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## DAYTON REUNION A SUCCESS!



Our group at Grimes Field after seeing *Champaign Lady*, Champaign Aviation Museum and the Grimes Flying Lab

This issue of the RI is devoted to our 2010 reunion. Twenty three veterans, their family and friends were in attendance. Starting with a Wright Brothers tour Wednesday through the boat cruise Sunday, many old memories were shared and many new memories made.

The pictures on the following pages were taken by Jim Shepherd, Mick Hanou, Bob Striegel, Tom Freer and myself. If you were unable to attend the

reunion, we hope the photos will give you a sense of being there.

*Friends Journal*, a magazine produced by the Air Force Museum Foundation, will run a photo essay of our group's tour of the *Memphis Belle* restoration. In case you do not receive their magazine, I will ask for permission to use their piece in our next newsletter.

Gary

### Bassingbourn Rally Round 2011

Rally Round to include the re-dedication of the 91st BG Prop Memorial at Bassingbourn, Memorial Day ceremonies at the Cambridge American Military Cemetery near Madingley, the dedication of a memorial to the John Coen crew in Paluel, France and D-Day ceremonies in Normandy. Approximate dates are May 26 to June 8, 2011.

More information will be provided in the January Ragged Irregular. Questions may be directed to Jim Shepherd at (714) 970-5540 or [jshep91@earthlink.net](mailto:jshep91@earthlink.net).

**President's Corner****Jim Shepherd**

The 2010 Reunion is in the book and all had a wonderful time in Ohio. A big thanks to General Metcalf at the United States Air Force Museum and his Special Events person, Jane Leach for allowing our group a special tour to view the *Memphis Belle* in the Restoration Hanger. The people in this section are very dedicated to rebuilding the airplane. We were also given access to the Presidential Hanger where we had the opportunity to look inside several Air Force One aircraft, including the one that carried the casket of John Kennedy back to Washington.

After the tour, the bus took us to a special grassy area of the museum and Jerry Haines provided the best barbecue lunch you could ever have. Many thanks to all the personnel who helped Jerry provide this service. We then proceeded to the museum to view the aircraft. When you grow up looking at airplanes and wishing you could see a special one, one more time. Well, the museum had everything. The B-36 is gigantic! The C-124 is huge! I tried to stump them and asked if they had a P-82 (a twin fuselage P-51). They have two. If you had a week, I don't think you could see it all. They house airplanes from the Wright Brothers to the newest, an F-22 Raptor.



Jim addressing the banquet attendees

Friday we were off to Grimes Field in Urbana, Ohio. 91st BGMA associate member Norm Burmaster hosted our group. Our first stop was the B-17 Project, where they are restoring or building a B-17, part by part, rivet by rivet. What dedication. Their plan is to make the plane flyable and they have named it *Champaign Lady*. Next stop was the Grimes Flying Lab Foundation's hangar, a building where the first airplane lights were made. The last hanger we visited held a B-25, T-6 and several other planes of the Champaign Aviation Museum. In April, seventeen B-25s flew into Grimes Field as a rally point for the 68th Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Reunion. The next day, sixteen of the bombers flew to Wright Patterson Air Force Base to honor the anniversary of the Tokyo bombing by Jimmy Doolittle. Norm treated us to video footage of that event.

Saturday morning we held the business meeting. I introduced the new elected officers of the 91st BGMA. The only change was that Janet Larocco was elected as Historian. We are sure she will be an asset to the

group. I then reminded them of the business meeting in 1998 at the Savannah reunion. Asay Johnson gave the Treasurers report about the decreasing membership and the decreasing bank account. We are there again and we must work on having money to continue. In 2000, we placed a request for donations to have a banner made for The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Pooler, Georgia. At \$25 each, we needed only 200 members to raise a total of \$5,000, the museum's required donation amount. We received \$6,500 and have a banner at the museum.

Now, 12 years later, we have a decreasing membership and decreasing bank account. I suggested we collect \$250 from 40 members to put \$10,000 back into the bank account. We already have 8 donations of \$250, so we only need 32 more. We will be changing the web page advertising and requesting a payment to add items to the web page. Our veterans are exempt from this rule.

The banquet at the Air Force museum was too incredible to imagine. We walked into the large hanger with a B-52 on one side, a C-124 on the other and an F-22 Raptor sitting right in front of us. Air Force MSgt Shawn Stanley sang the National Anthem and the colors were posted. A prayer to the POW'S and MIA'S was read.

Dinner was served. After dinner, the Air Force band played music from the 1940's and Suzi and I danced to "In the Mood". Our guest speakers were Lt. Col. Tom Gill (Ret-Air Force) from the Tower Museum, Basingbourn England. He told of the improvements and plans for the future. It was a very positive talk of his experiences and how he enjoys the museum. Our next speaker Col. Lowell Getz, (Ret-Army) told how he got hooked on doing research of the 91st Bomb Group. His wife, Mary Ruth, inspired him to write a book "*Mary Ruth*", *Memories of Mobile* about a B-17 of the same name. That book is available on our web page.

The 91st Bomb Group has been invited to attend the re-dedication of the Prop Memorial at Basingbourn and the dedication of a new memorial to the John Coen crew on June 4, 2011 in Commune de Paluel France. Dates and arrangements will be announced in the January 2011 Ragged Irregular.

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**Submissions for the January  
R/I need to be received  
before December 15th.**

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**Veeps Views****Mick Hanou**

I really enjoyed Reunion 2010 and the chance to meet and talk with all the Veterans and the Associates who attended. The Hospitality Suite was well attended and larger this year. I'd like to thank all the HS volunteers – Chuck Egender, Bob and Sheila Striegel, Lanelle Garrison, Jody Kelly, and Janet Notaro. I also want to thank George Bruckert and his group of re-enactors for displaying their artifacts and for the Merseburg briefing.

Incidentally, I have mentioned my mom was with the Dutch Resistance during the war. Well she broke a hip; they found cancer and she is going very quickly; I spent last week with her in Denver to say “goodbye”. Also, a severe blow to me was the death of my good friend Bob Dickson who I will miss very much. [Editor's note: Mick's mother passed away October 18th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mick and his family.]

**Wings of Freedom Tour Schedule**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Town / Airport</u>
10/29 – 11/1	Birmingham, AL Shelby County Airport
11/1 – 11/4	Montgomery, AL Montgomery Regional Airport
11/4 – 11/6	Perry, GA Perry-Houston County Airport

Collings Foundation's B-17 *Nine-O-Nine*, B-24 *Witchcraft* and P-51 *Betty Jane* are scheduled at all listed stops!

For more information on the Wings of Freedom Tour, please visit [www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org) or call (978) 562-9182.

## Ninety First Veterans - Reunion Group Photos



322nd Squadron - Melvin Dart, Vernon Baird, Ralph Simin, Herb Egender and Don Freer. Not pictured Bob Dickson.



401st Squadron – Sherwood Wagner. Not pictured Michael Fodroci and Conrad Lohoefer.



323rd Squadron – Edward Jackman, Steve Perri, Don Murray and Dan McGuire. Not pictured Frank Farr.



Former POWs – Herb Egender, Andrew Caswell, Frank Annis, Verne Woods, Don Murray and Don Freer.



324th Squadron – Verne Woods, Frank Annis, Delbert Ausburger, John Howland, Phillip Collins, Andrew Caswell and Kenneth Smith. Not pictured Rollie Hill and Norm Stuckey.



The 91st had run of the US Air Force Museum after the Saturday evening banquet. What could be more appropriate than veteran group photos in front of 91st B-17 *Shoo Shoo (Shoo) Baby*?



*The Wild Hare crew then and now...*

*Back Row* - 1st Lt. Kenneth Smith, Co-Pilot, T/Sgt. Edward AhTye, Engineer/Top Turret Gunner, Sgt. Neil Smith, Waist Gunner, Sgt. Archie Moldrum, Tail Gunner, Capt. Phillip Collins, Pilot. *Front Row* - 1st Lt. Andrew Caswell, Navigator, T/Sgt. Edward Robjohns, Radio Operator, Sgt. Everett Webster, Ball Turret Gunner, 2nd Lt. Earl Thomason, Bombardier. *Not in Photo* - Sgt. Luther Carico, Waist gunner, KIA over Cologne, Germany.



Pictured at the 2010 Reunion are:  
1st Lt. Kenneth Smith, Co-Pilot  
1st Lt. Andrew Caswell, Navigator  
Capt. Phillip Collins, Pilot

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report Dr. Phillip Collins passed within days of the reunion while visiting North Carolina.





Alain Charles demonstrated website [www.b17-france.org](http://www.b17-france.org) to the group. Here discussing *The Black Swan* with pilot Verne Woods who was shot down over France on December 31, 1943. Alain is president of the American Memorial Association of Saint-Nazaire.



Champaign Lady Ball Turret Gunner Corey Nelson



Air Force Museum Barbecue Lunch



91st BGMA member George Bruckert (back row, 3rd from left) organized a group to re-enact the Merseburg briefing from November 2, 1944. The script was written by Chip Buerger (back row, 2nd from left) and was based on records from the actual Merseburg mission.



Tom Gill, Vernon Baird and Bob Striegel in the Hospitality Suite



Banquet guest speakers Tom Gill and Lowell Getz



After Dinner Music Courtesy of the Air Force Band





above: Gary Schrieber and Norm Burmaster watch Ralph Simin autograph a part for *Champaign Lady*. below: Ralph holds the rib which was also signed by John Howland and Frank Annis.



Recovering the control surfaces of the *Memphis Belle*



Verne Woods and Mike Clemmons look over some reports recently received by Don Freer regarding his crew.



Matt and Conrad Lohoefer walk through the Air Force Museum's Air Park after the barbecue lunch.



Edward Jackman and Steve Perri pose with the *Belle's* ball turret



Suzi and Jim work the PX



Dear 91 BGMA Members,

I recently had the honour to represent the Tower Museum at Bassingbourn to the 91st BGMA membership during the October reunion in Dayton, Ohio. On behalf of the entire Tower Museum Board of Directors, I'm writing to thank you for extending the invitation to us to participate, and in particular to present an address at both the business meeting and the banquet.

For myself the highlight of the week may have been the re-enactment of the 2 Nov, 1944 Merseburg mission brief. The fact that veterans of that particular mission were present to share their reflections of such a brutal experience brought great poignancy to the event. We at the Tower Museum volunteer hundreds of hours through the year to memorialize the sacrifices of your veterans to our visitors. Personally speaking, listening to the first person reflections of that bloody journey deep into Germany has given me a new commitment to the work we do here. The entire week, but especially that afternoon, reminded me why these men have earned for their generation the title of "the Greatest Generation", and we must keep that history alive.

We look forward to increased partnership with the BGMA in years to come, and are especially excited about the possibility of a Rally Round next spring that includes Bassingbourn on the agenda. With the Memorial Day ceremony at Madingley and the events associated with *The Black Swan* in Bannalec, it seems a natural fit to host a re-dedication ceremony at the newly refurbished Prop Memorial at Bassingbourn's front gate. That's an event we'll be delighted to help organize if you wish to have it on your agenda. For that matter, the Tower Museum Board of Directors will be delighted to help secure transport and lodging for the entire traveling party during your stay in the United Kingdom. With 9 years now passed since the last big push of BGMA visitors to Bassingbourn, it's a great chance to renew these ties.

Again I thank you for the great memories of last week's events at Dayton. We'll keep the information flowing as we continue to develop our museum for an ever increasing visitor population, and look forward to seeing you here in the Tower soon. Please take a swing through our website as well; it contains a wealth of information about recent activities [www.towermuseumbassingbourn.co.uk](http://www.towermuseumbassingbourn.co.uk).

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. GILL Lt Col, USAF, Retired  
President – Tower Museum, Bassingbourn



**91<sup>st</sup> BGMA Board Meeting - September 11, 2010, 9:05 – 9:57 AM PST**

**Attendees:** Jim Shepherd, Mick Hanou, Jody Kelly, Gary Hall and Janet Notaro.

**Dayton Airport Transportation - Jody**

- Reunion attendees will need their own transportation to the hotel. Jody and Janet will work the issue and look for volunteers to pick up people who need assistance.

**Ragged Irregular - Gary**

- The deadline for publication is normally September 15th, but will be extended due to the reunion.

**Full Member Vote – All members**

- Janet Larocco requested full membership. Jim made a motion to accept Janet's request and the motion was seconded by Mick. All voted to approve her request for full membership.

**Reunion: All**

- Jim reported that Thomas Gill will be spending 5 nights and Alain Charles will be spending 2 nights and the association will be paying the cost of their rooms. Thomas Gill has agreed to be one of the speakers at the banquet. Mick mentioned that Tom would be speaking at the Banquet on the Tower in general and at the Business meeting on finances, success of the hanger dance, etc.

- Mick is working on the arrangements for the Hospitality Suite. He suggested we provide a hot meal on Wednesday. He contacted the hotel and found the cost per person would be \$24.00. Over concern of our treasury, there was a general discussion on bringing the cost down and maybe having pizza and a hot pasta dish.
- Jody suggested that we provide an agenda of the events in each goodie bag.
- Jim is finalizing event transportation and has arranged school buses, one will accommodate wheel chairs.
- There will be a luncheon meeting at noon on Tuesday, September 28, at the hotel to discuss any last minute details.

**Website: Jim and Jody**

- Jody suggested we work on keeping the cost of the website down due to website construction costs running \$800 a month. Jim stated that he doesn't have the technical skills to maintain the website without hiring outside help. A general discussion on how to support the website and one suggestion was to have vendors pay to be on the site.
- Jody also suggested that we consider raising the dues for members that are not veterans. Jody will provide a list of the veterans to the board members.

Business meeting minutes from the reunion will be available in the January 2011 Ragged Irregular.

**91<sup>st</sup> BGMA Donations**

George Jacobs	750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In honor of Mike Banta and the crew of <i>Yankee Gal</i></li> </ul>	
Janet Larocco	335
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet won the 50/50 raffle and donated it to the 91st BGMA</li> </ul>	
Verne Woods	250
Jim Shepherd	250
Lowell Getz	250
Melvin Dart	250
Mary Varva	100
Robert Stevens	50
Sam Halpert	15

Before sending a donation, please check with your employer to see if they will provide a match to your donation. The 91st Bomb Group Memorial Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Night in the 40s Dance (from the July Issue)**

Rick Senffner wanted to add that also in attendance at the Night in the 40s Dance were 91st Bomb Group veteran Jim Fletcher along with his daughters Marnie Fletcher-Hermes and Pat Mitchell with her husband Rusty.

**Ragged Irregular by Email**

To help reduce organizational costs, the board is asking anyone who is able to receive the RI electronically to do so. We've contained printing and mailing costs as much as possible, but 2011 postal requirements will significantly affect the effort and budget needed to produce a paper newsletter.

Our newsletter has been made available in pdf format to those who have requested it over the past year. We've received quite a bit of positive feedback as the newsletter is in color and can be printed on your home printer if a paper copy is desired.

Please contact Gary Hall via email [raggedirregular@gmail.com](mailto:raggedirregular@gmail.com) to sign up for email only delivery or to receive a copy of this or previous newsletters for your review.

## 91st SRWA Reunion 2011

Members, Associates, and Friends are invited to attend the next Reunion of the 91st Strategic Recon Wing Association. The event will be at the Avista Resort, 300 North Ocean Drive, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. The dates are May 19 - 24, 2011. Our rates are good 3 days prior to and 3 days after the Reunion.

One, two, and three bedroom ocean front condos are available starting at \$76 (plus taxes and fees). A deposit is required and there is a penalty for cancellation.

Reservations must be made by April 19. Individuals may call (800)968-8986 between 7:00 AM EST - 12:00 AM EST 7 days a week. Identify yourself as being with the 91st Strategic Recon Wing, Group Code 1424720.

Check the January, 2011 issue of the Recon Recorder for registration forms. If you are not a 91st SRWA member and wish to attend, please contact Jim Bard, Jr at (410)549-1094 or email: [jimbardjr@comcast.net](mailto:jimbardjr@comcast.net).

## Folded Wings (continued from page 12)

Thayne Johnson was incorrectly listed with the 401st Squadron in the July RI. Thayne served with the 324th.

### ✪ Fred F Hall 401st Age 88

Chaseley, ND, February 8, 2010



Reported by his wife Martha  
Fred was born January 26, 1922 in Manfred, ND. In 1940, he enrolled in the Lincoln Aeronautical Institute where he received his airframe and engine license.

Fred entered the United States Army in 1943 and joined the Army Air Force Cadet Program after basic training. In early 1944 he was transferred to the European Theater and served as a navigator in the 91st BG. He completed 26 missions and was awarded an Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Following the war he remained in the Air Force for three years, transferring to a B-29 unit. He completed pilot training and was promoted to Second Lieutenant. In 1948, Fred returned to Chaseley where he was a rural mail carrier and farmer. He married Martha Bechler in 1951. He owned his own plane which enabled him to enjoy his love of flying for many years.

Fred is survived by his wife Martha; brother Lawrence; sisters Evelina Boese, Alvina Bakula and Darlene Flick; and 12 nieces and nephews.

### ✪ Robert L "Mo" Modell 323rd Age 86

Windsor, CO, August 6, 2009



Reported by his daughter Bridget Schoenherr  
Retired Chief Master Sergeant "Chief Mo" was born in Astoria, NY, on July 5, 1923. CMSgt Modell is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years Margaret "Margi" (Killeen) Modell. Mo and Margi will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC, in the spring of 2011.

Mo enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 19. He served as a belly gunner on the B-17 *Mount N' Ride*, completing 14 missions before his plane was shot down on March 16, 1944. He was detained in Switzerland as an internee until the end of WWII. After reentering the Air Force in 1950 for the Korean Conflict, he served in the aircraft maintenance field and earned the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in 1960. Mo wore the CMSgt rank for almost 22 years until his retirement. He distinguished himself as the "Top Chief", holding the rank of CMSgt longer than anyone to date in the US Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, Chief Modell worked as an aircraft maintenance expert on the development of the B-1A and B1-B bombers for Rockwell International.

Chief Modell is survived by four sons, Robert (Helena), Colonel John (Valerie), retired Colonel Richard (Terri) and Karl (Linda); daughter, Bridget (Klaus) Schoenherr; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### ✪ Joseph G Weinstock 324th Age 86

Miami Beach, FL, February 29, 2008



Reported by Lowell Getz  
Joe was born on February, 23 1922 in Clairton, PA. He enlisted on September 10, 1943 and was a bombardier instructor before volunteering for combat. Joe was assigned to the 324th Squadron on August 6, 1944. Seven of his crew

were shot down on their first mission on August 16, 1944, while Joe was in London being fitted for special goggles. He flew as a replacement bombardier on a number of crews, completing his 35th mission on the last mission of the war, April 25, 1945, to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. Joe was awarded the Air Medal, with five oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart for a wound he received over Pilsen. After the war, he was a general contractor in the Miami, FL area.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sylvia, sons, Jonathan and Michael and daughters, Jennette, Suzanne and Ellen.



### ★ Phillip Collins 324th Age 89

Marshalltown, IA, October 7, 2010



Reported by his navigator Andrew Caswell Phil was born on Aug. 22, 1921 in Marshalltown, IA. He graduated from Central Iowa Business College. Phil was in the Air Force for three years achieving the rank of Captain; he piloted a B-17 and flew 35 missions over Germany. Phil then attended Logan Chiropractic School in St. Louis, MO, graduating in 1949. In

1942 Phil married Nadine Reaugh and they lived all of their married life in Marshalltown. Phil had his Chiropractic office in Marshalltown from 1949 to 1987.

Left to cherish Phil's memory is his wife of 68 years, Nadine, sons: Mike (Joan) and Kent; 2 grandsons and was expecting his first great-grandchild in December.

### ★ Edward J Lincoln Jr 323rd Age 89

Newcastle, ME, May 17, 2010



Reported by his daughter Brenda Lake In February 1942, Eddie enlisted in the US Army Air Force and was stationed overseas for two years as a mechanic at Bassingbourn Air Field in England. He worked mainly on *Nine-O-Nine*, which flew a record-holding 140 consecutive missions without a mechanical failure. The January 1948

National Geographic article "Fun Helped Them Fight" had a picture of Eddie working on *Nine-O-Nine*. His family owns several copies!

In their retirement years, Eddie and wife Barbara were especially pleased to visit and donate to the Collings Foundation in Hudson, Massachusetts, where a replica of *Nine-O-Nine* was made. Another highlight was a 1997 visit to Bassingbourn. Eddie was very proud to be back where he had served and to stand beside the plaque honoring the 323rd Airmen of the 91st Bomb Group.

### ★ Rudolph "Rudy" Malkin 401st Age 88

Bel Air, MD, April 12, 2010



Reported by his niece Kathleen Fitzhugh Rudy was the tail gunner on Capt John D Davis' crew. He served the 91st BGMA as Ragged Irregular editor during the 80's.

Beloved husband of Madeline; dear brother of Bertha M. Fitzhugh and the late Matthew Malkin, Jr.

### ★ Robert "Bob" A Dickson 322nd Age 90

Morro Bay, CA, October 7, 2010



Reported by his daughter Jody Kelly Bob was a B-17 pilot during World War II. Shot down while on a mission over Germany, he survived 18 months in Stalag Luft 1. There, he made many friends, who all shared little food but much strength and hope. Upon his return to the United States in 1945, Bob continued his career in the military for 11 years. Following his

military service, Bob began a successful career in the aerospace industry with the Walter Kidde Company and specialized in fire safety equipment for aircrafts.

He was committed to activities related to military issues, including air shows and fundraisers for veterans, of which he was particularly proud. His passion for flying and airplanes remained with him throughout his entire lifetime. Bob was a long-time enthusiast of big band music and was, in fact, a walking encyclopedia on all things "Big Band."

Bob is survived by his loving family; sister, Ellen Belcher; daughters Kate, Janet, Jody and Diane; grandchildren Pat, Jonathon and Amanda; and four great-grandchildren.

### ★ John "Eli" E London 401st Age 87

East Meadow, NY, November 27, 2009



Reported by his nephew Don London Eli was born February 4, 1922 in Newark, NJ. He married Evelyn Atlas after he enlisted in the Army Air Force. He was assigned to the 91st Bomb Group and flew 26 missions as a 2nd Lt. After the war, he taught English and eventually became a principal. He lived his life stressing the importance of an education by

volunteering for many organizations.

Eli is survived by his wife Evelyn of 66 years; daughters Lauren Roseman, Beth London and Mallary London; sons Andrew and Glenn; brother Meyer; and five grandchildren.

### ★ Lawrence J Lynch 322nd Age 91

Little Neck, NY, January 21, 2009

Reported by his grandson Michael Pericas Larry served as a Navigator with the 91st. He was shot down on January 11, 1944 and spent 16 months as a POW in Stalag Luft I at Barth.

THE RAGGED IRREGULAR is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep alive the Spirit of the 91st Bomb Group (H) and to maintain the fellowship of those who fought together in World War II from AF Station 121 in Bassingbourn, England from 1942-1945. Editor Gary Hall

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## Folded Wings:

### ☛ Marion H "Curly" Havelaar 401st Age 86

Arlington, TX, July 26, 2010



Reported by his wife Patsy

Marion was born July 29, 1923 on a farm near Inwood, IA. His lifelong love and passion for aviation started when he saw his first barnstormer in a hay field near Hudson, SD.

Marion married Patsy 66 years ago while in training before being deployed during WWII. He served his country for 29 years before retiring as a Lt Col with the US Air Force in 1971.

After retiring, he and Patsy moved to Rapid City, SD where he pursued his hobby and lifelong passion of restoring and flying antique airplanes. He was known internationally as the authority on Waco Airplanes.

Marion is also remembered as a combat veteran, author, historian and expert on the famous US Army Air Corps, 91st Bomb Group. He authored "The Ragged Irregulars of Bassingbourn" a history of the 91st Bomb Group, touted as the "best unit history" written about a WWII air combat unit.

Marion is survived by his wife Patsy Ruth Havelaar; sons Thomas (Carol) and Ronald (Marylou); brothers Cornelius and Gerrit; sisters Rose Hawkins, Grace Brevik, June Carlson and Bernice Duncan; five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

### ☛ Allan N Morey 401st Age 92

Syracuse, NY, March 2, 2010



Reported by his daughter Cheryl Gandino

Allan was a B-17 Army pilot during WWII and served in the Western Europe and Northern France campaigns. He retired in 1981 after 29 years with General Electric Co. His wife of 67 years, the former Betty Heindorf, died in March 2009.

Surviving are his daughters Judy (Bob) Daino and Cheryl (David) Gandino; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.