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## "VETERAN OF THE GAME"

Our own Joe Reveman, 601st SQ, honored at Yankee Stadium



Joe and Sylvia Reveman (center) on the field at Yankee Stadium

Photo courtesy of the NY Yankees with assistance from Duke Castiglione, Sports Anchor, WNYW FOX 5 NY.

On August 7, 2016 Combat Wounded Veterans of America and the New York Yankees honored WWII US Army Air Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient Joseph Reveman during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning of their game vs. the Cleveland Indians at Yankee Stadium. Joe flew as Radio Operator on the Howard Traeder Crew, 601<sup>st</sup> SQ. Turn to page 3 for the story!

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# MY FRIEND RUTHANNA By Dawne Dougherty

Tom and I first met Ruthanna and Wayne Doerstler at the Spokane Reunion in 1997. We exchanged email addresses and saw each other at the reunions thereafter. At the St. Paul reunion in 2001, Wayne was in a wheelchair and Tom was on a special diet. Ruthanna and I snuck into a restroom and talked about what was going on in our homes. Wayne was having small strokes and some days he was more aware of his surroundings than others. Tom had pancreatic cancer and there was not much more to say about it.

Wayne died January 3 and Tom died January 17, 2002. Soon after, Ruthanna suggested we room together at the 2002 reunion in Portland, but I really didn't feel strong enough to do that. I promised I would room with her in 2003, and we shared a room thereafter. Then she suggested we go to the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. I had to be convinced. Even though I had never shed so many tears on a trip before, we had a wonderful time. It was because of my friendship with Ruthanna that I maintained a connection to the 398th BGMA.

Ruthanna supported this organization in many ways. She attended EVERY reunion except Rapid City in 2014. Wayne had a life membership, but after his passing, Ruthanna bought a life membership in her own name and continued to make contributions to Flak News on an annual basis. She was among the first to become a Founding Member of the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum, and also among the first to purchase land for that museum.

Ruthanna died of pancreatic and liver cancer on March 20, 2016. She will be greatly missed, especially by me!! In passing, she left the 398th an investment worth \$34,000, supporting us to the end. Bless you, dear Ruthanna

Remembering Ruthanna and Wayne Doerstler

By Leo R. Croce – Co-Pilot of the "Pop" Griffin Crew

I read the October 2016 issue of Flak News from cover to cover as I always do with all of them. In this edition was the wonderful tribute to and story of Cecil "Tex" Moore as told by his loving family.

What caught my eye was the blocked announcement on page 10 that the January 2017 Flak News will be a special tribute to Ruthanna Doerstler, a longtime member and friend of our Memorial Organization.

I had the privilege and good fortune to serve as co-pilot on the Richard "Pop" Griffin Crew on which Wayne Doerstler, Ruthanna's husband, was our flight engineer top turret gunner – and a great one he was!

On April 10, 1944 several hundred of us airmen sat in a large assembly room at the Lincoln Army Air Base, Lincoln, Nebraska. We sat there and listened to the officer in charge (OIC) in his monotonous voice calling out an air crew number followed by the list of men who would make up that crew with the pilot's name called first. As the names were called the men came forward and lined up behind their new pilot...

...It reminded me of when we were kids and we would pick teams for our sand lot games. Only this time it would be for more than just a game.

Then the boredom was broken when the OIC called out.

"Crew number 5040
Pilot Griffin, Richard
Co-Pilot Croce, Leo
Navigator Kraft, Robert
Bombardier Bender, Fred
Engineer Top Turret Doerstler, Wayne
Radioman Johnson, Floyd
Waist Gunner Kral, George
Waist Gunner Mattresse, John
Ball Turret Gunner Sherrod, Frederick
Tail Gunner Cohan, Daniel"...

And the Griffin Crew was born.

Here was a grouping of strangers shaking hands, chattering nervously not realizing how closely tied our lives would become. From Lincoln, all ten of us were sent to Rattlesnake Air Force Base Pyote, TX for our B-17 transition training. There we became a tightly knit crew, well prepared for what would be our upcoming assignment to the raging air war. Fortunately, it was to the 398th Heavy Bomb Group 602 Squadron, Station 131, Nuthampstead, England with the Mighty Eighth Air Force.

Wayne was the glue that held the gunners on our crew together. He was a natural leader and immediately had the respect of everyone on the Griffin Crew.

On mission days it was not unusual for Wayne to join Pop, me and the ground crew chief as we did our pre-take off inspection of our aircraft.

After landing from a mission, Wayne would meet with the ground crew chief to go over any mechanical problems we had encountered on the flight and to check out any battle damage on our plane before he headed off for the interrogation room.

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The Richard A. Griffin Crew – 602<sup>nd</sup> SQ September 26, 1944

Back row Left to Right:

2Lt. Richard A. "Pop" Griffin, Pilot 2Lt. Leo R. Croce, Co-Pilot 2LT. Robert A. Kraft, Navigator Sgt. Fred Sherrod, Ball Turret Front row Left to Right

Sgt. Floyd Johnson, Radio Sgt. Wayne Doerstler, Eng Sgt. George Kral, Togglier Cpl. Dan Cohan, Tail Gunner Sgt. J.S. Mattres, Waist Gunner

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## Remembering Ruthanna & Wayne Doerstler

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On those air raids, while Pop and I flew the Big Bird, Wayne was either in his top turret gunner's position scanning the sky for enemy fighters or always behind us on the pilot's deck. Here he closely observed the myriad of dials and gauges on the instrument panel, doing precise procedures in a variety of situations such as take-off, landing, transferring fuel, feathering a prop or preparing for an emergency landing.

He was also the guy who would switch to the portable oxygen tank and go aft to check things out when needed.

His pre-war experiences in the trucking industry in Lancaster, PA were invaluable in understanding the important mechanisms of the B-17.

I'm proud to say that the Griffin Crew was so good that it was selected as a lead crew by the time we had completed our seventeenth mission. This meant that "brass" would now fly in the co-pilot's seat and that meant I would become gunner/observer on missions.

Rather than serve in that position I opted to be the co-pilot on the Bill Comstock Crew, also a great air crew, where I completed my 35 mission tour of duty.

After the war, Ruthanna and Wayne were that same "glue" (again) that kept much of the Griffin Crew in touch. Many summers they hitched their trailer to their car and visited crew members from Brooklyn, NY to various points in California.

Thoughtful as usual, one Christmas they sent each of the crew a coffee cup with the picture of our crew and our 602 Squadron logo on it.

And it was Ruthanna and Wayne who always called each spring urging us to attend the up-coming reunion of the 398th clan.

It is quite obvious that their ethic, dedication and loyalty carried over into the way Ruthanna and Wayne supported and participated in the 398<sup>th</sup> Memorial Association for so many years.

All of this is exemplified by Ruthanna's donation of Wayne's memorabilia and the money she bequeathed to our organization.

After Wayne passed away, Ruthanna and I kept in touch until my last Christmas card was returned - - Ruthanna had passed away.

You just know that Ruthanna and Wayne are the kind of people who are long and fondly remembered by many and especially by this friend and comrade.





## **VETERAN OF THE GAME**

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## JOE REVEMAN, THE BRONX BOMBER

### **By Stephen Vrattos**

The following article appeared in the November 2016 issue of the North Shore Towers Courier newspaper, Queens, NY.

As a young teen, Joe Reveman used to play baseball in Macombs Dam Park, which lay in the shadow of the old Yankee Stadium in The Bronx. Reveman recalls being a left-handed pitcher, dreaming one day of stepping onto the field of his beloved Yankees amid the cheers of the fans. Eighty years later on Sunday, August 7, Reveman got his wish, not as a Southpaw on the squad of the Bronx Bombers, but as an honored guest, celebrated for his service to the country during World War II.

It wasn't long after the teen stepped off the mound and into a B-17 Bomber as part of the 398th Bomb Group. Reveman was only 18 when he was drafted upon graduation from DeWitt HS, but like most Americans during the Second World War, he was eager to fight for his country. "I was excited to be part of a crew that would help win the war," Reveman said.

But Reveman's military career got off to an inauspicious start, he almost didn't make it to England. Trained in Morse code at a base in Sioux City, South Dakota, Reveman was assigned the job of radio operator and back-up gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Upon completion of their training, Reveman and the eight other members of his crew [the Howard Traeder Crew] took off for Nuthampstead, England, whence the 398th Bomb Group flew strategic bombing raids over Germany.

Each crew member was allowed to bring a few personal items. Ironically, for someone named "Joe," Reveman was never one to drink coffee. His beverage of choice was Yoo-Hoo. Without any way of knowing how long he'd be away from The States, Reveman wasn't taking any chances on running out of his favorite drink, and loaded five cases of the chocolatey refreshment onto his transport plane.

Not long into the journey, however the original plan of stopping over in Reykjavik, Iceland, had to be scuttled due to adverse weather conditions and Reveman's B-17 was rerouted to Bluie West airbase in Greenland. "Greenland' is a misnomer," Reveman explained, "there's nothing but ice!"

The steep mountains, which surrounded the Greenland base, made conditions for take-off and landing perilous for even the most seasoned flyer. Exacerbating the conditions was the length of the runway, which was short due to the terrain, aircraft had to reach optimal speed and ascend quickly and steeply, while immediately banking, or else risk becoming a smear on one of the surrounding peaks. For heavier planes, like the B-17, this feat was particularly difficult. As Reveman and crew hunkered down during take-off, one of the engines suddenly stalled. The pilot attempted to abort, but the plane was already airborne, its landing gear stowed. It fell back to the tarmac, skidding down a frozen Fjord in a fireball. Miraculously, Reveman and the crew survived, though Reveman noted one loss... "Adios, Yoo-Hoo."

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Adkins, Max E.
Adleman, Milo M.
Agnew, E. Harry
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Alderson, Richard Alessio, Louis F.
Alexander, Claude
Alfano, John A.
Alhadeff, Isaac N. "Ike"
Allare, John E.
Allen, Bobby D.
Allen, George E.
Allen, Jr., Stanley Woodruff
Alpert, Stanley
Altman, Frank
Alves, Alfred
Alwood, Joseph G.
Amabile, Nicholas R.
Amer, Gerald E. "Jerry"
Anaya, Alfredo
Andersen, Russell M.
Anderson, Allen C.
Anderson, Charles J.
Anderson, Earl W. "Andy"
Anderson, Frank P.
Anderson, John C.
Anderson, Norman R.
Anderson, Ralph G. Anderson, Randolph D.
Anderson, Robert George
Anderson, Roy L.
Anderson, William G.
Anderson, Jr., Emil R.
Andreko, Andrew
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Anello, Jr., Henry J. "Red"
Anglim, Harold R.
Aniello, John
Arbogast, Filbert E. "Phil"
Arbuthnot, S. Edward
Archer, George K.
Ariotti, Joseph
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Blancett, Marvin L.

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Dunne, William G.

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Eventually, Reveman and crew got to Station 131, Nuthampstead in England, from which they completed 24 successful missions, a rare feat, given the casualty loss of the U.S. Air Force was 25%. "That's a lot of missions," Reveman asserted. In fact, during WWII the Air Force had the highest rate of mortality. But by the time Reveman entered the European Theatre of Battle in December 1944, the tide of the war had turned. The once mighty German Luftwaffe was decimated and the Allies had gained control of the skies. Still, conditions were dangerous and any moment could be your last. "We had a 'good luck' plane, nicknamed "Queenie," cobbled together from replacement parts," Reveman said.

According to the young radio operator, there could be as many as 1,000 planes on a mission, all flying in formation. The coordination of so many machines, maneuvering into position, was a remarkable feat in and of itself. And getting into formation was only half the battle. Retaining position, while hell broke loose around you, was nigh impossible.

That "hell" came in the form of Flak, fired from the ground from large artillery pieces and would either detonate at a particular altitude or when the shell came into close proximity of an aircraft. The idea was not necessarily to take out individual bombers, but rather to disrupt large formations, breaking them into smaller packets, which were easier to deal with.

There was little space for the nine crew members to move in the cabin, and the temperature was 20-40 degrees below zero at 25,000 feet, the altitude at which the bombs were released. "You dropped your payload and then skedaddled," Reveman said. "When you saw smoke... okay. That means the bombs exploded. If there was no smoke... uh, oh!"

It was just such a circumstance, during what would turn out to be Reveman's last mission, which nearly ended the radio operator's life for a second time. It wasn't, however, a bomb in Queenie which malfunctioned, but rather one in a plane just ahead. Something had gone awry with the release mechanism on the bay doors of the aircraft, so the crew were ordered to manually release their payload. When the explosive finally dropped, it detonated immediately.

The tight formation, which served to protect the fleet during runs, now proved calamitous. Six planes were taken out, including Queenie, which lost two of its four engines in the explosion and was careening toward a crash landing behind enemy lines. An airfield spotted in the distance seemed the crew's only salvation, but it proved too far for the rapidly



There was not a lot left of poor "Queenie" after crash landing at Paderborn April 13, 1945. Joe and the Traeder Crew were lucky to survive that one!

descending B-17, which struck an outcropping and split in two as it hit the ground. Reveman awoke amid an inferno unable to move. Fortunately, two mates discerned him in the conflagration and pulled him out, but not before Reveman's size 12 boots were torn free of his feet! By this time in the war, Patton was racing through the countryside to beat the Russians to Berlin and it was his army which found the young radio operator and the surviving members of his crew. [all members of the Traeder Crew survived this crash landing in the outskirts of Paderborn]

For the injuries he sustained in combat, Reveman earned the illustrious Purple Heart. And for his military service overall, he received a standing ovation from the packed stands at Yankee Stadium. The original House that Ruth Built was dismantled after the 2008 season. The new ballpark opened for the 2009 season right on the site of Macombs Dam Park, where Reveman played ball as a youth. He'd returned eighty years later to get the ovation he'd always dreamt of, not as a baseball hero, but as an American hero.



#### REDWOOD TREES AT NUTHAMPSTEAD?





Last year we heard from Mark Flynn, a local flying enthusiast who lives close to old Station 131. He wrote:

"I lived near the airfield and have flown on and off from the airfield (in light aeroplanes) for the last 38 years. I have on occasion met some of the veterans during reunion visits and once had the pleasure of flying some around the area in a 172 [Cessna 172 single-engine plane].

A friend locally has just told me that in the woods to the south of the runway, you can still find an occasional Redwood (Sequoia) tree. Not being indigenous, these trees were apparently planted during the war each time a B17 failed to return.

I wondered if you might be able to confirm this story."

Have any of you out there heard this story before? Veterans, do you recall seeing these Redwoods or witnessed the planting of these trees while stationed at Nuthampstead? If you have any information please e-mail Lee Bradley at: historian@398th.org

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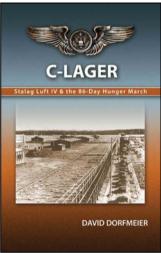
## **BRIEF** – things

Exciting news for all 398-ers and those with general interest in WWII. **David Dorfmeier** just announced the recent publication of his book about his father's experience as a POW during WWII.

David wrote on his book website; "The story of "*C-lager: Stalag Luft IV & the 86-Day Hunger March*" is about the service history of my father, Sergeant **Donald D. Dorfmeier [Carter Crew**, 601<sup>st</sup> SQ], an overview of the air war in Europe, and the airmen in his lager who participated in the long march out of Pomerania. The story chronicles the heroism and spirit of these the airmen who exhibited the courage and inspiration to persevere in spite of great hardships and much suffering that would "haunt them for many years to come."

For additional information about David's most excellent book, go to: <a href="http://www.c-lager.com/book.html">http://www.c-lager.com/book.html</a> - and you may order his book at: <a href="http://www.amazon.com/books">www.amazon.com/books</a>





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## Ruthanna M. Doerstler

Ruthanna, affectionately known as "The Kid" by her late husband Wayne, sadly passed away March 20, 2016. Ruthanna had always been a great supporter and benefactor of the 398th BGMA and also the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum. Her final gift was \$34,000.00 bequeathed to the 398th BGMA in her will. She did not forget the 398th and we will never forget her.

In addition to her involvement with the 398th, Ruthanna had many other hobbies and interests including bird watching, bowling and ice dancing. Yes, ice dancing! Ruthanna began ice skating in 1971 at Park City Ice Skating Rink and later joined the Hershey Figure Skating Club, where she and her skate partner, Gene Henkel, won numerous medals in Hershey and Philadelphia area competitions.

Ruthanna met her husband, Wayne, in Hollidaysburg, PA, while working as a waitress at Dave's Dream. They were married August 17, 1975. Wayne was a flight engineer gunner with the R. A. Griffin Crew, 602<sup>nd</sup> SQ. He was a lifetime member of the 398th BGMA, which Ruthanna joined in 1988. They enjoyed traveling and visited many countries including Germany, Belgium, Scotland, and England. Wayne preceded her in death on January 3, 2002.

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