



# 820<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron Newsletter

June 30, 2005

The Mt. Rushmore 2005 Reunion May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ramada Inn Gold Key Hotel, Rapid City, SD

Blue skies, sun, and pleasant temperatures favored the members, spouses, and friends of the 820<sup>th</sup> for the entire time of the reunion during their stay in the Black Hills region of South Dakota.

The first evening, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, was spent in Deadwood, famous for the “dead man’s hand” cards of Wild Bill Hickok (a pair of aces and eights) which is still on display in the Hickok Emporium, the lesson of which is never to sit with your back to the door. A wonderful buffet dinner was served at the Golddust and for those interested in gambling, slot machines and Black Jack tables abounded.

Following a Business Meeting on Thursday, May 19 it was decided that the 820<sup>th</sup>, if reunions are to continue, would join other squadrons in a combined gathering of the 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, and 396<sup>th</sup> squadrons. Dues are still \$10.00 per year payable to treasurer Emery Tuttle. That afternoon found us bussing through the Black Hills area under the guidance of Carol Cameron of Affordable Adventure Tours, who guided us through each day with such informative narrations. We enjoyed viewing the breathtaking scenery and squeezing through four narrow tunnels blasted out during the carving of Mt. Rushmore. Kudos to the bus driver for accomplishing this feat. We were enthralled in seeing the monolithic cathedral-like spires of rock formations as we traveled along the Needles Highway. We then arrived at Mt. Rushmore to view the Visitors Center, the presidential faces, have a hearty dinner at the Buffalo Dining Room, and enjoy the lighting ceremony of the faces at the amphitheater. Emery Tuttle and Morgan Molloy took the long flight of stairs down to the stage to take part in the retiring of the colors. They then had the steep climb back up to the viewing area where the rest of the group found them only a bit out of breath. [a great accomplishment for World War 2 vets]

On Friday, May 20, we ventured to Custer State Park, a vast scenic area, filled with wild life roaming freely. We saw a variety of wildlife—

bison, deer, antelope, big horn sheep, burros descended from their Gold Rush ancestors, prairie dogs poking out of holes in their villages, and some scooting from hole to hole. We stopped at the Crazy Horse Memorial and Museum and also viewed the huge face of Crazy Horse carved into a granite cliff. The beginnings of his outstretched arm could be seen pointing toward the vast lands beyond. Work on this huge sculpture continues, supported by private contributions and museum ticket payers.

Saturday, May 21, began with a visit to Ellsworth AFB where Capt. Chuck Richards greeted the group. Pictures were taken by a news photographer from the Rapid City Journal under the B25 that had been used by General Eisenhower. It turned out to be a sizeable picture in full color in which the men looked wonderfully photogenic.

We then continued on to the Badlands National Park where the impressive rock formations appeared to go on forever, stopping first at the famous Wall Drug, named for the town of Wall and the interminable wall of formations that gold seekers, settlers, and Indians found such a trial to pass through.

The meal and decorations at the farewell banquet that evening were beautifully done, with time to have final visits among those in the group. An Indian dancer, Sequoia Crosswhite, in full Lacota regalia, entertained us with a vigorous display of Native American ceremonial dance. Capt. Richards and his wife were honored guests. Capt. Richards, assisted by Mrs. Richards, presented a slide show of past and present Air Force accomplishments followed by a question and answer session. All too soon it was time to make our goodbyes to prepare for our flights back home the following morning.

Sunday, May 22 Au revoir and appreciative thanks to Jack and Garnet Audiss for a never-to-be forgotten South Dakota reunion. Prepared by Clare Molly

### **A few words from our Host** – Jack & Garnet Audiss

We had a great reunion with 28 people in attendance. It was a busy schedule. We enjoyed arranging the reunion and hope everyone had a good time and will plan to see more of our great state and its many attractions. I can also say that everyone I worked with to arrange the activities was more than helpful. They thoroughly enjoyed helping us have a good visit. I believe their appreciation of WW2 Vets was a factor, along with a desire to promote

the Black Hills as a must see tour. Garnet and I look forward to future reunions of our WW2 comrades. I'd like to thank Emery and Norm for contributing to the success of the Reunion.

### **2005 Reunion Awards Program**

Early Bird Awards of \$50.00 each were presented to Littrell, Molloy, Thrune, Dreyfus, Hanley, Tolbert, Hopson, and Sitterley.

The Banquet Award drawing was held to award \$350.00 each to two lucky people and they were Delia Dreyfus and Rene Thrune.

**2006 Reunion** – As reported earlier, at our SD business meeting it was unanimously decided that future 820<sup>th</sup> BS reunion will be with the other squadrons whether in the spring or the fall. There has been some talk from the other squadrons about having a Florida 2006 reunion. We should learn more of the 2006 reunion hopefully after their forthcoming 2005 Hot Springs Reunion.

### **OBITUARIES**

Dr. William "Bill" Templeton, M.D., 80, of Kingsport, passed away at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center on Sunday May 1, 2005. He was born on May 20, 1924. At the age of 17, he volunteered for the U. S. Army Air Corp. and was trained as a pilot. During WW II he served in the Pacific Theater as a member of the 820<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron of the 41<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group, 7<sup>th</sup> Air Force as a B-25 Bomber pilot of the "Yankee Dollar".

Chaplain Howard D. Gould, 95 of Brikett Hill Road, died on May 22, 2005. He was born Feb. 18, 1910, in Walpole, MA. Mr. Gould was ordained on June 25, 1942 at Colrain Congregational Church, Colrain, MA. He joined the U. S. Army Chaplain Corp in 1943 and saw action in the south Pacific with the 41<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group on Tarawa, Makin, Okinawa and the Hawaiian Islands.

Ruth McGuire, wife of Tom McGuire, passed away this spring after a brief illness. Ruth was a school teacher for many years.

Our sympathy and condolences to our comrades and family members.



## 41<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (M)

### B-25 Mitchells

7<sup>th</sup> Air Force World War II Pacific



820<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq



396<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.



48<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.



47<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.

### Attendees

Jack Audiss	Garnet Audiss	Elmer Littrell	Polly Littrell
Jim Nuckles	Morgan Molloy	Clare Molloy	Jerry Audiss
Mercy Audiss	Vivianne Audiss	Thor Audiss	Dick Audiss
Jack Audiss	Skip Thrune	Rene Thrune	Felix Dreyfus
Delia Dreyfus	Emery Tuttle	JoAnne Tuttle	Frank Hanley
Nancy Hanley	Norman Geril	George Tolbert	Beverly William
Kim Sitterly	Kemary Crowder	Kemary Crowder	Paul Hopson
Helen Hopson	Dancer Sequoia Crosswhite and wife	Capt. Chuck Richard and wife	

It tasted great.







Belly up to the Bar in the LONGHORN SALOON in Scenic, SD 57780



Jack Audiss, Emery Tuttle and Norm Geril



L to R - Capt. Chuck Richard, Skip Thrune, Jack Audis, Elmer Littrell, George Tolbert, Morgan Molloy, Norm Geril, Emery Tuttle, Paul Hopson and Felix Dreyfus



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