

**Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 7:30pm at Chalfont Borough Hall
VFW Medal Presentation Honoring Lt. Albert F. Wick
This event is open to the public.**

The original Chalfont VFW Post 5588, chartered in 1946, was established, and named for Lieutenant Albert F. Wick. The Post later dissolved in 1981. The current Chalfont VFW Post 3258 was chartered on May 15, 1996, with 47 members. The Post today remains active and viable with membership of 78.

The late Albert F. Wick, formerly a Chalfont resident, prior to WWII, attended Doylestown High School and was believed to have graduated in 1939. He was drafted into the Army and underwent basic training in Sioux Falls, SD. Following initial training, Albert applied for Air Corp School and having successfully completed the required aptitude testing, was accepted for aviation training. He completed pilot and navigation training in Texas.

After being introduced by a friend, Albert and Arlene (nee Williams) were married in Lansdale, PA, on December 9, 1943.

Subsequently, Albert was stationed in England, not far from London, and served with the 860th Bomber Squadron, 493rd Bomber Group (H). He flew both B-24 and B-17 Aircraft in the ETO. On September 19, 1944, while flying his 23rd combat mission, Albert was shot down over Germany. The crew's tail gunner was the only survivor of the crash. Lt. Wick would have been eligible to take leave after his 25th mission. Unfortunately, Arlene and Albert were married less than a year before Lt. Wick was killed in action.

Lt. Wick is buried at Port Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France, Plot K, Row 33, Grave 20, (ID 0-702989) as confirmed by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The daughter of Arlene, Jeannie Aloan, recently contacted me as Post Commander, following her mother Arlene's passing in September, 2014. Ms. Aloan, in sorting through items, discovered the Purple Heart and Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, which were received and awarded to Lieutenant Wick. Knowing the close historical tie that Albert has to our community, Jeannie offered to donate his medals to Chalfont Borough in order that they placed in honor of his service and memory.

Ms. Aloan and other family members will be travelling to Chalfont from South Carolina on Wednesday, August 19. At that time Ms. Aloan will donate Albert's Medals to Mayor Marilyn Becker at the Scheduled VFW Post Meeting at Borough Hall commencing at 7:30 pm. The original Chalfont VFW Post 5588 Banner bearing the Name of Albert Wick will also be viewed, as well as related Post pictures to accompany the medal presentation.

The screenshot shows the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ABMC logo, the text "AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION", and social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, along with a "Contact Us" link and a search box. Below the navigation bar are several menu items: "About Us", "Cemeteries & Memorials", "Search ABMC Burials", "News & Events", "Learning & Resources", and "Multimedia". The main content area displays the profile for Albert F. Wick. It includes a photo of a cemetery, a list of his military service details, and a section for awards. The awards section lists a Purple Heart and an Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. A note at the bottom of the awards section states: "** Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart".

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Albert F. Wick



World War II

Albert F. Wick
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces
860th Bomber Squadron, 493rd Bomber Group, Heavy

Entered the Service From: Pennsylvania
Service #: O-702989
Date of Death: September 19, 1944
Wars or Conflicts: World War II
Buried: Plot K Row 33 Grave 20
[Lorraine American Cemetery](#)
St. Avold, France

Awards

 [Purple Heart](#) ▶
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** Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart