



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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Wallace H. Blackwell
President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

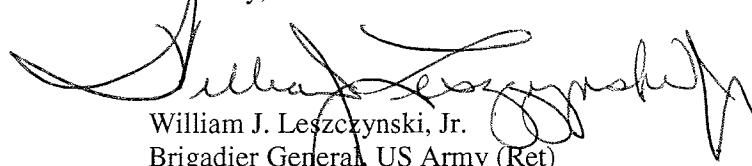
I am pleased to inform you that, after careful inspection of your memorial and review of your application, the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) will accept the 398th Bomb Group Memorial located in Nuthampstead, Herfordshire, England, into the Commission's Memorial Trust Fund Program (MTFP) upon the completion of the following:

- The formal transfer by the 398th Bomb Group Association of all the Association's rights and interests in the memorial to ABMC. The responsibility for drafting of transfer documents rests with the Association. The draft transfer documents should be submitted to ABMC for review at your earliest convenience.
- The performance of all required routine maintenance previously identified by our inspection of the monument in October 2006.
- Submitting to me a check in the amount of \$60,000 payable to the American Battle Monuments Commission, which ABMC shall deposit into the MTFP of the United States Treasury. The \$60,000 will be invested in interest-bearing securities of the United States Government to fund future maintenance of the monument.

Once the monument enters the MTFP, we will inform our European Region headquarters, which will assume responsibility for the care of the monument. Our staff at the Cambridge American Cemetery, located near Madingly, England, will inspect the monument periodically and ensure that it remains in excellent condition.

By placing the memorial in our MTFP, you are ensuring that the memory of the heroic efforts of the 398th Bomb Group during World War II is preserved for future generations. We look forward to receiving the land title and funding and to a long and continuing relationship with your association.

Sincerely,



William J. Leszczynski, Jr.
Brigadier General, US Army (Ret)
Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer