



416th Bomb Group REUNION

Rosslyn, Virginia

13-17 September 2017

ARCHIVE

Gainesville, MO



416th Bomb Group



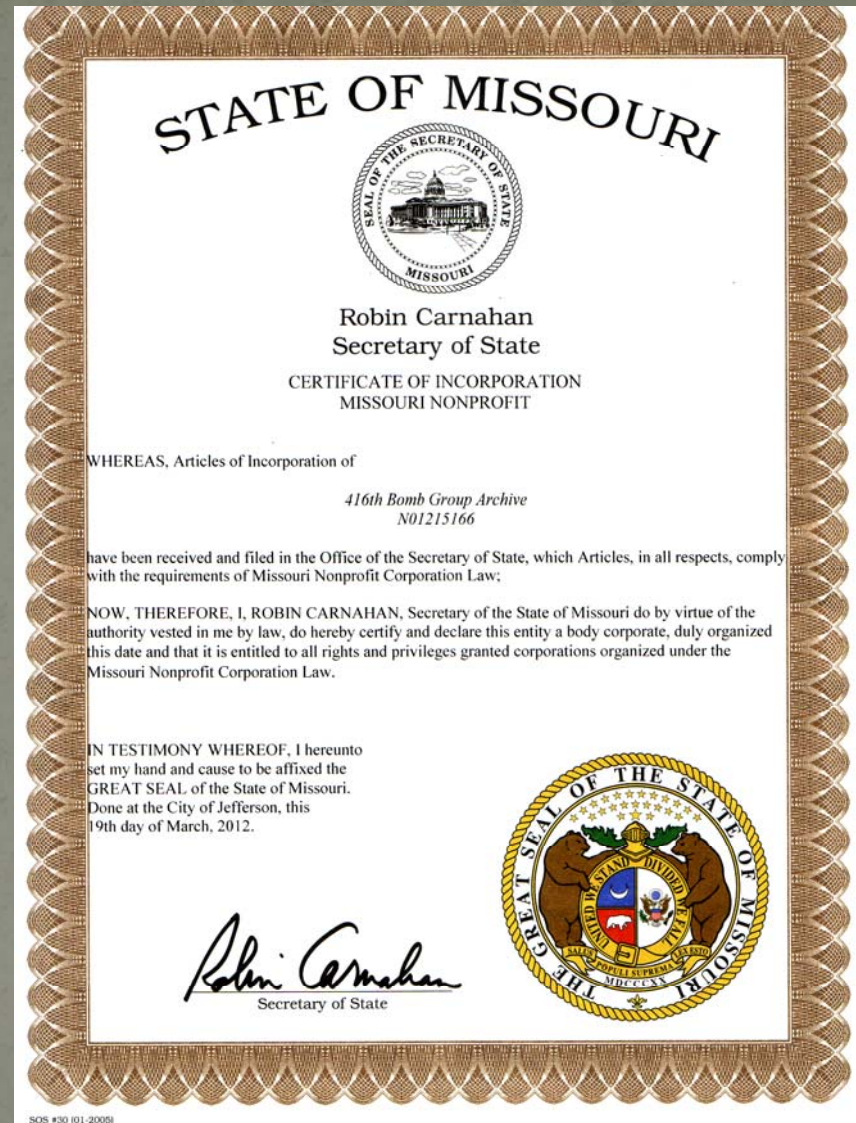
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INFORMATION



- We gather
- We store and preserve
 - We share

Gathering Research



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France



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Germany





2016 Reunion of the 416th – Gathering Info



Storing and Preserving 416th Bomb Group Databases Acquisition Database

416th Archive Database

Browse
Layout: Archive D
Record: 1
Total: 271
Sorted

Acquisition # 10020401
File Location Ground Photos - Melun
Type Photo
Description Bombs ready for loading at Melun, 1944
Source Joanne Tripp - Lt. William F. Tripp
Cross Reference
Key Words Melun, bombs, flight line, personnel, aircraft
Image
Image 2

2011

2011 = 271 Database Files
2017 = 1798 Database Files

2017

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Records 1798 Total (Unsorted)
Layout: Archive Database View As: Preview

416th Bomb Group Archive Database

1. Acquisition # 15102302 2. Artifact ☒ 3. Digital File ☐
4. Source Gary Rensner / Doris Sayles
5. Digital or Physical address of Source Gary D. Rensner <GARY.D.RENSNER@leidos.com>
6. Type Coin or Medal
7. Description Challenge Coin designed by Gary Rensner in Albuquerque, NM for the 2015 reunion banquet. Purchased by Doris Sayles for the Archive. The coin has 416th Bombardment Group on the reverse side along with the logo for 9th Air Force and each one of the 4 Squadrons that made up the 416th BG Group. The obverse of the coin has A-20 and A-26 with the 9th Air Force emblem
8. Cross References <http://www.416th.com/Reunions/2015Reunion/416thUnitInsigntFactSheet%20.pdf>
<http://www.416th.com/Reunions/2015Reunion/416thC>
9. Key Words Challenge Coin Albuquerque Rensner
10. File Location Display cabinet / glass front / hanging on wall in main display room/ 5 challenge coins are together
Image 1
Image 2



416th Bomb Group Databases

Aircraft Database

416th Aircraft Database

Browse

Layout: 416th Air

Record: 165

Total: 314

A/C Type: A-20J-15 **Tail #** 43-21467 **Alpha ID:** W

Squadron: 670 **Squadron Code** F6

A/C Name:

Notes:

Nose Art

A/C Photo
Image 1

Primary/Final Pilot:

Primary/Final Crew:

Incident/Mission Reports:

8 Jun 44 - Mission #71: Vitre RR Bridge, France. Capt. Hulse pilot, Lt. Conte B/N.

14 Jun 44 - Mission #75: Aunay sur Odon. Lt. Rudisill pilot.

2011

2011 = 314 Database Files
2017 = 384 Database Files

2017

1 / 384 Found (Unsorted)

Records Find Sort Share

Layout #1 View As: Preview

Serial #	43-9707	AC Name	
Serial # last 3	707	Sqd Code 5C	Alpha Code H
Squadron	671st	AC Model A-20G	AC Designation A-20G-30-DO

Douglas# **Fuselage Code** 5C-H

Douglas 3-digit# **Douglas 5-digit#** **Disposition** Lost in Combat

MACR / AAR Link

RGP Notes

Baughner URL http://www.joebaughner.com/usaf_serials/1943_2.html

Baughner Notes
(416th BG) MIA Apr 23, 1944. MACR 4095

WGS Notes
23 Apr 44 - Mission # 26: Shot down over Bonnières, France. Plane was hit in turret section of fuselage by direct flak burst. Pilot and both gunners KIA. MACR # 4095. Photos were taken by crew of Maj. Kenneth Roney. Extract from Personal History of Kenneth Tilghman Roney, pp. 32-34.

Image 2 **Image 3**

Image 3 **Image 14**



416th Bomb Group Databases

Personnel Database

2011 = 2461 Database Files

2017 = 2640 Database Files

416thPersonnelDatabase

2011

First Name: Wayne MI: A
 Last Name: Downing Suffix:
 Formal Name: Speed DOB: 11 Nov DD:
 State of entry: CO ASN: O-661726 School: Moore Field, TX 42-F
 Squadron: 668 and 670
 MOS: pilot Data Source:
 Highest WWII rank: 1LT O.E: Officer
 Notes:
 Status: Living

Photo:  Photo 5: 

Photo 2:  photo: 

Photo:  photo 7: 

Record: 1
 Found: 2
 Total: 2461
 Unsorted

1 / 2640 Found (Unsorted)

Records

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2017

Last Name: Meagher First: Joseph MI: F Su:
 Alt last name: Alt First: Alt MI:
 Formal Name(s): Joe DOB: 25 Dec 20 DOE: DD:
 State of entry: IL ASN: O-749487 School:
 Squadron: 668 Data Source: LCAAF-SO278
 MOS: Pilot MOS Code: 668 history p. 176
 WWII rank: CPT O.E: Officer
 Notes: Tentmate DFC-Nov44 w/olc; PH-12-02-44 WIA on his 65th mission- "He was forced make a crash landing, which he did. His crew, seeing that he did not come out of the
 Status: Living wwimemorial: Purple Heart:



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Mission Database and Folders

Mission	68
Mission Date YYYYMMDD	19440606
Day of Week	Tuesday
Mission Date Mon D. YYYY	Jun 6, 1944
AM or PM	Late PM
Field Order	56-351
OpRep #	67a
Primary Target City	Serqueux
Primary Target Country	France
Primary Target Type	Marshalling Yards
Primary Target ID Code	S1609
Primary Target Map Reference	Z439
Secondary Target	
Secondary Target ID Code	
Secondary Target Map Reference	
Nature of Mission	Bombing
STATUS	Attacked
Takeoff Time	2007
TOT	2125
Land Time	2301
Mission Duration H:MM	2:54
Bombing Altitude	3,000
Total # A. C. Dispatched	39
# and Type A. C. Dispatched	32 A-20G's
Results/Notes	All three boxes scored Good, based on crew
USAAF Station	AAF-170
Mission Date Month D. YYYY	June 6, 1944
Mission Date DD MM YYYY	06/06/1944
Conte Page Start	93
Conte Page End	94
Conte Index Page	265
Mission Related Photos 1	
Mission Related Photos 2	

Archive Mission Database

IRIS Public Record			
Key Information			
Main: GROUP/0416/BOMBARDMENT (LIGHT)			
Document Type:			
Call Number:	GP-416-SU-OP-8		
IRIS Number:	00091871		
Accession Notes:			
Old Accession Nbr:			
Title:			
Beginning Date:			
End Date:			
Publication Date:	19440606		
Classification:	UNCLAS		
Media	Roll #:	0000001700	First Frame: 1219
	Old MFRs Roll #	B0529	Last Frame: 1271
NUMPAGE	52	Linear Feet:	0
Title Extensions:			
Abstract			
Descriptive	TITLE SUPPLIED.		
Notes:			
Title	PHOTOGRAPHS AND MISSION REPORTS: TARGET ROAD JUNCTIONS ARGENTAN,		
Added	FRANCE		
Entries			
Author:			
Subject:			
Major Command:			
Administrative Markings			
No Administrative Markings Listed			
Security Review Information:			

AFHRA Mission Records



416th Bomb Group Databases

Contacts Database - 290 entries

416th Bomb Group contacts

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 New  Delete  Find  Save as PDF  Save as Excel    

Wayne Sayles

First Name: Wayne

Last Name: Sayles

Phones: 417-499-9831 (cell)

Status: Honorary Veteran

Email:  wgs@wgs.cc

Related Veteran: W.G.Sayles Squadron

Notes:



Insert Picture

Export Picture

Main Address

Second Address

Related Contacts

Street: P.O. Box 911

City: Gainesville

State: MO

Postal Code: 65655

Newsletter Query Sent

Newsletter Query Reply

Newsletter Preference: Email HardCopy

416th National WWII Memorial Registry Project — 1100+ entries

NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL
Washington, D.C.



World War II Honoree

World War II Veteran



Albert Jedinak

BRANCH OF SERVICE
U.S. Army Air
Forces

HOMETOWN
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ACTIVITY DURING WWII

BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATOR IN THE 671ST BOMB SQUADRON, 416TH BOMB GROUP OF THE 9TH AIR FORCE. MAY 12, 1944 PRISONER OF WAR, AUGUST 7, 1944 REPATRIATED.



World War II Honoree

Killed in World War II



William Edward Cramsie

BRANCH OF SERVICE
U.S. Army Air
Forces

HOMETOWN
Auburn, CA

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ACTIVITY DURING WWII

WEST POINT GRADUATE, CLASS OF JUNE, 1943. PILOT, A-20 HAVOC ATTACK BOMBER. FLEW WITH 671ST BOMB SQUADRON, 416TH BOMB GROUP, 9TH AIR FORCE. KILLED IN ACTION ON APRIL 10, 1944. FIRST MEMBER OF HIS WEST POINT CLASS TO DIE IN COMBAT.

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Wayne and Doris Sayles – Grand Marshalls
2014 Fourth of July Parade

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Wayne Downing with Queen & Court
Ozark County 2015 Christmas Parade

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5th Grade Art Class Field Trip 2016

Gainesville, Missouri

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Taylor Brooks

Rooney Memorial Open House – 21 Mar 17

Archive Memory Wall - Growing



2012



2013



2015



2016



416th Archive Store

Documentary by
Professor Vernon Williams



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in World War II, 1943-1945



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416th Challenge Coin

designed by Gary Rensner
and donated by Gary and Kathe Rensner



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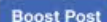
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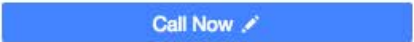
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Bob Kehres, now 101 years old is receiving a vaccination against silliness in this WWII photo from the Paul Atkinson collection. His sense of humor has not diminished over the years, so the shot apparently did not work 😊 Captain Kehres was the 670th squadron Engineering Officer.



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