Special Report

The 457th Website Is Working For You

The website of the 457th Bomb Group was officially launched in December 2009. Since that time many pieces of valuable information have been added to the site, including photos, both historical and those of past reunions. It is a great tool to locate upcoming events or simply browse through the pages for a trip down memory lane.

Keep in touch with members of the group on the message board, where a sheet of V-mail stationary serves as the background to write your personal message.

The site is a work in progress and will continue to be updated. You will soon be able to find all the latest newsletters, as well as membership forms and registration paperwork related to upcoming events.

Visit the website today at www.457thbombgroupassoc.org
Parish Council Assumes Maintenance Efforts

In October 2010, the 457th Bomb Group Association received welcome news from the Conington Parish Council. The Council has agreed to assume maintenance responsibilities for the Glatton Memorial Monument. This maintenance effort will be financially supported by the Association, in part with funds generated by the Friends of the 457th. If needed, additional funds will be the responsibility of the 457th Bomb Group Association.

Historian, Tim Newell, has agreed to administer these funds. He will also work with the Parish Council to assure that the monument and grounds are maintained in a manner which reflects the work and interests of the Association, as well as the residents of Conington. Additional contributions for this ongoing project can be made to Tim Newell or Lori Barnett, treasurer of the 457th Bomb Group Association.

457th Bomb Group Association: Membership Dues & Subscription Form

Dues

Annual Dues: $25 per person (2 years)

Life Dues:

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Mail Form To:

make check payable to:
Lori Barnett, Treasurer
457th Bomb Group Association
304 Old West Point Road
Starkville, MS 39759

check one:

☐ New membership
☐ Renewal
☐ Address Change

Name
Nickname
Spouse

Address__________________________

City__________________________ State__________________________ Zip (+4)____________________

Phone__________________________ email__________________________

Are you a (check one):

☐ Fireballer ☐ Relative of a Fireballer ☐ Other: ________________________

If you are a relative:

Name of Veteran
Relationship to you

Birth Date of Veteran
Squadron #
Rank

Dates Assigned
Duties

Plane Name
Plane #
Pilot’s Name

Plane Name
Plane #
Pilot’s Name

POW? / Evadee? Captured Date:
Escape/Release Date:

Retired Military? Rank:

Comments: ____________________________
SAVANNAH 2011

Join us for the next 457th Bomb Group Association State-side Reunion

September 24 - 29, 2011
Hilton Savannah Desoto
Savannah, Georgia

Call Now for Reservations: 1-912-232-6018
Room Rate During Reunion: $99 per night
Room Rate Before/After Reunion: $139 per night

IMPORTANT: Reference the 457th Bomb Group Reunion when registering.

A complete agenda and registration form will be posted in the July FIREBALL Newsletter. You will also be able to locate the information online as it becomes available.

Watch for it at www.457thbombgroupassoc.org
## Travel Fund

### English Travel Fund

The dedicated volunteers who represent the 457th Bomb Group in England are very important to the Association. Many of us are unable to attend the Mini-Reunions in Peterborough, and we are fortunate to be able to meet them and express our appreciation when they join us here in the States. This year, we expect several of our English historians to join us in Savannah.

The Association always sponsors a portion of their travel expenses with contributions to the English Travel Fund. September may seem far away, but it’s not too early to contribute to this important event.

Contributions should be marked “English Travel Fund” and mailed to:

Lori Barnett, Treasurer
457th Bomb Group Association

## Officers & Appointments

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## In Memory

### Tom Goff

With regret, we report the passing of Tom Goff on January 24, 2011. Tom was Squadron Navigator for the 750th and flew two tours of combat. He will be buried at Arlington Cemetery. Although Tom was not active the last few years, he was a strong supporter of the Association. He was instrumental in coordinating the project of replacing the original Stone Airman in the All Saints Churchyard in Conington.

### Kenneth Burkhart

Editor’s Report

A note from Chris Sechrist

For the past twelve years Nancy Toth has been dedicated to keeping you, the reader, well informed and up-to-date with the latest Bomb Group events. She has provided an array of historic information within the pages printed over the years. We are all very grateful to Nancy for the hours of devotion that she has shown to the 457th Bomb Group.

A sincere Thank You from me personally. I have no doubt this sentiment is echoed by the entire membership.

Future newsletter articles

There is something very special about listening to the stories told around the tables at each reunion. You may not be able to attend every event but there is a way to get your story out.

I enthusiastically encourage EVERYONE to contribute articles to future FIREBALL Newsletters. Feel free to submit memoirs; family stories... past or present; or other bits of information you would like to add. Please submit your typed stories to me by the deadline date noted in the Calendar of Events of the newsletter. If I receive an article after the deadline I will hold it for the following paper.

This is your newsletter; bring it to life with your story!

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2011 Calendar of Events:

- April 5
  Newsletter printed / mailed / posted on website

- June 24
  Newsletter article deadline

- July 20
  Newsletter printed / mailed / posted on website

- August 31
  Savannah registration due

- September 24-29
  2011 Reunion: Savannah, GA

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