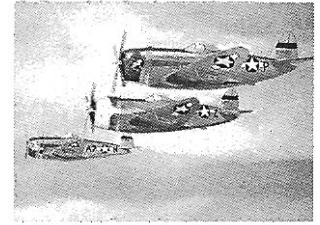




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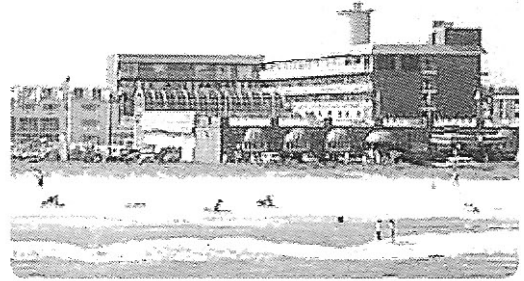
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2012 Reunion to be held in Cape May, New Jersey

The next reunion will be held **October 4-7, 2012**, at the Grand Hotel, Cape May, New Jersey. Information on the reunion, hotel information, and an itinerary are included. The hosts of this event are 368th Veteran Gerald Monaghan, his grandson Patrick, and Patrick's wife Kristi. The location looks amazing. The hotel website is:

www.grandhotelcapemay.com. The schedule allows for group activities and time for guests to explore the area on their own. For more information, contact Patrick at 606.680.9584.



Condolences

Florence O'Connell, wife of Russ O'Connell (Oakie) passed away in May, 2012. They were married 67 years. Our sincere condolences to Russ.

Thank You

To honor her father, Bill Quinlin (368th HQ), Mary Liz Langley and her husband Ronald sent a contribution toward the 2011 reunion. Unfortunately, I was out of town and didn't get the check in time. They have graciously allocated the contribution towards the production of our third edition of *Second to None*.

At the Vermont reunion in 2011, all of the guests received a 368th Fighter Group patch, courtesy of Rupert Maxwell (396th Pilot). Our thanks to Rupert for this generous gift.

Letter from Col. Arno B. Furth

Last February, Tim received this email and the MACR report, which has been added to our archives.

Sirs,

I live in Ahrbrück the village where 2nd Lt. Russell J. Grosjean, MACR# 10270, crashed into the mountain "Katzberg" on 07 Nov 1944 with his P-47D 42-28844.

An eyewitness told me the plane was attacking the Luftwaffe training installation from the Ahr river valley in the West. The Plane was very low when it closed in on the target (barracks and HQ of the training facility, find a picture attached below).

It crashed into the Northern slope of the Katzberg about 150 meters above the buildings. When hitting the trees it chopped off their tips creating a path approximately 100 meters long before touching ground. The a/c fragmented into pieces and the pilot was killed.

As by Luftwaffe regulations the corps was buried in the closest civilian Cemetery.

In this case the village Kesseling in the Eifel mountains.

I hold a report of this incident -most of it in German- if you are interested let me know.

Sincerely

Arno B. Furth

Colonel, German Air Force, (ret.)

How to Order the Book, *Second to None, History of the 368th Fighter Group*

Unfortunately, both First and Second Editions of *Second to None* are sold out. However, we are currently working on our third edition. Please check the website later this summer for information on ordering books.

368th FG web site

Kenneth Kik continues to update our award winning web site. Thanks to Ken's assimilation of information from interested people and historians both here and abroad, it is recognized as one of the best World War II research sites on the web. If you have any information, pictures, or anything you wish to contribute, Ken can be contacted directly through the web site at: www.368thfightergroup.com.

Contact Information

If you have a change of address or know of anyone in the Group who does, please pass any information (and photos, historical and/or reunion photos) you have to the editor, Jo Ann Grace, at 1107 Genoa Ln., Carson City, NV, 89706, email: jo_anngrace@hotmail.com or by phone at 775.721.9314 (cell) or 775.884.3747 (home). If you have any personal stories of your loved ones, or other artifacts you would like to place in the 368th FG archives, contact Tim Grace at 253.988.3400, or email at ahilt7@msn.com. Randolph Goulding can be reached at 770.436.4254 or by email at rgoulding@charter.net.

368TH FIGHTER GROUP REUNION

**October 4th-7th, 2012
The Grand Hotel
Cape May, New Jersey**

For room reservations call (800) 257-8550 and ask for the 368th Fighter Group Reunion room block. The room rate is \$125.00 for Thursday night, and \$150.00 each night for Friday and Saturday. A limited number of townhouse rooms, which can sleep 5 are available for \$205.00 on Thursday night and \$230.00 each night for Friday and Saturday. All rooms have a balcony with ocean view, and breakfast will be provided each morning. More information regarding the accommodations can be found at <http://www.grandhotelcapemay.com/>.

On Friday, we will enjoy a World War II Trolley Tour with stops at the Cape May Point World War II Lookout Tower as well as the Naval Air Station and Museum. We will finish the tour with lunch at the Flight Deck Restaurant. Friday evening there will be a cocktail reception that will give us plenty of time to socialize and enjoy each others company.

Saturday, we will tour the Cape May Winery and Vineyard, and enjoy the sights and offerings of Historic Cape May, NJ by trolley. Saturday evening, there will be a dinner banquet where we will enjoy the "Music of the War Years" program.

Both Friday and Saturday will allow free time on your own. The Washington Street Mall is less than 1 mile from the hotel and offers restaurants, art galleries, family owned gift shops and historic sights. More information can be found at <http://www.washingtonstreetmall.com/>. In addition, there are many other local attractions including the Emlen Physick Estate and Cape May Light House. More information can be found at <http://www.capemaymac.org>. Horse and Carriage Rides are available daily from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and more information can be found at <http://www.capemaycarriage.com/>

SEE YOU THERE!!