

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE  
306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,  
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 31 May '93

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: MI: TITLE:

Street address  COL. BERNARD HIGGINS, III (RET)  
3329 FOLEY DR.  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308-3234

Telephone: ( )

City, State, Zip:

zip + 4: -

Date of birth: 4/29/22

Wife's name: LUCILLE

College(s) attended: EVENING - NORTH CAROLINA STATE Degree(s): NONE Year(s):

U.S. ARMY COMMAND & STAFF COLLEGE - 1958 V OF MARYLAND (THE ARMY SAID '2 YEARS IS REQ. I DID NO MORE - NO LESS)

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

DIRECTOR MEDICAID FRAUD & ABUSE PROGRAM, DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES, LANSING MI.  
RETIRED 31 JAN '84

Reunions attended:

Serial #: 11029145

Squadron: APR-42 24/9/49 368TH & 6RP HQS Specialty: AIRCRAFT RECORDS STATISTICS

Date joined 306th: APR. 1942

If combat, what crew: N/A

Special duties or assignments w/306th: ✓ + DAILY 110 REPORT (AIRCRAFT READINESS)

Number of missions flown: 1 (OBSERVER) Date of last mission: 25 JUN '44

Date left 306th: 12 MAR 1945

Highest rank/grade w/306th: S/SAT

Other 8th AF units served with: NONE

Top service assignment after 306th: OCS LEROY FACES TRAINING CENTER  
FOUNTAINBLEAU FRANCE COMMISSIONED 12 MAY '45  
USA retirement date: 30-NOV-'71 Rank/grade: POL.

16 YRS IN INF & AIRBORNE UNITS - 10 YRS PERSONNEL ADM & DATA PROCESSING

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

**BERNARD HIGGINS**

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JUNE 2, 1993

DEAR RUSSELL:

I AM LATE IN THANKING YOU FOR THE EXPEDITION'S RECEIPT OF THE 306TH DIRECTORY & ECHOES. BECAUSE THAT INFORMATION SENT ME SEARCHING THRU SCRAPBOOKS & FILES TRYING TO REMEMBER FACES & NAMES. SINCE THE GIRL I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH AND WITH WHOM I CORRESPONDED WITH ALL THRU MY WWII SERVICE & MARRIED IN 1946 KEPT ALL MY LETTERS I WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT I JOINED THE 306TH AT WENDOVER FIELD, UTAH, (NOW HILL AFB) AND DEPARTED IN MARCH 1945. SHE ALSO KEPT PHOTO'S FROM WHICH I COULD IDENTIFY JOE DESROCHES, GEORGE ALLEN, ROCCO LOSPINUSO, JERRY STUTZ & JOHN HORN WHO ARE NOT LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY. I HAVE PHOTOS OF SEVERAL GUYS I CAN'T PUT A NAME ON AND OTHERS LIKE ARNOLD GUNDERSON, CLAYTON VIDAROVICH, MAJ. VENABLE, CAPT. SPENCER, BUT CLIFFORD SAMPSON & RUSSELL HOUGHTON THAT I CAN. I HAVE ENCLOSED A PHOTO OF THE 306TH TAKEN AT WENDOVER IN 1942. ALSO SEVERAL ORDERS WHICH MAY BE FILE "13" STUFF - BUT WHO KNOWS. IF YOU FEEL THE OTHER PHOTOS WHICH INCLUDE ME ARE OF INTEREST I WILL HAVE THEM REPRODUCED & SENT TO YOU.

ALSO I AM ENCLOSEING MY ORDER FOR "FIRST OVER GERMANY" # 38. I HAVE ALSO SENT CASEY JONES # 25. I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT WE WILL MAKE SEATTLE. I WOULD GIVE UP THE CLEMSON GAME BUT MY WIFE WILL NOT GIVE UP HER "CLASSY LASSIE GOLF TOURNAMENT" ON 9 & 10 SEPT. BUT ONE NEVER KNOWS?

BY THE WAY I DID CALL & HAVE A CHAT WITH ARNOLD GUNDERSON WHO SURPRISED ME BY RECOGNIZING ME SO QUICKLY -

THANKS AGAIN FOR GETTING ME INVOLVED IN THE 306TH

Bernard Higgins

DEAR RUSSELL

3/23/99

WAS JUST TALKING WITH JOE DESROCHES  
WHOSE NAME I FOUND IN THE LAN/FEB  
ECHOES. THIS HAS GIVEN ME PAUSE TO  
WONDER WHY I WASN'T NEWLY FOUND IN  
THIS OR THE PRECEDING ISSUE. I  
KNOW YOU A BUSY GUY WITH A MILLION  
THINGS TO DO BUT I MIGHT GET A SURPRISE  
IF MY NAME APPEARED. BEST REGARDS

Bernard Hayes

26 March 1994

Dear Bernard:

I couldn't believe your note which arrived today, but it was true.

In some way I did pass over your name when I was assembly copy for the July issue of Echoes last year.

Please accept my apologies, and I have entered the proper note in my copy preparations for the April 1994 issue. I will be putting the alpha list together tomorrow, and will make sure that you are included.

I have also been accused of leaving off the mailing list, and find that when I am printing out an alpha list for my own use that names do not properly appear. In another week or so we will be adding a new data base software program to the computer so that we won't miss names in the upcoming directory and in future mailing lists.

Our old mailing program has worked very well, but we have added so many names in the past two years that we no longer depend on the program.

Thank you for calling this omission to my attention so that it can be rectified.

All the best,