



“416th Bomb Group Heritage Association”

Planning Meeting Summary

16 September 2017

Washington, DC



Concept Meeting Participants

- Facilitator: Chris Adams
- Recorder: Rick Prucha:
- Maggie McEvoy
- Doris Sayles
- Wayne Sayles
- Jean Sittarich
- Special Guest: Ross Stewart,
Wethersfield, England

Meeting Summary – 1 of 5

- The Important Question
 - Do we want the 416th Bomb Group to have some kind of organization that carries into the future?
- Meeting consensus: **Y E S ! !**
- We'll call it the "416th Bomb Group Heritage Association"
- If so, then.....

Meeting Summary – 2 of 5

- What's the purpose?
- Charter:

“The 416th Bomb Group Heritage Association is chartered to honor and celebrate the memories of those who served during WW2 and to encourage the permanent recording of their history for future generations.”

Meeting Summary – 3 of 5

- Who sets up whatever happens next?
 - Need a couple of people to address the By-Laws of the organization. Time frame: next 6 months
 - Need a couple of people to look at incorporation and registration as a Non-Profit
Time frame: next 6-12 months
- Who does the work – near and far term?
 - Near term:
 - Need people now who will commit to participating in meetings and accept action items
 - Need people now who will find the next generation

Meeting Summary – 4 of 5

- Who does the work - near and far term?
 - Far term:
 - How do we attract the next generation?
 - Social media?
 - Virtual?
 - How do we get back the ones we used to see at reunions?
 - Call, write, send information
 - Can we provide a subscription service to remind people of the organization?
 - Nominal cost with periodic newsletters

Meeting Summary – 5 of 5

- What about reunions?
 - Can we make them less expensive?
 - Can we make them less stressful for hosting?
 - Do we hold them less frequently?
- Who is eligible to be in the organization?
 - Strong consensus that ALL are EQUAL members if they have an interest in the 416th
 - Family and Friends

Final Discussion

- Organization will be separate from the Archive and Web-site
- Concurrence of this idea to form an organization is required from this group in order to proceed
- Potential for the new organization to run the next reunion