



# The Crow Flight

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## FINAL REUNION ISSUE

This is the last chance to register for the reunion... if there are any questions, please write or call anyone on the reunion committee roster which is page 4 of this newsletter. Instructions are on page 9 and a registration form is provided on page 10.

### REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 29..

Present at the meeting were from the 47<sup>th</sup>, Polly and Kem Sitterley; from the 48<sup>th</sup>, Paul Hopson and Dick Monzingo; from the 396<sup>th</sup>, LaVerne and Keith Ingstad, Walt Winner, and Joyce Haddock and Bill Scavo; from the 820<sup>th</sup>, Skip Thrune, and from Group Frankie and Murray Bywater. Esther and Felix Galyean 48<sup>th</sup>, were not able to make it because of Felix' recent knee operation. Dorothy and Don Haskell, 47<sup>th</sup>, have recently moved from Visalia, to Rocklin California which makes their long drive go from five to ten hours each way.

**NEXT REUNION**– This has pretty much been decided to be in Las Vegas in October of 2000, with Keith Ingstad of the 396<sup>th</sup> as the coordinator. Keith says he doesn't want to talk about it until this one's over, but that seems to be what's coming down. Now, if we were like the 820<sup>th</sup> at this upcoming reunion we would also decide where the reunion would be in 2001 and who would be the coordinator. Any volunteers?... **THINK ABOUT IT!**

**THIS REUNION WILL BE DEDICATED TO BOB HOPE!**– The committee voted on this unanimously! Tony Romano has been invited to the banquet and asked to give a short talk, and he has accepted. Tony spoke at the dedication of the 41<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group Memorial, telling anecdotes mostly of his experiences with the Bob Hope Christmas tours, and he is really a funny guy!

**GOLF** will be at the Spring Valley Lakes Country Club, which is about a 50 minute ride from the hotel up on the desert near Victorville, CA. Dick Monzingo has reservations for 16 and wants to meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 AM the morning of Friday, October 8, 1999. He plans to stop on the way and spend an hour at the Roy Rogers Museum. Lunch will be at a snack shop between nines.

**MEMORABILIA REMINDER**– Please remember to bring with you any photo albums, video tapes, or any other memorabilia you might think would be interesting to the group. This has been one of the most popular features of our reunions.

**B-25 RIDES**– These are getting a little iffier– Remember that not one of our six outfits that have flying B-25's will actually commit to having an airplane there... and they all give the same reason... if they get a gig at an air show or for a movie the money that they make is far more than they can get giving rides. It seems that the state of California has now entered the picture with an insurance requirement. Another factor that affects only the price is the recent volatility of gas prices. We still think that this thing will go, but.. And of course any money paid in will be refunded if we can't furnish the rides.....

Remember, too, that everyone is welcome to our planning meetings; the next one is 10 AM, Sept 9, 1999... a Tuesday. Please let us know if you're coming so we can notify the hotel just exactly how many are coming.. **THAT'S 9/9/99!!!!**

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>. Everyone feel free to contribute! See page 3!!!!

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