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SIR: I WAS LOOKING THRU THE V.F.W. MAGAZINE FOR THIS MONTH AND SAW THAT THE GOOD OLD 306th IS HAVING A REUNION ON OCTOBER 15 TO 18 AND IT IS IN ST. PAUL. I'M GOING TO BE IN THAT AREA AND JUST AT THAT TIME AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND IF IT IS STILL POSSIBLE. I HAVE ENCLOSED A SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE IN INFORMING ME AS TO WHAT I SHOULD DO. I DO REMEMBER YOU FROM THE ST. LOUIS REUNION THAT WAS HELD BACK IN 1977. IT WAS REALLY FUN SEEING SOME OF THE OLD GANG I FLEW WITH IN THE 423rd BOMB SQUADRON. I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO FIND MY OLD PICTURES THAT I SAVED FROM THE WAR. I HAD LEFT THEM AT MY FATHER'S HOME MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I CAME WEST. AFTER HE DIED, I LOST TRACK OF THEM PLUS MY DISCHARGE AND MY SERVICE MEDALS. IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ME TO RECEIVE THEM FROM MY SISTER WHO RECOVERED THEM FROM ONE OF MY STEP SISTERS WHO HAD GOTTEN THEM FROM THE HOUSE AFTER DAD PASSED ON. SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE HIS FROM WW I. ANYWAY, WILLIAM, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SEND ME WHAT I NEED TO DO TO ATTEND THE REUNION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION.

SINCERELY,

Russ Hawkins Jr