting

**307th BG Association Business Meeting**

**Nashville**

**August 13, 2016**

A members' meeting will be held on Saturday morning, August 13, 2016. All current members in attendance should be present to have their vote count.

**2016 is an election year!** We will be electing new officers based on nominations submitted by the membership.

Are you willing to serve your Association as an officer, or is there another member you would like to nominate? Please submit your nominations via email to Ms. Laurie Kendall, 307th BG Secretary at [lak1204@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lak1204@sbcglobal.net) We will publish all nominations in the last newsletter before the reunion.

You may also submit nominations for our 2016-2018 officers at the reunion. While we hope to publicize nominations in advance, you also may nominate someone to serve in an officer/board position at the reunion, at any time before the vote is called at the business meeting.

Nominations will be collected in the Memorabilia Room during the course of the reunion. You may also submit your nominations via email to [member-services@307bg.net](mailto:member-services@307bg.net).

## **Preliminary Meeting Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes of 2015 meeting
2. Officers' report on Association activities
3. Nominations and election of officers for 2016 - 2018
4. Review of the 307th Bomb Wing's Shreveport celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Group's founding
5. Discussion and selection of 2017 reunion site
6. Other business

Please don't miss this meeting. Your vote counts!



## A word about dues!

The 307th Bombardment Group Association currently has only two revenue sources to sustain our annual budget, which includes a variety of expenses required to keep us afloat, both legally and operationally.

Dues have always been due on the 1st of January. Wonder why? Well, the beginning of the year brings annual renewal costs for a list of services we use to run the association. Internet services, year end renewal of website hosting, storage costs, legal fees and much more.

If you have already paid your 2016 dues, we thank you for your promptness. If you haven't, please consider including your dues along with your registration for the 2016 Reunion trip to Nashville.

Thank you for your support

All the best,

*John Poggi*





## and The Newsletter / Video Archive

**This News Bears Repeating.**



Yes indeed! The 307th BGA has a Facebook Page, and everyone is welcome to stop by, upload some photos, post a few stories and start communicating with fellow members, family members and guests.

Click [HERE](#) to open Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Long-Rangers-WWII-Heroes-of-the-Pacific/1400775130222179?ref=hl>

Or, just search [ [The Long Rangers - WWII Heroes of the Pacific](#) ] on Facebook.

Oh! And don't forget to **"LIKE"** the page!

OK! When's the last time you stopped by the **Newsletter Archive?**

<http://www.307bg.net/Newsletters/index.asp>

You now have a calendar list of past newsletters along with the addition of Videos, taken and submitted by members and guests from past 307th Reunions.

A lot of work went in to building these pages (actually, it was more fun than work) and there is a lot to see.

You don't have to miss out on anything! **Stop by soon.**

