






# Friends of the 416<sup>th</sup> 2024 Reunion



Hilton: Embassy Suites Bethesda  
Hosted by Margaret McEvoy

	<b>The Sixth</b> ★ 6.7 field producer
	<b>Through a Dog's Eyes</b> ★ 7.5 TV Movie producer
	<b>White House Revealed</b> ★ 6.7 TV Movie field producer
	<b>New York Firefighters: The Brotherhood of September 11</b> TV Movie field producer
	<b>Firestorm: The Smokejumpers' Story</b> TV Movie producer



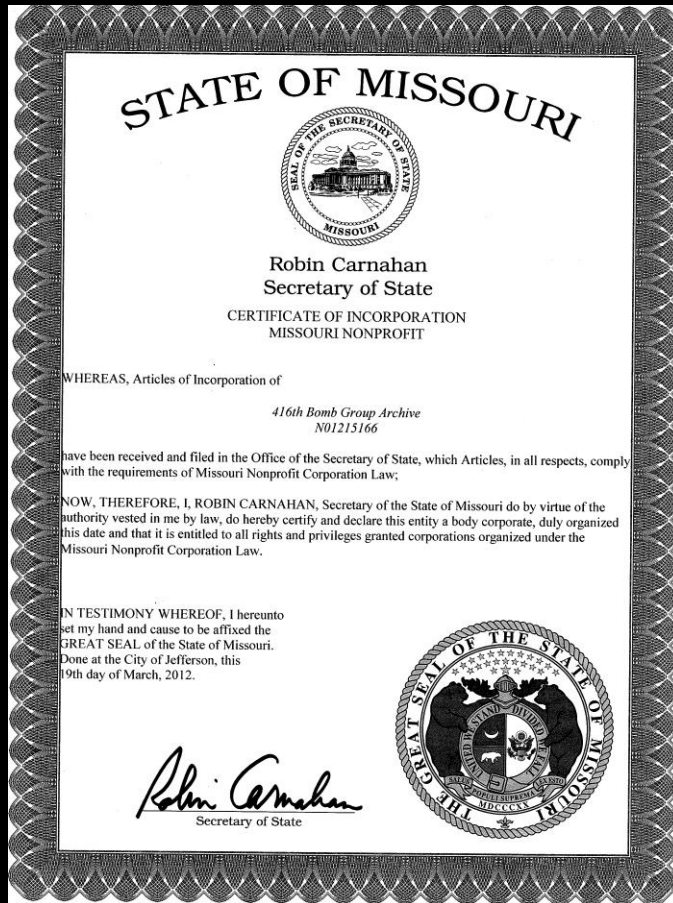
Niece of

1Lt James P. "Jimmy"  
**KENNY**  
PILOT-668th-KIA

# 416<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Archive

## Gainesville, Missouri

# 2024 Report



Founded 19 March  
2012

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**“Preserving the memory and honoring accomplishments  
of this World War II combat unit and its personnel.”**

# The Entryway to American History



# Registrar's Office



**Doris Sayles**



**Jeremy Cole**

# Registrar's Office



# Gathering Place Displays



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# Archive Library & Reading Room 416<sup>th</sup> and WWII Subjects



# New Additions



**Painting of Aircraft Returning to Wethersfield  
Donated by Ross Stewart**

# New Additions

Uniform of  
Technical  
Sergeant  
Roland  
Dullnig



**French  
Legion  
of  
Honor  
Medal**

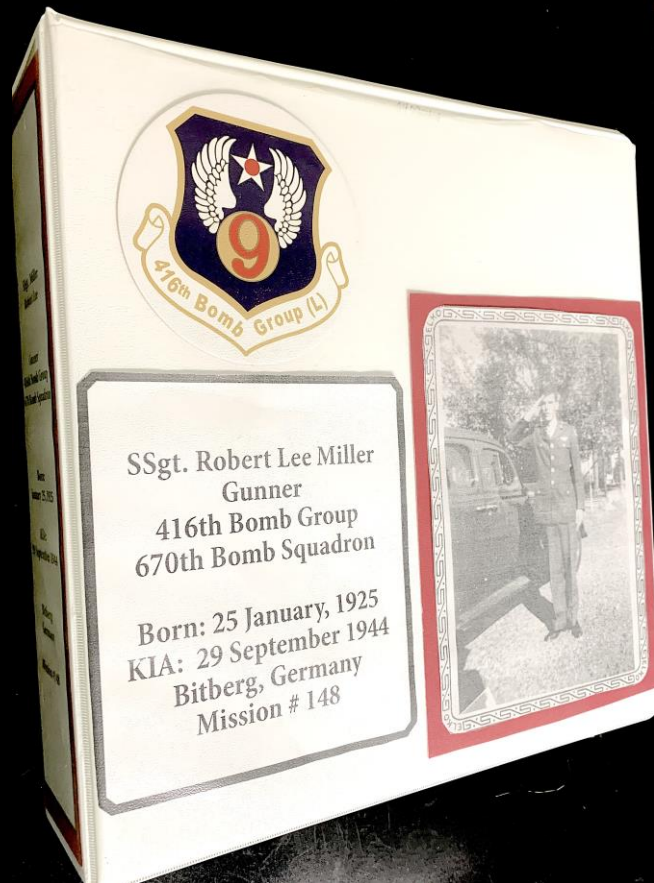


**Roland Dullnig  
668<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.**



# New Additions

## “The Last Letter Home” By Gary Graves



**Robert Lee Miller**

# Historical Research

## Gary Graves donation of Ssgt Robert Lee Miller Memorabilia



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Miller

WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY

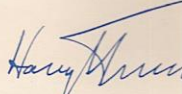
in the European Area, September 29, 1944

HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED

THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESS

FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES—

IN A WAY THAT HUMBLER THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

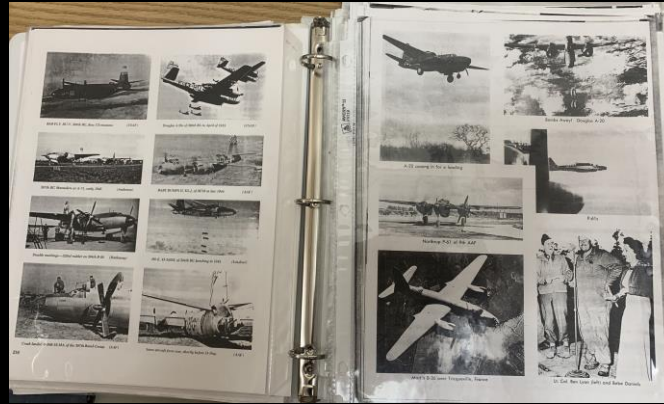


### Truman Signature

# Historical Research

## “Wayne Downing Collection Accessioning”

— Huge collection of 2911<sup>th</sup>, 416<sup>th</sup> & general WWII photos, letters, documents, articles, & artifacts, etc.



Via  
Sara Downing



# Artifact Preservation

Capt. Zean Moore, Pilot's gear  
Donated by the Moore Family



# Digital Artifact Preservation



**609 letters**

**Dave Andrews Wartime to and from Jackie**

Free

GREENVILLE  
DEC 9  
1942  
MISS.

Miss Jackie Marshall  
710 E. Fort King Ave.  
Ocala, Florida

Dave Andrews A. D. P.  
Class 43-C Sq. C Fort 3B  
Greenville  
Mississippi

(51)

GREENVILLE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL  
GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Jackie,

Dec. 9, 1942

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Dave Andrews 4-Page Letter to Jackie

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Lovely hair down to those little toes peeking out of your moccasin shoes. Always, how do you want to look, usually, how do you want to look, you stay just as you are and it's good enough for me.

I think you are very lucky to be here for Christmas, I probably won't even get the whole day off if it is good flying weather. We haven't flown since last Friday. I flew blind for the first time in that type of a ship that day. I hope to have a very merry Christmas though I have my oldest sister is going to come down to visit me. She is teaching her first class of children in a country school. I hope I can come on the boat again after and eat the meat here if I can stand it. I hope and trust that you will have a very Merry Christmas at home. How does it feel to be a Georgia Peach transplanted in a Florida Orange Grove? Personally I am glad you were so close I never would have gotten to meet you.

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Glory. When I am in Advanced, we will make a lot of very long-distance cross-country flights and perhaps even be able to see Ocala from the air. Approximately, I will go to Selma for Advanced. I have in sight a single-engine beauty, a P38, which I have my heart set on. It's a delight for you to land, but its length makes me shudder when I think of how close I came to missing El brain. Get its patent when you stop to think about it, though. I will get your other letter up shortly after I send my first. I don't know why they sent it back to you. I was very glad to receive them both and so happy to hear you write to me. You had better be good girl in school now and maybe I'll hire you for a secretary sometime. Thanks for the clipping about Darr. It was very interesting and true. I am going to send Mother and Dad the snapshot I have of you as soon as I get to a picture store and have them developed. They will be pleased. Please write again soon, and I'll be looking forward to your picture soon. In the meantime, I'll try to keep them flying. Sincerely, David.

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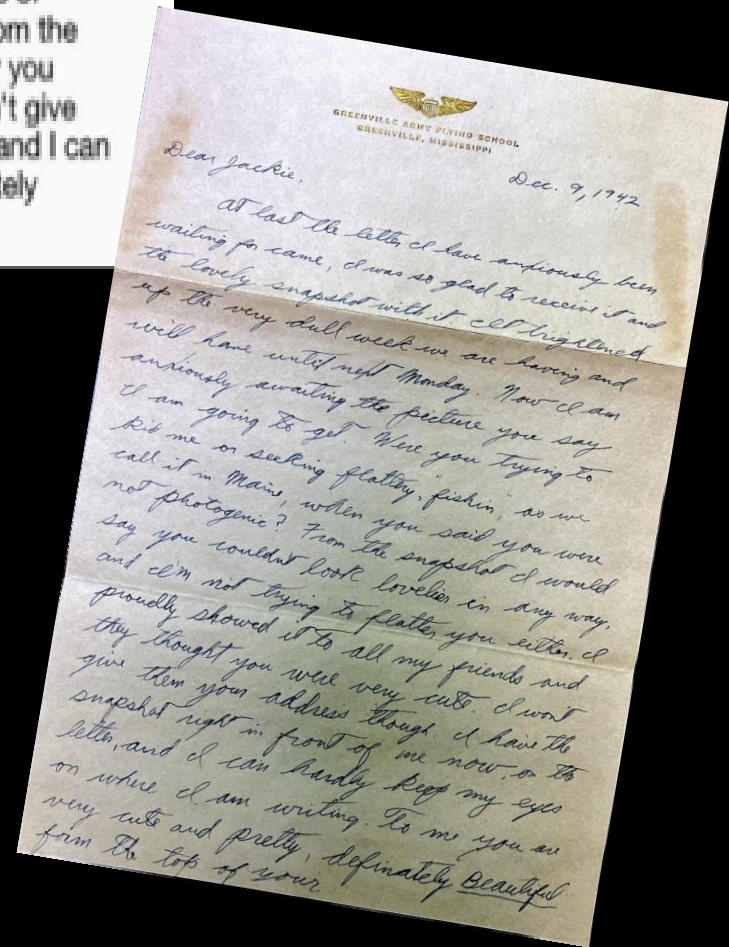
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## “A Love Story From 80 - Years – Ago”

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