



**JIM'S CORNER**

Many of you may have thought I dropped off the face of the earth. Well, I came close. Nancy and I had planned to a trip to Colorado and California after returning from Washington, D.C. but I had to have emergency surgery to remove a gangrenous gallbladder that required a three weeks stay in the hospital. I expect a full recovery but it will take a couple of months before I can pick up a golf club and travel.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support for me during my illness.

I apologize for not responding to many emails I received. Nancy did a great job of responding to most of them.

George Taylor a veteran of World War II, a great American and a dear friend passed away recently. He was a big supporter and contributor to the monument project. His son Holt represented him at the monument dedication and memorial service in Iceland. May he rest in peace.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Jim Lux*



**Memorial Monument**



**Monument Exposure**

Doddi Marteinsson informed me that a least one Iceland tour company includes a stop at the monument as part of their bus tour. He also said there is usually someone at the monument when he stops by to check on it.

tion” is now available on YouTube at:  
<https://youtu.be/MaDmVjJgjMo>



**Crash Site Locater**

The plan for a strobe light at the crash site to help locate it from the monument site had to be abandoned because of concerns over possible interference with aeronautical and maritime navigation. The possibility of a heavy duty spotter scope placed near the monument is being considered as an alternative.

In addition to the actual installation and the dedication of the monument, video is included from inside the B-52 Stratofortress as it approaches Iceland and passes over the monument during the dedication ceremony.

Video of the monument installation was provided by Jim Lux. Gudmundur Steinbogi provided the video of the monument dedication and crew member, Capt. David Miller provided the video from inside the B-52.

**New Monument Installation & Dedication Video**

A new video “Hot Stuff Monument Installation and Dedic-

Doddi Marteinsson created a new website for *Hot Stuff*. It's still under construction but contains several videos and the story of *Hot Stuff* and Gen. Andrews.

**A poem by Diane Brooker whose husband Dick is the grand nephew of Sgt. George Eisel, the sole survivor of the crash of *Hot Stuff*.**

### **The Night the Memorial Stood Tall**

*Death over took them on the  
mountain*

*They never saw it coming  
Their time ran short after leaving  
for America*

*They did not know they would  
never see home again*

*Their hearts were filled with Joy  
at the thought of going home  
They waved goodbye to the fellas  
they left behind*

*Not knowing this would be their  
final day*

*As those left behind grieved  
about not making that trip home*

*We can only imagine their con-  
versations*

*Perhaps they talked of seeing  
their loved ones*

*They may have had visions of  
their America*

*Until the fear set in as that storm  
raged on*

*We lost them all on that moun-  
tain, except one*

*It became an amazing story of*

*death and a story of life  
How he survived when all the  
others perished*

*It was just his destiny to live  
when others did not*

*He waited alone on that moun-  
tain until they came for him*

*He was found alive by the peo-  
ple of Iceland*

*He gave the story of a plane  
called Hot Stuff*

*He told the story of the men who  
flew and died that day on the  
mountain*

*After all these years they can  
now rest high up on that moun-  
tain*

*Their lives and deaths will forev-  
er be memorialized*

*Others will know of their contri-  
bution in a war so far away from  
America*

*A war fought and won by men  
like them*

*They were the best  
They were missed by so many  
Those men who died on that  
mountain*

*In a plane called Hot Stuff*

By Diane Brooker

### **Status of Lt. Gen. Andrews Promotion**

The effort to have Lt. Gen. Andrews promoted to General is an ongoing effort. It takes either an act of Congress or an executive order from the President. I'm sure the President would make it happen if there was a way to get the request on his desk.

Jim sent letters requesting sup-

port to every U.S. Senator and tried to make appointments with the Tennessee Senators Alexander and Corker. Gen. Andrews was from Tennessee.

Not a single Senator responded to his letters and he was unable to get an appointment with either Alexander or Corker.

Jim called the White House and sent emails and a letter but apparently nothing got through to the President.

Letters requesting support also went to the Sec. of Defense, Sec. of the USAF, the USAF Chief of Staff, and the Air Force Association but, once again, no response.

If you know of someone who can help, please let Jim know.

It's only a matter of time before a contact is found who will help make it happen.

### **Video of the 2018, 93rd Bomb Group Assoc. Reunion**

A video of the 93rd BGA reunion in Washington, D.C., Oct. 18 -22, 2018 featuring three original members of the 93rd BG placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and meeting Senator Bob Dole at the World War II Memorial.

The video can be viewed on YouTube at the following address:

[https://youtu.be/qwB\\_iNtaTHk](https://youtu.be/qwB_iNtaTHk)

## Photo of Maj. Gen. Frank M. Andrews Found

Jim found this photo of Maj. Gen. Andrews in what appears to be his Douglas DC-2. It was taken in 1936. Jim purchased it and enhanced it with PhotoShop. If you would like a high resolution copy, send your request to Jim via email: [hotstuff.memorial@gmail.com](mailto:hotstuff.memorial@gmail.com)

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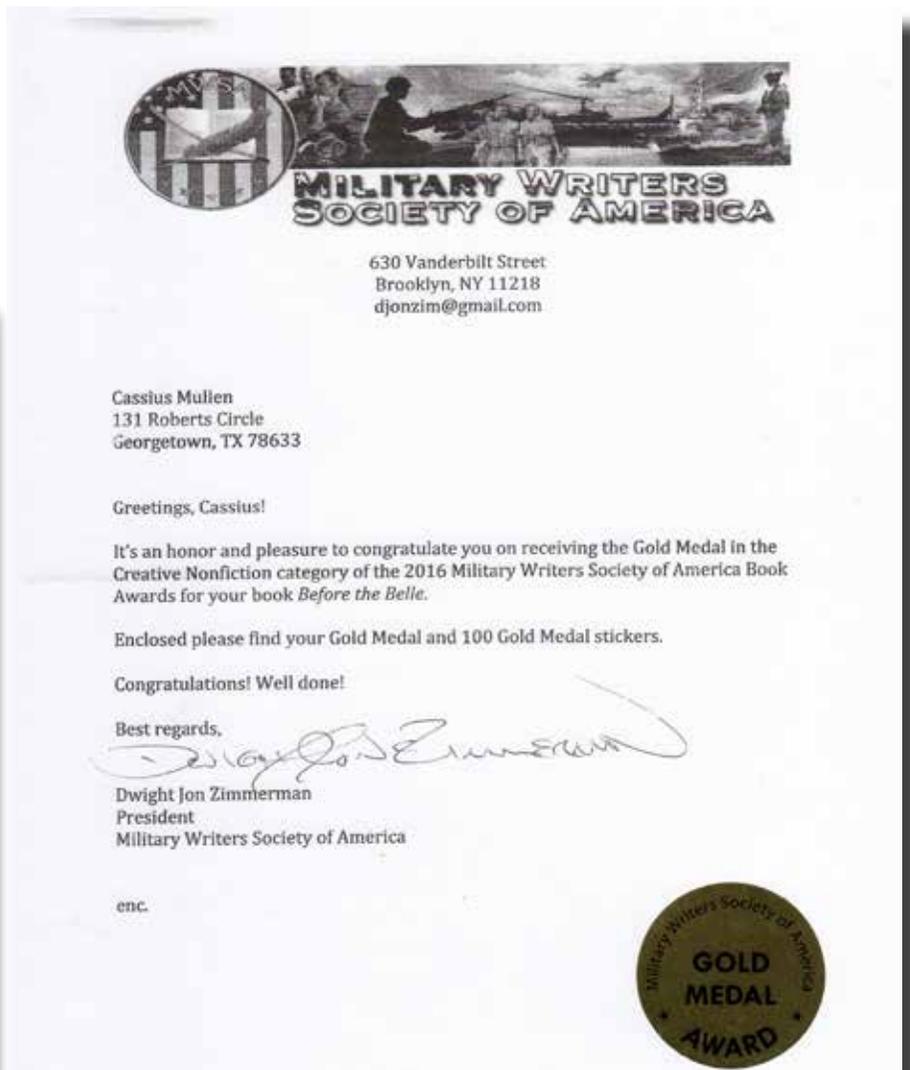
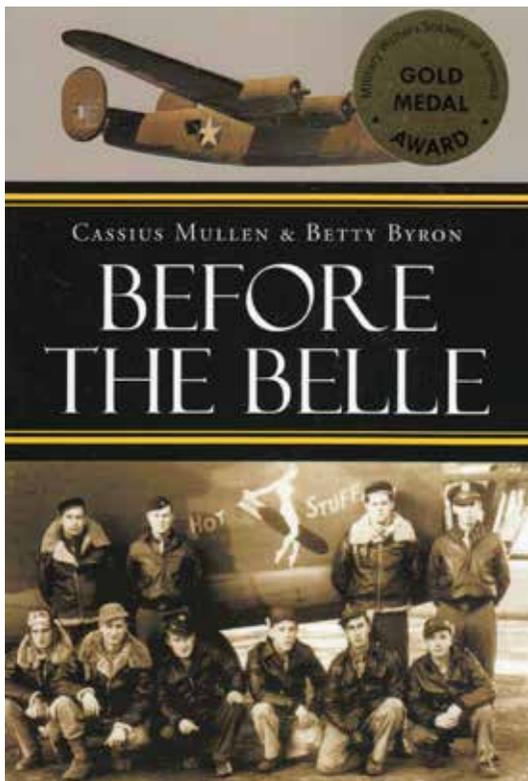
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# A GREAT *CHRISTMAS* GIFT!

## A Gold Medal for “*Before the Belle*”

Betty Byron and the late Cassius Mullen, authors of “*Before the Belle*,” received the prestigious Gold Medal awarded by the Military Writers Society of America.



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