

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**RETCOFSKY, August Wilhelm**

Date of birth

**31 January 1915**

Age

**28**

Place of birth

**Footdale, Fayette County,  
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Fayette County, Pennsylvania**

### Military service

Service number

**13011220**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,  
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**21 May 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	13	30

## Immediate family

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### Members

**August W. Retcofsky** (father)  
**Bertha H. (Festag) Retcofsky** (mother)  
**Violet H. Retcofsky** (sister)  
**Osacar L. Retcofsky** (brother)  
**Frank A. Retcofsky** (brother)  
**Walter E. Retcofsky** (brother)  
**Paul H. Retcofsky** (brother)

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-29806**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Destination: Wilhelmshaven, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the u-boat yards**  
**MACR: 16018**

## More information

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August Retcofsky joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1940.

At the target intense flak and heavy fighter opposition caused considerable damage to many aircraft in the formation. This aircraft was hit by flak and was last seen on the return trip over the North Sea, in trouble but under control, losing altitude and straggling behind the formation.

It ditched in the sea. Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, five men were killed.

## Photos

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