

NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

News from the Trustees - January 2014

The Great Land Grab Drive Is On!

By Marilyn Gibb-Rice

Colonel Frank P. Hunter once quoted: "A wise general once said; 'The superior soldier is one who always does more than he was expected to do.' Then he went on to say, "I believe that this definition is applicable to each of the officers and men of the 398th Bombardment Group. I am proud as hell to be a member of YOUR outfit - the best I have ever been in or ever expect to be in."

The Nuthampstead Airfield Museum trustees believe that the 398th Bombardment Group deserves to be remembered as one of the best groups of the 8th Air Force during World War II. We want our museum to be there for the many generations to come. We want to guarantee that the buildings we build, the Nissen hut we construct, the Memorial Garden we plant and nourish will be a memorial to our heroes, our 398th Veterans. In order to make this guarantee, we need to raise the funds to purchase the land. In years past, we have undertaken other major fundraising projects and we have succeeded as a group every time - let's do it again! We have made a good start by selling 52 plots of the land - but we still have 542 plots left. They are only \$100 per plot and again they can be purchased 'in honor of' or 'in memory of.'

The plan is to have the second building completed for the June 14, 2014 service at Nuthampstead - but the weather has to cooperate and you all know what the English weather can be like! So the museum trustees and volunteers will be working and doing way more than they are expected to do. Can you do your part and support the museum by securing the land for the future? Can you buy a plot of land in honor of your fellow crew member, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, friend? Please join us in the drive to have the best museum for years to come.

Please make a check payable to "398th Bomb Group Memorial Association" for \$100 per plot and mail along with your completed Land Grab Form (*see form to the right*) to Mellisa Ledlow, 398th BGMA Treasurer, using her address on the form.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to president@398th.org or call Skype number 1-270-908-0874 (Please remember England is 5 hours ahead of the Eastern Time Zone.)

Photo at Right: Russ Abbey of the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum sent us this photo of his 7 year old son last August and wrote; "George and I were out yesterday searching for items on the old airfield (with kind permission of the Barkers). Found masses of stuff, mostly Aluminium from aircraft but also a few gems. George has a habit of always finding the best pieces, and yesterday he was 'on the ball'. Even managed to get the missus to meet us up there and buy the family a lunch in the Woodman! Heaven!"

Editor's Note: Excellent "Land Grab" George!

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Land Grab Form

\$100.00

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	In honor of:
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398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association <i>and mail to:</i>	
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<i>Thank you for supporting the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum</i>	



George Abbey Finds Bits of the Past at Nuthampstead