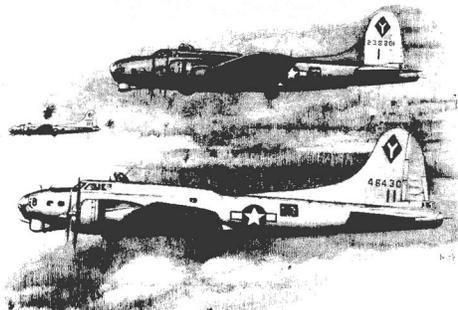


THE 99TH BOMB GROUP HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**The Group Flew B-17 Flying Fortresses
For A Total Of 395 Combat Missions From
North Africa & Italy To Bomb European
Targets During 1943, '44 & '45**

25 July 2017

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Dear Jerry,

Thank you, for your help to preserve and spread the history of the 99th BG over the past sixteen years as an Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of the 99th Bomb Group Historical Society (BGHS). Without your dedicated service, leadership, and support it is unlikely that the 99th BGHS would still be in existence. Through your persistence, friendly manner, and mediation you were instrumental over the years in keeping the 99th BGHS on course and personally resolving critical differences of opinion by the Veterans on our direction and purpose.

During this period the 99th BGHS could always rely on you and Amy to help with the Reunions each year, and you were always the first to be at the Hospitality Room in the morning, and the last to close it up in the evening. For those Veterans with special needs and concerns, the two of you were there to help and provide any assistance as needed.

Your friendship and humanity to others was demonstrated each day by your kindness to others, your humility, your humor, and most importantly your smile and positive Christian attitude to each and all, to brighten up our days. Many of us were fortunate to call you friends, and recall many memories of good times, hard work, and laughter shared together at past 99th BGHS Reunions.

On behalf of the 99th BGHS Officers, Board of Directors, and the membership, it is our privilege to recognize you for all of the accomplishments and fellowship you have personally provided for each and all of us during this period of service. There is nothing we can do to repay you for the time and effort you invested in the 99th BGHS, except assure you that we will carry on, and that the 99th BGHS will survive and prosper because of the sound foundation you established as the Treasurer, and your leadership as a thoughtful contributing member of the Board of Directors.

As a small token of our appreciation, it is my privilege to provide you one of our new 99th BGHS caps to proudly display as you continue your personal battle for recovery and return to good health.

May God bless you and your family with good health, good friends, and good times.

Sincerely,

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