

LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM



John G. Williams Collection

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Introduction

This collection of papers was given to the Liberty Aviation Museum by Ms. Ann M. Williams in July 2016. This collection of papers pertaining to the 38th Bomb Group Reunions were the property of her father, John G. Williams. Permission to use this collection for research purposes and display was granted by the donor.

Biographical Sketch

This collection features archive of papers from John G. Williams. Mr. Williams served in the United States Army Air Forces in World War II from 24 July 1942 through 12 January 1946. John Williams lived in the Columbus, Ohio area before World War II. He was born on 9 January 1922 in Columbus and died on 22 April 2001 near Oak Harbor, Ohio. His age at death was Seventy-Nine (79). Before World War II, he had 2 years of college education from Ohio State University in business administration. After enlistment and training for WWII service, he served as a Radio Operator and Aerial Gunner on B-25 Bombers in the 822nd Squadron of the 38th Bomb Group of the 5th USAAF with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He saw combat action in air offensives over Japan, China, New Guinea, the Western Pacific area, Borneo, Luzon and the Southern Philippines Liberation. During and for his time of service, he was awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal/Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal/Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal/Ribbon, American Theater Medal/ Ribbon and the Victory World War II medal/ribbon. After the war, he returned to college and finished his college degree in business administration at Ohio State University and went on to work in business management and as a

comptroller for different companies throughout his career. As a veteran, he joined and was a member of the 38th Bomb Group Reunion Association. He attended several reunions during his lifetime after the war and was an active member in the organization.

Scope and Content

This collection includes newsletters, membership rosters, memoriam of members, reunion information, a 3CD set of digitized photographs of the 38th Bomb Group, photocopy of DD-214 discharge papers, family Christmas letters and a 38th Bomb Group book status report.

The collection has been categorized and organized into eight (8) folders and stored in one archival document box. There was no original arrangement, so they were categorized and organized chronologically by year and in a miscellaneous items folder.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 (1974, 1977, 1978)

Letter to John Williams, dated December 1974, inquiring about interest of an 822nd Squadron reunion in 1976.

38TH Bomb Wing Reunion letter, dated 1 October 1977.

38TH Bomb Wing Reunion letter, dated 25 February 1978

1978 38th Bomb Wing Reunion schedule of events (Friday, 5 May thru Sunday, 7 May)

Folder 2 (1984, 1986-87)

1984 38th Bomb Group active member roster list

38th B.G. Reunion Newsletter #2 w/ roster corrections, dated March 1986

Letter from W.C. Chisholm, dated 1 March 1986.

1986 71st Bomb Squadron member roster list, dated 25 February 1986

1987 38th Bomb Group Reunion member roster list

Folder 3 (1988-90)

1988 38th Bomb Group Reunion reception ticket

Group letter to 822nd Bomb Squadron members from Ken Darrow, dated 5 Jan. 1988

Handwritten letter from Ken Darrow to John Williams, dated 8 April 1988

38th B.G. Association Reunion, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 1988

38th B.G. Association book questionnaire, dated May 1988

38th B.G. Association supplemental member roster list, 4 August 1988

"The Sun Setters" 38th B.G. Association newsletter, September 1988

38th B.G. Association Reunion newsletter, reunion and memoriam list of passed members, dated 28 September-1 October 1988

38th B.G. Association Reunion critique form, Nashville, TN, 1988

1988 38th B.G. Association revised reunion agenda, dated 28 Sept.-2 October

38th B.G. Association Reunion, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 1989

38th B.G. Association Reunion, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 1989

1990 38th B.G. Association Reunion agenda, member roster list and etc. booklet, dated 13-16 September

Folder 4 (1991-92, 1995-96)

38th B.G. Association Reunion, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 1991

38th B.G. Association Reunion, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 1991

Layout of USAF Museum Memorial Park

38th Bomb Group dedication artwork for a memorial, dedicated 1991 for 38TH B.G. of the 5th USAAF

Flyer for 38th B.G. Reunion in Dayton, Ohio, dated 12-16 September 1991

Flyer for "Status of the 38th B.G. Memorial"

USAF Museum "Tree Marker Program" sheet

Editor's Letter for the 38th B.G. of historical information from WWII

38th B.G. Reunion Association 1991 membership roster

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May. 1992

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" 1994 pictorial membership roster by Olan Mills

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 1996

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 1996

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May. 1992

1995-96 38th B.G. Reunion Association membership roster and memoriam list

Folder 5 (1997-98, 2001)

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 1997

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 1998

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 2001

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 2001 (w/ John G. Williams obituary on pg. 2)

Folder 6 (2002-2004)

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 2002, addressed to Margaret Williams

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 2002

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 2002

2002 38th B.G. Reunion Association membership roster w/ email addresses and memoriam list

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 2003

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 2003

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated June 2004

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Final 2004

38th B.G. Reunion Association memoriam list, dated 27 December 2004

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May. 1992

2004-05 38th B.G. Reunion Association membership roster

Folder 7 (2005-2007)

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 2005

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 2005 (reference to John G. Williams in this edition)

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 2005

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated May 2006

2006 38th B.G. Reunion Association group reunion registration form

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Sept. 2006

38th B.G. Reunion Association, "The Sun Setters" newsletter, dated Jan. 2007 w/ 2007 membership roster and memoriam list

2007-2008 38th B.G. Reunion Association Constitution and By-Laws

Folder 8

Photocopy of John G. William's DD-214 Discharge Papers, dated 12 January 1946

One 4 DVD set of 38th Bomb Group, World War II photographs, copyrighted 2006

1996 John & Margaret William's family Christmas letter

2013 John & Margaret William's family Christmas letter

38th B.G. Reunion Association book status report

* Objects in relation to the John G. Williams Collection, Accession 2016.38, can be viewed upon request, on site, at the **Liberty Aviation Museum** in Port Clinton, Ohio. *