Membership Registration or Renewal each calendar year

Membership is really more of a registration. <u>There are no fees charged for registering or</u> <u>renewing your Membership</u>. See below why we ask you to register. The only required information is your Name and contact information (including geographic data that helps in planning reunions). Additional optional information includes data about any WWII veteran of particular interest (if any). Registration information is automatically sent to our membership director and is not saved on our website and not shared.

CLICK TO REGISTER or RENEW

Why we ask you to register: The 306th Bomb Group Historical Association has existed for over 40 years. For years it maintained a Directory only of its *306th Echoes* mailing list. In 2015 we made some changes to our articles of incorporation, applied to the IRS and we were determined by the IRS to be a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) as a public charity. Previously we were classified as a tax-exempt veterans' organization. Our focus has evolved to have greater emphasis on education and historical research.

With the increasing use of our internet website (currently about 50,000 visits per year) a membership list helps us know, each calendar year, who maintains an interest in our organization's goals beyond our *306th Echoes* magazine postal mailing list. With the changes, the Board of Directors directed that we develop a Membership list and be able to show the number of those who are interested in our work annually. We need supporters to simply indicate they are willing to be registered as members, and how we can communicate with them. The list we develop is not shared with others just as our prior *306th Echoes* postal mailing list was not shared with others.

We have no Membership fees. However, a \$20 subscription fee is required each calendar year for anyone other than a WWII 306th veteran or his widow who wishes to receive print copies of our magazine, the *306th Echoes*, by domestic USPS mail. This fee offsets the cost of producing and mailing paper copies. (Access online is free to the PDF version of *Echoes*.)