

Go eftermiddag mine damer og herrer.

Mit navn er Tom Clay. Piloten son.

That is all the Danish I know! I will do the rest in English.

It is an honor to be here today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the crash landing of Stormy Weather. Thank you for welcoming us to your beautiful and peaceful Island. It is somewhat odd to celebrate such a disaster as the crashing of an airplane, however this celebration encompasses a much broader meaning, as you all know. We are all grateful for the courageous US Airmen who during World War II sacrificed so much in an effort to put an end to a war that threatened the peace and stability of the world. Over 80 years ago, people from this community, perhaps even some of your own ancestors, would look up to the sky and see the formations of B-17s flying toward Germany. This gave those people hope that soon they would be liberated. We are blessed that all of us have never had such thoughts when looking to the skies.

This day we honor the crew of Stormy Weather. Ten brave young men who will forever be connected to this special island. As family members of the crew, and I also want to point out that we also have the bombardier's son, Mike Arnold as well, visiting. It was his father who threw out the most expensive part of the airplane, the Norden bombsight, over the sea to that the Germans couldn't get a hold of it. As family members of the crew, we thank the people of Denmark, and specifically, the citizens from this community for always remembering and being grateful for our fathers. You have a special connection with our fathers, and no one else on earth has that connection, except this community. And because of that, we hold a special place in our hearts for all of you.

We so appreciate all the work that has gone into the events of this day. Thank you for letting us be a part of it. Thank you.