



Santa Fe, Here we come!



Hello 307th BG Veterans,
Family Members and Friends!

We're just too excited to wait till the end of this newsletter to talk about our upcoming Reunion and Official Members' Meeting in the Crown of the Southwest; Santa Fe, New Mexico. Better known by its more popular name, "The City Different".

Your executive team has been working together with Beth Kendall, our host in Santa Fe, to package one of the best trips ever. Our first agenda was to find the hotel that would appreciate our business and welcome our eccentricities.

We're happy to announce that we have found just that. Along with the support of the Santa Fe Convention and Visitors Bureau, we will be staying in the newest "landmark" hotel in Santa Fe. The Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe! The "City Different" sure has a way to make folks welcome. (details are inside)

Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe

226 Palace Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501
www.druryhotels.com
800-378-7946

Registration Deadline: April 15th, 2014

Reunion Dates: September 17 thru 21, 2014

Please call the Hotel to make your reservation as early as possible.
We will need to confirm our total group numbers by the end of April.

Be sure to mention the 307th Bomb Group.



Join us in Santa Fe!

For our 2014 Reunion and Members Meeting

Big Reminder here. We absolutely need to have your reservation confirmed with the Hotel no later than April 15. We have been offered a deeply reduced rate and a load of freebies, provided we can have all our reservations in by April 15, 2014. Please help us to meet our quota, as our room rate may increase if we are below our expectations. Leveraging an early reservation date, we were able to arrange for an exciting list of Low cost or Free services during our stay!

This is what free tastes like in Santa Fe!

Wake up each morning to a FREE HOT QUIKSTART[®] Breakfast – At the Drury, “hot” means fresh pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage and more.

FREE 5:30 KICKBACK[®] – From 5:30-7:00 pm each evening, kick back, relax and enjoy a rotating menu of hot foods cold beverages and 3 bar drinks. Yes FREE!

FREE Long Distance outbound calls for one for hour every room every night.

FREE Wireless Internet Access – High speed Internet in all rooms and the lobby.

FREE Soda and Popcorn – From 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm every night in the lobby.

We'll pitch in to put together a bar in our “private” Hospitality Suite.

FREE admission to the Bataan Memorial and the Bradbury Museum in Los Alamos.

And our Room Rate is a mere \$109 per night (single or double occupancy)

Just for fun, the link below will take you to a 1943 Air Corps training film that is particularly interesting to those of us with a special connection to the fliers who went to war in the B-24. If you have 17 minutes to spare, it's a wonderful reminder of the days when we trained aircrew by the tens of thousands -- annually.

Entitled "24s Get Back," its primary focus is on how to land a four engine aircraft when you don't have the full use of your engines, landing gear or other necessary equipment. I suspect that one of the factors influencing the script was the lingering reputation of the B-24 as an aircraft that had superior performance to the the B-17, but less survivability when damaged.

<https://archive.org/details/TF1-3743>

Enjoy! Compliments of John Poggi



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THE GOOD NEWS: There are several economic options for transfers to and from the Albuquerque airport to Santa Fe; We have included the most reasonable service available on the next page.

We've all been busy preparing for this exciting trip and we look forward to seeing as many 307th members as possible.

The hotel is just perfect and it's only one block away from all the action of Santa Fe. It's going to be fun! There's even talk (not confirmed yet) that we may even have a private pow wow with a few veterans or prodigy of the True Code Whisperers—the Navajo Code Talkers.

The Mail-in Registration form follows this page

Be sure to contact the hotel ASAP to make your reservation.

Following the Registration form are the details on Shuttles to and from the airport and local transportation.

See you there!



Details for Shuttle Pick-up and Return from Albuquerque Airport to the Drury Hotel

The Sandia Shuttle Express check-in counter is located inside the airport on the Baggage Claim Level across from Southwest's Baggage Carousel #3.

The check-in counter is staffed by customer service representatives between 9:45 AM and 7:45 PM seven days a week. Beyond these hours, the shuttle drivers staff the check-in counter approximately 30 minutes before each departure. Reservations are required to guarantee a seat, but walk-on passengers are always welcome if space is available.

Get ahead of the crowd. Make your reservation 90 days prior to the trip and. Have your flight information ready and call toll free: 888-775-5696 (Sandia Express Shuttle) to make your reservation. \$48.00 round trip per person.

NOTE: New Mexico State Law requires that children 12 or younger or less than 60 lbs MUST use a Federally Approved car seat or booster seat. Sandia Shuttle will provide appropriate seats if we are informed of the need for a seat, or we will use customer supplied seats. Children under 1 year of age or less than 20 pounds must travel in a rear facing infant seat. Sandia Shuttle Express does not provide "Infant Seats", you must provide your own.

Sandia Shuttle Express will pick up at the Albuquerque Airport at the scheduled times shown below. You must be a registered guest at the hotel pick up locations.

Pick-up and Return schedule for Albuquerque Airport. And Shut-



Details for Shuttle Pick-up and Return from
Albuquerque Airport to the Drury Hotel
You must reserve your shuttle ride with
The Sandia Shuttle Express
within 90 days of arrival
Call: 888-775-5696

Shuttle costs (per person)
\$28.00 (one way) \$48.00 (round trip)

Departs from
Albuquerque Airport

Departs Albuquerque
8:45 AM
9:45 AM
10:45 AM
11:45 AM
12:45 PM
1:45 PM
2:45 PM
3:45 PM
4:45 PM
5:45 PM
6:45 PM
7:45 PM
8:45 PM
10:45 PM
11:45 PM

Departs from
Drury Plaza Hotel

Departs Santa Fe
5:00 AM
6:00 AM
7:00 AM
8:00 AM
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:00 Noon
1:00 PM
2:00 PM
3:00 PM
4:00 PM
5:00 PM
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

**A note about Parking at the hotel.
Parking is charged at a rate of \$14 per day.**



Santa Fe Itinerary

Arrival day: Wednesday, September 17th, 2014

Registration

Check-in

Hugs, Kisses

Enjoy the property and get captured by the excitement of the “Plaza”

Day 2: Thursday, September 18th, 2014

Breakfast (on the house)

Wheels up 1030Hrs. Return 1430Hrs

The Bataan Memorial

Admission (FREE)

Box Lunch & Beverage (your selection)

Thursday afternoon

Make your way to the Plaza and mingle in with unique Southwestern hospitality, enjoy “The City Different!”

Thursday Evening

Make your way to the private Hospitality Suite to solve the mysteries of the world over a drink or two.

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Santa Fe Itinerary

Day 3: Friday, September 19th, 2014

Breakfast (on the house)

Wheels up 0930Hrs. Return 1430Hrs

The Bradbury Museum

Admission (FREE)

Box Lunch & Beverage (your selection)

Friday afternoon and Evening

Catch up on what you missed on the Plaza; See Loretto Chapel and the Palace of the Governors, a 17th century Santa Fe landmark.

Yes, the private Hospitality Suite is still open.

Day 4: Saturday, September 19th, 2014

Take a day to enjoy the city and the side tours

3:30PM Members' Meeting, roll call, business matters, elections.

Saturday Evening

The 307th BG Reunion Banquet (Cash Bar)

The Long Rangers' Show

Day 5: Farewell / Departures



Another thought from Jim McCabe—307th Historian

As you may know, the 307th Bombardment Group made a significant and historic decision to present a collection of personal war memorabilia to the Indiana War Museum during our Indianapolis Reunion Trip.

The significance of the presentation, although heart warming and emotional for many in attendance, was a display of our pride, honor and love for our veteran heroes of the 307th.

These items consisted of personal memorabilia that was contributed to the 307th BG to include in our inventory as assets and resources of the history surrounding the missions and events experienced during this ungodly war.

It is with great pride and confidence that we now, once again ask for your participation in a renewed program to catalog and store as much personal memorabilia from our veteran members as possible.

Whether or not your veteran has passed on or is still an active member of our beloved association, please help us, if you can.

Much of the material brought home by our veterans are either stored in a safe-keeping location, already divided among family members or stuffed in an old foot locker avoiding dust.

These items are the heart and soul of what helps us to sustain the memories of the heroes in our lives.

Please put aside a day to go through these materials and package them up and send them to us for cataloguing and storage. We will photograph each item and assign a catalog number for reference and store them for safe keeping and future display. Medals, Silk Maps, Over-sized Patches, Letters, Mission Reports, Norton Bomb Sights, Sextants, Leather jackets and bags in good condition and Old Military Photos are just a few of the most treasured items.

Once you have made your selections and accompanied inventory list or 307th storage, please contact Jim McCabe and he will forward shipping instructions.

Jim McCabe

james-mccabe@comcast.net



A Few Show-Stoppers!

This year, we will once again, spotlight a few of our most precious Veterans and have an opportunity to hear some great stories. The Long Rangers' Show, hosted by our prestigious and most knowledgeable Historian, Mr. Jim McCabe will be taped for our archives following dinner, Saturday night.

If you were in Indianapolis you may remember us hinting at testing a 307thBG "Skype Account". Well, with some help from his grandson and about fifteen minutes invested, Uncle Jack Palmer, your parliamentarian and Don Calarco, your president tested the 307thBG SkypeLine and it was an incredible success, easy and fun. 307thBG SkypeLine Schedule is coming soon. And Oh! The 307thBG SkypeLine will be open intermittently during the entire Reunion and the Members' Meeting, scheduled for Friday afternoon. Remember, this is an official meeting that requires a quorum to elect and appoint officers.



Visit the new PX Store

There are a few new items posted in the new 307th Bombardment Group PX Store
Log on to the 307th BG website at [307bg.net] and click on **PX Store!**

Here you can browse our collection of 307th Bombardment Group memorabilia like books, hats, jackets, pins, patches, bumper stickers and special services for members and guests.

PS: If you haven't done it already, please renew your membership for 2014, your support keeps our organization running.



Final Flight

As is our custom and our honor, we pay our sincere respects to the families and crew members of the 307th Bombardment Group who have taken their final flight since our last gathering. They will always be with us!

Harry Bryson, of the 370th, nose gunner of Pistol Pakin Mama, with the Elvin Reamey crew.
Passed away on January 1, 2014, at the age of 94.

Claude E. Jordan Sr.

Korean Air Force veteran and former president of the 307th BG. Father of our former Secretary Cathy Daniel.
Passed away January 28th, 2014.

Harry Keith Hughes, of the 307th
Passed away January 29, 2014

John G. McLoraine, Navigator
Passed away December 16, 2013.

Belated

Ruth Cotter, dear wife of Murray Cotter, Bombardier with the Weisleder crew
Ruth passed away on June 15, 2013.

Pilot John Edward Rodwick 307th BG/424th Sqdn.
Passed away January 2007.

William Manley, of the 307th
Passed away July 29, 2012.

William G (Bill) Dodd 424th Squadron
Passed away on October 16th, 2012.

Rock Daigle ball-turret gunner
Passed away April 19, 2011.





Welcome to: The 307th BG Skype-Line

Please do your very best to join us in Santa Fe!

But, for any reason, if you or a member of your family are unable to make the trip this year, please do the next best thing. Set them up on the 307th BG Skype Line and allow them to join in on some of the activities.

There will be a schedule published to let you know when to log in and join in the fun.

It's not nearly as difficult to do than it looks, but you might want to ask a 13 yr old to help set up a computer, laptop or tablet PC.

Here's what you'll need

1. A desktop computer, laptop or a tablet PC .
2. A web-camera (Some laptops and tablets have built in cameras)
3. A pair of headphones with a microphone (Just like a radio operator)
4. A comfortable chair or a few extra pillows

The Setup is easy (here's where you will need a computer savvy 13 yr old)

1. Type into the URL field : <https://login.skype.com/account/signup-form>
2. Sign up for a personal Skype account and complete the entire process.
3. Add a contact: LongRangers307
4. Send your Skype name to orders307@americanmktg.com

We'll take it from there and send an email to all who responded with a link to a schedule and instructions for joining the reunion remotely!

