

December 19, 2005

Dear Mr. Russell A Strong;

I would like to inform Echo news (306th) that we have lost another member. His name is T/Sgt. Constantine (Gus) Tsairis (also my buddy). He was our Radio Operator on Lt. Irwin Schwedock's crew. Gus flew nine missions, and on the ninth we were shot down. Gus would get airsick on takeoff, but, he did his job like all crew members did. He was interneed for 10 months before returning to the states. Gus suffered an Aneurysm and passed away on Nov. 20 2005. He leaves his wife Georgia, daughters Cindy, Denise, Pam, and his son Peter. He also leaves his grandson Peter jr his costant buddy and two granddaughters. Gus was 83yrs. old.

306th BG 367thBS

Respectfully,

Richard P Iacona
(also one of the crew)



Dec. 30, 2004

Dear Mr. Russell Strong:

Enclosed is a photo of Lt. Irwin Schwedock and his crew. This photo was taken in June or July in our intermin camp. I guess I missed reading that a Combat Crew pictures catalog was being printed. My question is, those who did not submit photos prior to Sept. of 2004, will this photo make a second printing. Will Echo 306th ask for photos from those that were POWS and or those that were interned for the duration of the war? I submit this for the possible use in a second printing if it happens. Use the photo as for your use in the future or to donate it to the 8th Air Force museum for their use.

Yours truly,

Richard P Iacona

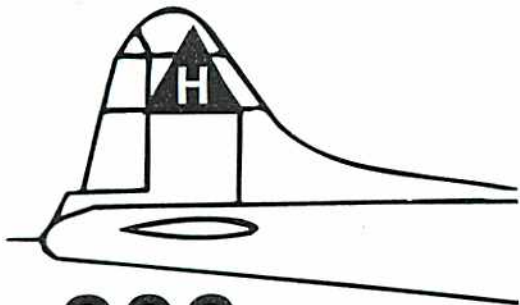
ps: Email address, ikeb17@aol.com

Home address:

20 India Place
Amity Harbor, N.Y.
11701

Phone:

631.842.0218



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

See the Thurleigh Airfield Museum

President

Dr. Herman Kaye
1905 Carla Ridge
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

14 October 2006

Vice President

Robert Rockwell
229 Beverley
Munster, IN 46321

Dear Richard:

Secretary

Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

I'll try to respond to your letter. We have never had a reunion in the northeast, and I think Washington, DC, is the closest we have come.

Treasurer

Royce Hopkins
35427 Pontiac Dr.
Brookshire, TX 77423

For about 20 years we have had our reunions where we could find a chairman who could handle things on the spot, and in some events we began working on them two years in advance.

Directors

William Carnicom
112 Columbia Ct.
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

At the same time, we made efforts to move the reunions back and forth across the country. Until 1983 we went with the 8th AF reunions, but in 1982 at Cincinnati, we decided to go on our own because the 8th internal politics would not assist us in anyway even though the 306th had the largest membership and it ALWAYS had the highest attendance at reunions.

William Houlihan
35449 Heritage Ct.
Farmington, MI 48335

When they refused to let us use a room Judge Donald R. Ross, a former group bombardier said if we wanted to come to Omaha he would chair the event. We accepted and enjoyed the reunion so much that we kept on doing it ourselves.

Hugh Phelan
556 N. Hwy 67
Donaldson, AR 71941

The whole matter is going to be thrashed out in Omaha this year as to the future: 1) we may quit reunions all together; 2) we may continue on our own, and a '07 reunion in Dayton, OH, will be proposed; 3) we may go for a cruise; and 4) we may go back to rejoining the 8th AF.

Roy E. Connally
509 Seward Park Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87123

Past President
Albert McMahan
273 N Peachtree St.
Norcross, GA 30071

It will probably be voted on by those attending the annual business meeting at Omaha.

British Representative
Ralph Franklin
Mill Hill
Keysoe, Beds MK44 2HP
United Kingdom

I hope that in some way it answers your query of 11 October.

2006 Reunion
Omaha, NE
Roy E. Connally, Chairman

Sincerely yours:

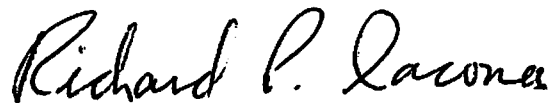
cc: Officers and Directors

October 11, 2006

Dear Mr. Strong,

I just received the new Echo paper. I enjoy reading this publication and look toward to the next issue. Ofcourse I read about the next reunion, and I have a question or two about the reunions. First, how is the city that is chosen & picked??. Is it by the zip codes of the members?. Is it by cost of the reunion. Is it voted on by who? My questions are because I have yet to see a city or state in the Northeast chosen for a reunion. Please reply to my questions so that I will feel that all is done to pick the best city for this wonderful time with the 306th. I have yet to go to a reunion. My reason was always that it was so far away. Now that I'm 82 yrs. old, it is futher away. But, if it were to be held in the Northeast, which would be a drive by car, I think myself and my also aging wife would be happy to attend. This letter is not to try change the the way cities are chosen, but only to make members know how the city is picked. I would appreciate a reply by mail, by phone, or thru the next printing of the Echo. Thank you for your time.

Richard P. Iacona



Address: 20 India Place
Amity Harbor, N.Y.
11701
Tele: 631 842 0218