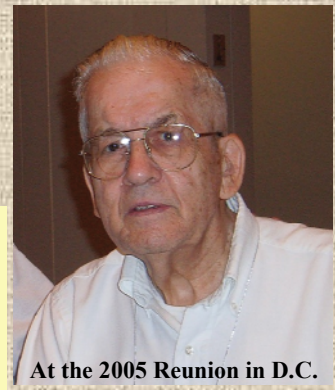


# Major Nevin Price 1924 - November 19, 2010

## 397<sup>th</sup> BG / 599<sup>th</sup> SQ

### Radio Operator/ Gunner



At the 2005 Reunion in D.C.

We all will miss his devoted accomplishments involving his efforts to establish the MHS, WAMM, and the Dayton B-26 Memorial, his collection of Marauder videos, and his detailed personnel database and assistance at almost every gathering for anyone involved with the Martin B-26 Marauder.

- P. Marshall Magruder, MHS Vice President

**B-26 Marauder Historical Society** remembers a great man - **Major Nevin Price**. Nevin tirelessly accumulated as much data as he could on each and every Marauder Man that he came in contact with. He maintained a database of that information offering free assistance to any and all who came to ask. His assistance to others has given many a family member closure, researchers answers they never thought they'd find and has been instrumental in bringing to the surface many a Marauder story that would have otherwise been lost in the dusty halls of time. We salute a man who has done and given so much to preserve the legacy and stories of the Marauder and her men and women. Nevin touched so many people. Below are tributes from some of those he has touched.

Even, and especially as 2nd-Gen, this relatively 'young one' has a great deal of pride in knowing Nevin's many efforts over the years. I grieve with you all during his "Final Flight" and send my condolences, heartfelt prayers and best wishes to his family, many friends.

-Bob Shank, Jr. - Proud son of Robert Shank, Sr., B-26 Pilot and Aircraft Commander, Med Campaign

Nevin also provided to me an incredible experience. Nevin was able to put me in touch with a member of the 397th who was my Dad's tent mate for the winter of 44-45, Marvin Lebowitz, also from the Baltimore area. I was able to meet up with him and spend a quiet afternoon on the edge of a Cape Cod marsh, recounting stories of the times they had together. Nevin provided me with a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget. I hope that Nevin's work will someday be preserved in the archives to further the memory of the 397th.

Thank you, Nevin

- David Moore, son of T/Sgt James K. Moore, B-26 Gunner

To all the Maraudermen and women, and the family of Nevin Price,

I'm French, and – about 17 years ago – I started a search about the crash of an (unknown) American bomber, very close to the village in which I live in West of France. I went to the National Archives at Washington and, after having given to me a file about the loss of the bomber, a member of the staff advised me to contact Nevin Price. I immediately phoned to him, and – very nicely - he could welcome me the day after, in his home.

It was late in October 1994 and my wife and me were surprised: there were hundreds of lighted pumpkins in his garden. He told us it was because of Halloween ... an unknown feast for the French people at this time, but – above all – he gave me the address of 3 surviving pilots of the 397 BG, who were crewmen of the crashed B-26 I was searching. I could call them by phone, and meet 2 of them. He gave me, too, the address of Jack Stovall, the cousin of Captain John Q. WEST, pilot of the B-26, killed in the crash, and made easy all my so fruitful contacts with Jack ...

It was the start of an important page of my life : the search about the crash of this bomber. I could finish, completely, this noble task, some years ago. It was my tribute to the sacrifice of these courageous American aviators who lost their life to the liberty of France. I realize how the help of Nevin, soon at the start of my investigation, was decisive !

Many thanks to you, Nevin ... I don't forget!

- Pierre BABIN



Above Left: Nevin (right) is pouring over Marauder historical data with the 397<sup>th</sup> BG Historian, Brian Gibbons at the 2005 397<sup>th</sup> BGA Reunion in Washington, DC



Above right: Nevin spinning a yarn at the MHS 2006 Reunion in Dayton, OH.