

“Happenings”

October 8, 2009

In an effort to keep all members of the Burleson Family Research Group up-to-date on all the “Happenings” of the BFRG, we are starting something new. We have several local individuals who are working hard to document, archive, collect, and store items of interest to the extended Burleson Family. As these items are received we will send out e-mails to everyone so that members who live too far away to attend and participate in our monthly meetings will know what is happening.

In the first “Happenings” e-mail we would like to introduce Sue Forrest. She has been a dedicated member of the group for several years and she serves as our Historian/Scrapbook Custodian. PK and Hazel Burleson started these scrapbooks and Sue is continuing the great work. The scrapbooks are available for you to see, at any of our meetings and the Reunion in October.

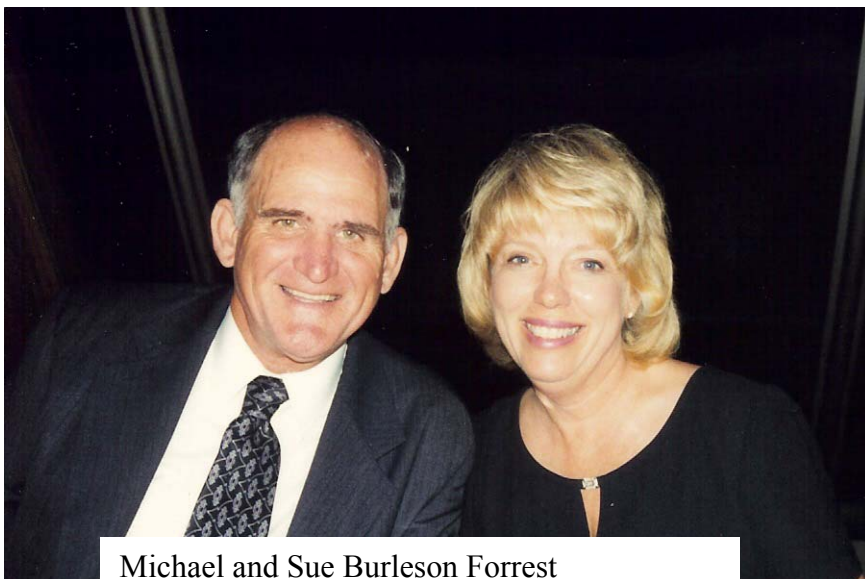
Here is an e-mail I received from Sue, telling about her responsibilities with the BFRG.

HISTORIAN / SCRAPBOOK

Since the later part of 2007, I have been gathering information for our *BURLESON FAMILY RESEARCH GROUP* scrapbook. I try to include all newspaper articles, engagement and wedding announcements, obituaries and etc. pertaining to a Burleson. In the scrapbook, you will also see photos that were taken at our BFRG reunions, cemetery work days and other occasions. I include a copy of the minutes from our monthly meetings and a copy of each quarterly *RECOLLECTIONS*.

This past month, I added a copy of the April – June 2009 *RECOLLECTIONS*; the orbit of Coy L. Eudy (son of the late Carrie Burleson Eudy); the engagement announcement of Kaytee Nicole Burleson and Calvin Norris Hill; and the minutes from our August 3, 2009 meeting to the BFRG scrapbook.

Any newspaper or magazine article, photo or story that anyone can send or e-mail to me to include in the BFRG scrapbook would be appreciated. Please help me to fill our Burleson scrapbook. We are making tomorrow’s Burleson history today. When each scrapbook is filled, it is placed in the Lena Burleson farm house for everyone to read.



Michael and Sue Burleson Forrest

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Sue is very proud of her Burleson Heritage, her parents are Jay and Ruby Whitley Burleson. Her grandparents, Allen Lee and Lucy Herlocker Burleson, Howell and Judy Burris Burleson, Grandpa Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson.

All of Sue's family is documented in the "*Descendants of Howell and Judith Burris Burleson Book*" available from the BFRG.

I just received this e-mail from Sue, she thought I would be interested in this article that was in the newspaper.

Great article about Hubert Almond in the SNAP yesterday. Thought you might like to read it.
Sue

Veterans reunite after 60 years

By Jo Anne Efirid, Lifestyles Editor

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— Two World War II veterans who flew on the same B-25 on D-Day recently spent an afternoon together here after not seeing each other for 60 years.

Marlie Chapman and Hubert Almond served on the Shady Lady during WWII, Almond as tail gunner and Chapman as top turret gunner. They flew 70 missions together.

The B-25s had two engines but were capable of coming back on one should the other fail. They were also noted as the planes Doolittle took off in from a carrier to bomb Tokyo, beginning the end of World War II.

"I had to get on my hands and knees and crawl to get into the tail," Almond said.

Almond and Chapman were members of the 310th Bomber Group, 12th Air Force. On June 6, 1944, D-Day, they were stationed on the island of Corsica. They got up at 2 a.m., ate breakfast and went for a briefing. They took off at daybreak.

The Shady Lady made two missions on D-Day.

Almond remembers the scene of when they reached the coast of France, looking down from 10,000 feet, "I never saw so many ships sitting off the coast and landing boats going in carrying troops," Almond said.

"I remember thinking about how many were going in that day who would never come back. It was something I'll never forget. There were thousands of lives lost that day."

They dropped their bombs, returned to the base on Corsica, ate lunch, loaded up again with bombs and came back that afternoon.

On Aug. 6, 1944, two months after D-Day, Almond shot down an ME109 German fighter. He remembers seeing German fighters go down after he shot them. Almond's plane and crew were the only ones to make it back to the island of Corsica that day.

Almond and Chapman hadn't seen each other in 60 years. Chapman, who now lives in Morganton, came to visit Almond recently. He had last visited back in 1950.

Both men are 86 years old.

"It was good to see him again after 60 years," Almond said.

"He was here only a few hours. His daughter and her husband brought him."

They went to eat at Ryan's and enjoyed recalling moments from the past.

Almond, a retired cattle farmer, lives in Millingport. He holds 18 decorations, an Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters, a European Theatre Ribbon with Battle Stars, and the President's Citation. He and his wife,

the former Doris Hatley, have two children, a daughter, Sandra Shoe of Roxboro, and a son, Kyle Almond of Millingport. Copyright © 1999-2008 cnhi, inc. Photos



Hubert Almond, kneeling at left, and Marlie Chapman, standing at right, recently enjoyed an afternoon together when Chapman came to visit with Almond at his Millingport home.



Hubert Almond as a young airman during the war.

James Hubert Almond

James Allen and Cassie Lowder Almond, David and Frances Hearne Almond, Ackellis and Christine (Teny) Burleson Almond, Isaac Burleson Jr., Isaac Burleson Sr



James Hewitt Thompson, (in wheel chair) going clock wise around the table, Calvin Coolidge Eudy, Ted Burlson, LB Teeter, PK Burlson, Calvin Burlson, Hubert Almond, Clegg Burlson.



Hubert Almond, left, and Marlie Chapman spent a recent afternoon together and reminisced about their days of service in World War II.

Sue and her husband Mike allowed us to place a marker on their property on Parker Road for Isaac and Catherine Castle Burleson.



Sue Burleson Forrest, on the left and the marker is in her yard. Carol Burleson, in the middle, she is the author of Carol's Corner, where we publish old family recipe. On the right is Hilda Burleson Snuggs, she is the secretary for the BFRG and she does a great job on the minutes for each of our meetings.