



On Saturday, September 29, 2018 we held the Fourth Remembrance Day Ceremony for the Veterans of the Army Air Forces who served in WWII.

(22) AAF airmen were inducted on this day.

All the Information listed was supplied by the relatives or friends of the Airman inducted.



We Honor and Remember all the Airmen who died in WWII or returned home.

The names are in alphabetical order.

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Arnold B. Asterino.

Born March 2nd, 1920

Passed away on May 3rd, 2002

**He held the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 10Th Air Force,
9th Bomb Group, 7th Bomb Squadron.**

**He also served in Pandeshwar, India-Burma-China theater,
with the 494rd Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Group.**

**He was a bombardier/navigator/pilot
and a certified aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator.**

**He flew 25 missions and was awarded a Bronze Service Star,
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal, WWII Victory,**

Air medal and Good Conduct medal.

He was discharged on Jan. 22, 1946.

He is honored by Carmen Brenneman, his Daughter and Family.

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Hugh R. Barnhill, Sr.

Born April 21, 1921

Presently he lives in Centerville, Ohio.

**He held the rank of T5 and served as a Crash Crew
at Hethel Field, Norwhich, England, with the
389th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force.**

He is honored by his son Hugh Barnhill. Jr

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Stanley Theodore Carter

Born on August 8, 1920 in Tenstrike, MN.

He passed away on October 25, 1994.

**Stanley was a Corporal, Flight Officer/Pilot
in the 38th Troop Carrier Squadron.**

**He made a career in the USAF and retired on August 31, 1975
as a Lt. Colonel.**

He is honored by his daughter, Suzan Carter Evans and family.

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Mark Caunon

Born August 21, 1918.

He passed away on May 11, 2015.

Mark was a pilot on a B-17 and held the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He was part of the 384th Bombardment Group.

He was taken POW and held in a camp for 18 months and survived a death march at the end of WWII.

He is honored by his friend Luke Mckeeth.

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Robert S. St.Clair

Born March 1, 1919

Passed away on February 25, 2010.

**Robert was a pilot on a B-24 Liberator in the 15th Air Force, 304th Wing,
453th Bomb Group, 738th Squadron.**

He flew 31 Combat Missions.

Robert was discharged from the AF at Ellington Field, TX,

In September, 1945.

He is honored by Frank St. Clair and his family.

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George L. Clark

Born on July 30, 1920

He passed away on November 30, 2014.

George held the rank of Captain and was a pilot on a B-24 bomber.

**He served with the 98th Bomb Group, 343rd Squadron and
flew 51 combat missions from North Africa and Italy.**

He was discharged on July 17, 1945 at Camp Beale, CA.

George was honored Steve Polsley, a friend.

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Everett E. Culp

Born on April 30, 1923 in Ridgeway, Ohio

He passed away on November 2nd, 2014 in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

**Everett was a Staff Sergeant with the 303rd Bomb Group,
358th Squadron.**

**He functioned as a radio operator/gunner and operated out of
Molesworth, England. He was shot down on his 15th mission over
Hamm, in Germany.**

Everett was a POW and held at POW Camp Stalag 17B in Krems, Austria

From April 22, 1944 until May, 1945.

**He was awarded the Air Medal, 2 Oakleaf Clusters and the
Distinguished Service Award.**

Everett was discharged on September 29, 1945 at WPAF in Dayton, OH

He is honored his son Ed Culp and his family.

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Ralph William Dennings

Born May 1, 1922

He is presently living in St. Marys, OH.

Ralph served as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator.

**He held the rank of 1st. Lieutenant and served with the 466 Bomb Group
out of Attle Bridge, England.**

Ralph flew 35 missions over Germany, France and Italy.

His last mission was on Christmas Day, 1944.

He was discharged on Nov.1, 1945 at Fort McPhearson, GA.

Ralph is honored by his Dorothy Denning, his wife.

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Richard E. Drain

Born on March 12, 1923 in Portage, Ohio.

He passed away on February 8, 2016 in Springfield, Ohio.

Richard was Technical Sergeant and a Radio Operator.

**He served with the 99th Bomb Group, 416th Bomb Squadron and
the 390th Bomb Group, 570th Bomb Squadron.**

He participated in 44 Bombing missions.

**Richard was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with
5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster,
Campaign Medal with the following battle stars: Foggia-Naples,
Air Offensive Europe, Normandy, Northern France,
Air Combat Balkans, Anzio, Rome-Arno.**

Richard Drain retired as a Major in the USAF in 1968.

He is honored by his son Frank Drain.

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Richard Freyhof

Born December 31, 1922

He presently resides in Urbana, Ohio

He was a cadet for 20 months and received training

on a B-17, B-24, B-25, B-29.

He was discharged on October 31, 1945.

He is honored by Mark Breon.

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John C. Hayden

He was born on July 8th, 1917

John passed away on December 1, 1996

He served as a B-17 (Rhapsody in Flak), Flight Engineer in the 8th AF, 96th Bomb Group, 337th Squadron, from March 18, 1944 until July 1944.

John was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross, 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a Distinguished Unit Badge, Silver Star Battle Star, Service Stripe, Overseas Service Bar and Eastern, American, European, Middle Eastern and African Theater Ribbons.

He was discharged on August 31, 1945 at Fort Sheridan, IL.

John is honored by his nephew Warren Olds.

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Robert E. Hickey

He was born on July 23, 1924 in Dayton, Ohio.

Robert passed away on May 13, 1997.

He served as a Radio Operator in the 401th Bomb Group,

614th Squadron

Robert held the rank of Technical Sergeant.

He was awarded 3 European Air Medal Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Medal and Bar.

Robert was discharged on October 1, 1945 in Lincoln Nebraska.

He is honored by his sons Tim & Chris Hickey and their children.

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Lloyd Dale Higginboltham

Born on January 20, 1919

Passed away on December 17, 2003

**He held the rank of Technical Sergeant and served in the 8th AF
96th Bomb Group, as a B-17 Radio Operator/Waist Gunner.**

**He was awarded the Air Medal and participated in Operation Manna
dropping food supplies over Holland at the end of WWII.**

He was discharged in 1945.

**Harry Yarwick, a friend of the family, Dianne Keblinger, a daughter and
Duane Higginboltham, his son are honoring their father.**

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Alexander Jefferson

He was born on November 15, 1921,

Resides presently in Detroit, MI.

**He served in the 332nd Fighter Group, aka Tuskegee Airmen,
as a P-51 Fighter Pilot.**

He was shot down on August 12, 1944 over France and became a POW.

**He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart
and received in 2007 a Congressional Gold Medal.**

Alexander retired from the USAF in 1969 as a Lt. Colonel.

He is honored by Kay & Kim Carmean, friends.

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Ronald K. Jenkins

Born on February 8, 1922

He presently resides in Marysville, Ohio.

Ronald served as a Staff Sergeant in the 446th Bomb Squadron at the Flixton Field, Bungay, England.

He was awarded medals for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes, Air Offensive battles/campaigns.

**Received the European Air Medal Theater ribbon with 6 bronze stars,
American Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksman medal.**

His crew was on the first plane leading the 8th AF on D-Day.

Ronald was discharged on September 18, 1945 at Camp Atterbury, IN.

He was honored by Christy Skidmore, his daughter and her children.

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David Lloyd Jones

He was born on March 12, 1912

Passed away on February 15, 1967

**He was a 1st Lt in the Army Air Force and was a
Flight Test Maintenance Officer.**

He was discharged at the WPAFB on January 24, 1951 as a Captain.

He is honored by his son David L Jones II

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George W. Jumper

Born August 12, 1921

Passed away on April 22, 2005

**George was a Technical Sergeant in the 384th Bomb Group,
545th Squadron and operated as a Radio Operator.**

**He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross,
2 Presidential Unit Citations, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters,
European – African – Middle Eastern Medal with 1 Bronze Star.**

He was discharged on October 24, 1945 at Randolph Field, Tx.

He is honored by his son, Bob Jumper.

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Paul W. Kauppila

Born on November 19, 1919 in Houghton, MI.

Presently he resides in Sheboygan, MI.

Paul held the rank of Captain in the 32nd Flight Training Wing and functioned as a T-6 "Texan" Instructor Pilot.

He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding accomplishments as an Instructor Pilot.

Paul was discharged in October, 1945 at the Temple Army Airfield, TX

He is honored by his son, Jim Kauppila and family.

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Joseph Anthony Piotrowski

Born on November 25, 1918.

Passed away on November 20, 1996.

**Joseph served as a Technical Sergeant in the 8th AAF,
95th Bomb Group, 336th Squadron and functioned as a Radio Operator
and a Waste Gunner on a B-17 F/G.**

He flew 35 missions between April 25 and July 25, 1944.

Joseph was awarded the Air medal with 4 Oak Leaf clusters,

The Distinguished Flying Cross and a

Unit Citation – Russian Commemorative Medal.

He was discharged on November 7, 1945

at Indiantown Gap Mil Res Penna.

He is honored by his children

John, Betsy & Peter Piotrowski and the entire Piotrowski family.

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Franklin B. Reams

Born on December 5, 1924

Passed away on April 11, 1958

**Franklin held the rank of Sergeant in the 8th AF, 486th Bomb Group,
835th Squadron and functioned as B-17 Radio Operator and
Waist Gunner.**

He was discharged on November 21, 1945 at Patterson Field, Ohio

Franklin is honored by his son Frank Reams.

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John P. Sampo

Born on August 22, 1922

Presently he resides in Langhorne, PA.

**John was a B-17 pilot with the 381th Bomb Group
at Ridgewell/Essex in England.**

He held the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

**He had 23 missions and flew the B-17 named "Dee Marie"
He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, he was an expert with a
45 cal pistol.**

He was discharged on November 3, 1945 at Patterson Field, Ohio.

He is honored by his Grandson Paul Petachi.

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Harold Edwin Smith

Born August 29, 1924

Passed away on June 22, 1972

**He was a Staff Sergeant in the 8th AAF, 390th Bomb Group,
568th Bomb Squadron, at Framingham, England.**

He functioned as a B-17 Waist Gunner.

Harold flew 28 missions over Europe.

His last mission was on April 22, 1944.

**He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal,
European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal.**

He was a proud member of the Lucky Bastard Club.

Harold was discharged in October, 1945 at Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, IN

**He is honored by his sons Bruce & Mark Smith
and nephews Kevin Peters, Ryan Smith.**

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Harry Stewart

Born on July 24, 1924 in Newport News, VA

Presently he resides in Detroit, MI.

**He was a P-51 Fighter Pilot with the 332nd Fighter Group
aka Tuskegee Airman.**

**Harry flew 43 combat missions, one of only 4 Tuskegee Airmen
who shot down 3 planes in one day.**

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In 1949 he won the "Top Gun" competition in Nevada.

He retired from the USAF in 1950 as a Lt. Colonel.

Harry is honored by Kim Carmean.

The above is the last airman's name inducted in 2018.

