

GOLDEN GATE IN "88"



461st & 484th Bomb Groups
Reunion San Francisco, CA
September 1 to 4, 1988 At
the Airport Marriott Hotel
Phone (213) 316-3330

1988 REUNION PLANS ANNOUNCED

A four day conclave is set for Labor Day
weekend September 1 to 4, 1988.

The reunion of the 461st & 484th Bomb Groups Association will be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California 94010. Phone (415) 692-9100, or toll free for reservations 1-(800) 228-9290. This spectacular hotel blends the convenience of its San Francisco Airport location with the distinctive elegance, comfort and fabulous decor of a world class hotel. It has its own jogging track and walkway that fronts a private section of San Francisco Bay. It is a short freeway drive from the world famous attractions of San Francisco, and Northern California just over the world renown Golden Gate Bridge. The Hotel also features, free parking, free airport shuttle, travel agency, and a car rental desk. A city bus is available just outside the hotel for travel to San Francisco at a nominal charge. The room rate for our guests will be \$57.00 per night single or double occupancy.

San Francisco itself is one of the world's greatest attractions that includes a San Francisco bay tour, a cable car ride to Fisherman's wharf, and Chinatown. Don't forget great shopping at Pier 59, the Cannery, Ghirardelli Square, famous for its chocolates, Gump's and Chinatown. Top this all off with drinks at the Top of the Mark with all of the bay area laid out below, its glittering lights outlining the Bay Bridge and beyond. Outside of San Francisco, there are places that you will want to explore, like Napa Valley's famous vineyards, Muir woods, and Yosemite National Park, to name a few. A tour to nearby United Airlines Maintenance base is also in the works as well as tours to some of the places mentioned above. With a great room rate, at a first class hotel, and the attractions of the San Francisco Bay Area, you are bound to enjoy a mini vacation in addition to the fun and excitement of the reunion. A post reunion tour to Hawaii is being planned also. All members, their family, and guests, are cordially invited to attend this once in a lifetime "GOLDEN GATE IN 88" reunion.

About this issue

You will note that the squadrons and units are not evenly represented in the stories and letters to the editor in this issue. This is because we print from material our members send to us. In the picture pages, we have been able to do a better job as we can draw from the Association's collection. This too becomes difficult when certain units are not well represented in the albums. Members can always rectify this imbalance by submitting stories and letters for publication.

We want to emphasize too that more material is available from flight crews than from ground eschelon cadres. Without a huge sack full of material the problem of equality exists here too.

There are several stories in this issue that could have used interior shots of the aircraft, so that readers not familiar with what a B-24 looks like inside would have a better idea of what the particular author is describing. Please forward any aircraft photos, or artwork that would enhance the quality of the Flyer.

Please take note that all members have the same rights and privileges within your Association, regardless of rank held in military service. Members sensitive to this issue should put their minds at rest.

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