



# The Crow Flight

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## REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING

It seems the best way to let you know about the meeting is to just forward my notes. Present at the meeting were from the 47<sup>th</sup> Dorothy and Don Haskell, Polly and Kem Sitterley; from the 48<sup>th</sup>, Esther and Felix Galyean and Helen and Paul Hopson; from the 396<sup>th</sup>, LaVerne and Keith Ingstad, Walt Winner, and Joyce Haddock and Curtis Oakes; and from the 820<sup>th</sup>, Skip Thruene. Murray Bywater was unable to make it because of just being home a day or two from a hip replacement operation, and Dick Monzingo of the 48<sup>th</sup> was out of town.

Murray Bywater has called in the last few days with the report that General Kross who he had contacted about speaking had a schedule conflict in that his West Point graduation class was having their reunion that week-end. He's working on getting the commanding general of the 4<sup>th</sup> Air Force, stationed at March Air Force Base, to speak about the difference between the Army Air Corps as we knew it, and the US Air Forces of today.

Also, since the meeting we have contracted with Wayland Pickard to be the primary entertainment of the evening. He's the one that is sort of a combination Victor Borga and Mark Russell, playing the piano and wisecracking... He's a bit on the expensive side... but the committee thinks we're worth it.

In the meeting everyone was asked about someone to give the invocation. The 820<sup>th</sup>'s Skip Thruene suggested that the 820<sup>th</sup>'s Bill Childs did an excellent job on this. Bill was asked and we have his note saying that he and Jean plan to attend, and I quote, "I would be pleased and honored to offer the invocation at your October Reunion..." ... And we're surely pleased to have him and Jean there!

The meeting notes include two pages which will show exactly how to register for the reunion. They are the last two:

1. INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS ON ATTENDING THE REUNION  
and
2. REGISTRATION FOR 41<sup>ST</sup> BOMB GROUP REUNION, ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 8-11, 1999 (Fri. thru Mon.)

I do plan to get another newsletter out August 1, 1999, and it, too, will have all of the necessary registration, but just in

case you're interested in getting in early, you could do it now.

Many of you have friends and/or relatives in Southern California who are planning on combining a visit with them along with coming to the reunion... others are planning a trip to Hawaii, Alaska, other West Coast destination to include the reunion... come on out, we'd love to see you.

To our widows, children, and grandchildren, we extend a particularly warm welcome. Maybe some can bring a son or a daughter or a grandchild to enable them to come?

Remember, too, that everyone is welcome to our planning meetings; the next one is 10 AM, June 29, 1999... a Tuesday. Please let us know if you're coming so we can notify the hotel just exactly how many are coming..

To those of you who may not feel they can come because of physical limitations, let me remind you that the hotel has special rooms for you... and we'll help all we can... and if you want to get one of those rooms, it might be better if you make all your plans early.

**PROFILE FORM!!**— Getting good stuff from you lets us produce a more readable newsletter. We need particularly the following four items; 1) Photo(s) from the days of the 41<sup>st</sup>. 2) Photo(s) fairly recent...3) text on what you did in the service... and 4) text on what you have done with your lifetime career since serving with the 47<sup>st</sup> or 48<sup>th</sup>.

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