

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed FEB 11, 1992

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

TITLE:

KONTICH

MIKES M.

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Street address:

5335 DONALD ST.

City, state, zip:

EUGENE, OREGON 97405

Date of Birth:

2/22/17

Wife's name:

Pitylis F. KONTICH

College(s) attended:

Degree(s):

Year(s):

Last employment and job title:

MARKETING V.P. + BUSINESS OWNER

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

NONE

Serial #: 19074372

Squadron: 11Q

Specialty:

SUPERVISING MESSAGE CENTER

Date joined 306th:

AT INCEPTION

If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

MESSAGE CENTER

Number of missions flown:

-

Date of last mission:

-

Date left 306th:

SEPT. 1945

Highest rank/grade with 306th:

S/SGT

Other 8th AF units served with:

NONE

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date:

Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

28 November 1997

Dear Miles:

You asked me at the reunion about Clayton Wildstein, so I have looked into the matter as far as I can. I have searched the CD national telephone directory that I have and have been unable to locate him.

I did find a C. Wildstein in Florida, and talked with her. She said she had known of a Clayton Wildstein in North Miami Beach who was a CPA. I called information and came up with nothing there.

My record shows he was with the original group and was a correspondence clerk in the personnel office. He transferred to the 367th squadron 19 Feb 44 and was sent to gunnery school (at The Wash) 27 Mar 44. On 25 Apr 44 his MOS was changed to 612, which indicated he had flown several missions by then.

He earned an Air Medal and three oak leaf clusters, and on 1 Sep 44 received the DFC, which probably indicates about when he completed his combat tour. I also checked mission reports for the first half of August and found him flying regularly with Williams Mc Neil's crew as a ball turret gunner. Must have received a little on the job training for this.

I don't know when he flew his final mission or how many missions he flew.

Nothing in my record indicates a transfer to the 305th BG, and I find no reference as to when he may have left the group.

Hope you and Phyllis have recovered from the rigors of the reunion, and now its on to Savannah in 1998/

June and I both wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

January 23, 1998

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Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Russell,

I appreciate your efforts in trying to locate Clayton Wildstein and getting back to me on the results so promptly. We were such good friends in the service and as time goes by we lose contact of our friends and I must admit the husbands are the worst. If it wasn't for the association we probably wouldn't locate anyone.

I've been playing tennis with Dick Atwood, who was a tail gunner in the 368th, off and on for several years and one day on the tennis court he says " I saw your name on the roster of the 306th association". Neither one of us new it before. Strange how some things happen sometimes.

We will be in Palm Springs, California for the whole month of March this year and are looking forward to our trip to Savannah. I think it will be very interesting but I wonder how the weather will be at that time of year. We will have to skip the trip to Scotland that your are planning. We did tour Scotland with our friends several years ago, before you started these trips. We always enjoyed your trips and had a good time. Two trips a year is about our limit.

Jack E. Parker, who was with me in Headquarters, and lives in your State is in a sad situation. He has lung cancer and is in a nursing home. I talked to Clara, his wife, and she gave me the details. So I called Jack at the nursing home and tried to have a conversation with him, but his speech was garbled and I had a hard time understanding him. He has lost movement in both his arms and legs and I suppose that affected his speech. I thought you might like to know.

I'm trying to talk Dick Atwood in going to Savannah with us. So far he hasn't met or heard from any of his crew. He tried when we were in Las Vegas for the reunion.

Thanks again for giving me all the information on Wildstein so quickly.

Phyllis and I hope you and June have an excellent year and will see you in Savannah.

Melvin M. Kuntach