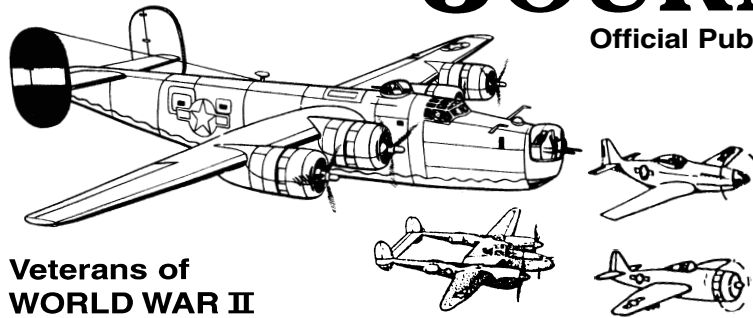


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Resolution

- WHEREAS:** Our country is engaged in war in Afghanistan and Iraq;
- WHEREAS:** The men and women of the air forces of the United States are serving with great pride, courage, and honor;
- WHEREAS:** American Air Force Personnel are serving in an efficient and effective manner in order to preserve freedom for all the people of the world and deserve the continued respect and support of their fellow citizens, and;
- WHEREAS:** "Support" is a very key word in today's Air Force because few Americans realize how involved our active duty, guard, reserve and civilian airmen are in fighting the war on terror. The Air Force has flown more than 30,000 sorties, including 12,000 strike sorties. Tankers have flown more than 17,000 refueling missions. And our expanded air operations deliver thousands of tons of cargo per week to forward troops. Air Force cargo missions have directly replaced the need to put more than 1,280 U.S. convoy drivers per week on dangerous Iraqi roads;
- WHEREAS:** Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom our unparalleled space-based capabilities have given joint service war fighters the winning edge in navigation and timing, missile warning, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, weather and global communication. Our Airmen are giving all they have and utilizing their outstanding training and technical knowledge that make them so valuable.
- WHEREAS:** Your contributions provide the needed resources to continue our efforts to inform the American public of the vital importance of maintaining our Air Force as the strongest Air Force in the world.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by members of the Executive Committee of the Second Air Division Association of the Eighth Air Force (of WWII) whose casualty list was 6700+ and;
- WHEREAS:** Our membership has assembled in San Antonio, Texas, for their 58th annual convention; that
- A. As a Veterans organization we extend our full support to the men and women of the United States Air Force as they pursue the policies and seek the peace of the United States in the military conflict now being waged; and,
 - B. We extend our sincere heartfelt sorrow to the families of those who have lost loved ones; and,
 - C. We salute you as the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force for your ambition and incredible courage in performance of your duty.
- SO ADOPTED:** This 25th day of May 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Gregory".

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Hello, there, from Rittenhouse Square”

BY JOHN de CANI (489TH), 2ADA PRESIDENT

A brief sketch of the early history of the Second Air Division Association appears on pages C1 and C2 of our *Policies and Procedures Handbook*. Here are some selected excerpts from this sketch:

In 1946, seven former members of the Second Air Division of the Eighth Air Force met in Chicago to relive and recount the fond memories of their wartime military associations. It was out of this fledgling meeting that these founder members launched their efforts to locate additional veterans of Second Air Division affiliation, and to lay plans for a bigger and better “wing ding” in Chicago in 1948. Coincidentally, a group of veterans of the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) were also organizing in Chicago for a similar purpose. Fortuitously in 1949 the two groups met and the WAC contingent was invited to join in the social events of the second Convention of the Second Air Division Association. Out of this meeting came an agreement to combine their efforts for the 1950 Convention. Thus began the Second Air Division Association as we know it today.

At the first Convention a committee was appointed to draw up a set of Bylaws. These were presented at the business meeting of the 1949 Convention and adopted. The Association was . . . chartered as a nonprofit organization, registered in Illinois on 10 January 1950 . . .

Original objectives of the Association were:

1) To perpetuate the friendships and associations made during service with the Second Air Division of the Eighth Air Force.

2) To advocate and support an effective military establishment.

3) To support financially, and in any other way, the Memorial Trust of the Second Air Division.

4) To undertake such other activities as may from time-to-time be deemed appropriate by the membership.

For the record, the cover of the Summer 1993 issue of *The Journal* lists the following founding members of 2ADA: Henry Brandt, Henry Dietch, Clem Kowalczyk, Jim Laponie, Howard Moore, Ray Strong, Jordan Uttal, and Percy Young. As far as I know, Ray Strong and Jordan Uttal are the only founding members still with us.

The details given by Jordan in the Spring 2005 issue of *The Journal* differ somewhat from these. They involve much more jollity and are, no doubt, closer to the truth.

The objectives of the 2ADA as stated in 1950 have been modified slightly in the fifty-three years that passed until the most recent amendment of the bylaws in 2003. There are now three purposes instead of four objectives. The amended bylaws say:

The purpose of this Association shall be:

1) To advocate and to support an adequate, effective, and efficient Army, Navy, and Air Force at all times,

2) To perpetuate the friendships and memories of service together in the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, in England during World War II, and

3) To support financially, and in any other way, as the first priority, the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division as represented by the Second Air Division Memorial Room of the Norwich Millennium Library; and, to undertake such other activities as may from time to time be deemed appropriate by the membership.

The story of the founding of our Memorial Trust is told in both Jordan's column in the Spring 2005 issue of *The Journal* and in the *Policies and Procedures Handbook*. We begin with the latter:

Early in 1945, before hostilities had ceased in Europe, members of the Second Air Division, Eighth Air Force, gave thought to establishing a memorial in East Anglia dedicated to their fallen comrades they would shortly be leaving behind.

Many ideas were advanced concerning the form such a Memorial should take . . . The proposed new Central Library in Norwich, England, seemed most likely to provide the most appropriate setting for what was destined to become a . . . unique memorial.

From thought to completion is always a long step in any project and so it

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SENIOR'S RAMBLINS

BY ALAN SENIOR (446TH)
2ADA EXECUTIVE VP

This being my first opportunity to greet all members of our Second Air Division Association since being elected to the office of Executive Vice President, I would like for those of you whom I have not met, to know who I am. Growing up in a small town in western New York near Buffalo, I was in my second year of high school when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. It was during my senior year at 17 years old that I volunteered for induction to escape the draft so I could select the branch of service in which to serve. I had a preference for the air force because I wanted to fly and become a pilot. Regretfully, that did not work; however, I was able to fly as a crew member, an armorer/aerial gunner assigned to a B-24 crew. Upon completion of our transition training, we picked up a new B-24 and were on our way to England, flying the Northern route. Our new home in England was Station 125 at Flixton, the 446th Bomb Group in East Anglia.

No one could have thought, or even imagined, on that AAF payday early in June 1945 that our "donation" for a proposed memorial would grow into what it is today — *The 2nd Air Division Memorial Library*. How proud we should be! I will work diligently to make certain that the level of support remains high and ongoing.

I joined the 2ADA in 1995 and became "Stamp Chairman" in 1999. After five years of writing letters to philatelic offices all over the world in search of a commemorative B-24 stamp, it became a reality five years later when the Isle of Man issued a stamp honoring and commemorating the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, Operation Overlord.

I solicit your comments, suggestions and ideas as we go through the coming months together. ■

Editor's Note: We also wish to thank Fred Gerritz for his successful effort in obtaining the U.S. Liberator stamp.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued from page 3)*

proved to be in the case of this proposed memorial. On Thursday, May 25, 1945, General William E. Kepner handed over to city officials duplicate trust deeds establishing the Trust Fund for which 20,000 pounds was subscribed in less than one month by virtually everyone in the Second Air Division at the time. This included Fighter as well as Bomb Groups.

In the words of General Kepner when making the presentation: "This memorial must be a spiritually living thing. The deep and sacred feeling giving birth to this Memorial — that our comrades' spirit of youth, hope and desire for a world of decency, freedom and peace must live on — must imbue this Memorial with that same sacred spirit dedicated to oncoming generations whose way of life they died to protect. This Memorial must be a haven wherein the flame of their principles will burn brightly and eternally, wherein the bewildered, stumbling footsteps of succeeding generations can be unerringly placed on the right paths.

Since you probably don't have the Spring 2005 issue of *The Journal* at your fingertips, I quote from Jordan's column:

What a great idea for a memorial to our fallen comrades came up during a lunch in early 1945 with B.G. Milton Arnold, 2nd Combat Wing; Lt. Col. Fred Bryan, Headquarters 2AD; and Lt. Col. Ion Walker, 467th BG. They in turn went to our Commanding General, William Kepner, who enthusiastically embraced the idea. After V.E. Day, May 8, 1945, an appeal for funds was sent out to all 2nd Air Division personnel stationed in England, and in a matter of three weeks, £20,000 (\$4.00 each) was raised and turned over to Norwich officials in June 1945.

Within weeks after this, the Memorial Trust of the Second Air Division USAAF was formed and registered under British law, with three originators of the idea and two other Americans as members of the original Board of Governors.

What, exactly, the memorial was to be was not decided, but in a short while the local officials and the Board of Governors agreed that it should be a library unit that would be part of the planned new Norwich City Library.

A copy of the Declaration of Trust of "The Memorial of the 2nd Air Division United States Army Air Forces" is included in the *Policies and Procedures Handbook*. In it, Milton Arnold, Fred Bryan, and Ion Walker are described as "the founders." The ranks of Milton Arnold and Fred Bryan are given as "Colonel in the United States Army" and the rank of Ion Walker is given as "Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army." The amount of the trust is given as £20,916 14s." At \$4.00 to the pound, this works out to \$83,666.80, a fairly respectable sum in 1945.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Our library is, literally, a "living memorial," for a library is alive, continually renewing itself, preserving what is historically important and changing the collection to keep abreast of developments in the areas in which it specializes. As a retired scholar, I am especially proud of our Second Air Division Memorial Library.

So are the people of East Anglia. I close by quoting two Chairmen of the Memorial Trust separated by a span of ten years.

From the report of Tom Eaton, Chairman of the Memorial Trust in 1994, taken from the Winter 2004 issue of the *2ADA Journal*:

The Memorial is greater than a special room in the Norwich Central Library . . . The Second Air Division Memorial was founded so that those who died might be remembered from generation to generation by the people of East Anglia and beyond through the reading of American literature so that all might gain, over the years, a better understanding of America and Americans.

From the text of the Report to the Executive Committee of the Second Air Division by Matthew Martin, Chairman of the Memorial Trust Board of Governors, in May 2005:

The Memorial Library of the 2nd Air Division is a most remarkable thing. It is a civilised place in a world which is very frequently uncivilised. It is a Memorial to nearly 7000 of your number who perished in a war against the worst evil the world has ever known. It is also a Memorial to you all.

This is being written at the end of July. You will be reading it in November just before the Holidays. So I wish you the joys of the season and a happy and prosperous 2006. We'll see you in Washington in October 2006. ■

YOUR HERITAGE LEAGUE

BY BRIAN MAHONEY

Greetings, from a humid summer in Washington, hot on the heels of the enjoyable convention in San Antonio. The holidays and cold weather will be upon us when you read these words, so please accept our best wishes to you and yours at this special time of year.

Our new officers are primed for the work of becoming more visible and operating more programs that honor and remember the services and sacrifices of you veterans (and your colleagues who paid the supreme price during the war, or have "folded wings" since).

Many of my old and new fellow Heritage League executives came to the Riverwalk convention from a working meeting in Tucson, where we were made to feel most welcome by the 492nd BG folks, among whom many of us have our primary "veteran connection" in the Second Air Division. We were inspired by the passage of time to make two steps that I am pleased to share here.

First, by a unanimous special e-mail vote on the 60th anniversary of VE Day (May 8, 2005) we created an Honorary Lifetime Membership, free to veterans who served in the Second Air Division, or with any unit attached or assigned, British or American, in England during WWII. This is a free membership and allows appointment to our committees, but does not entail voting or office-holding. We aim to enroll vets "in person" at conventions, but also by correspondence on request. Feel free to send your address, e-mail address, phone and unit designation to Sue Risley, Membership VP, at 659 Columbia Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Then look for your *Heritage Herald* newsletters!

Our second decision was to hold a convention of our own, welcoming the vets, their spouses or widows, kids, grandchildren and friends, to a summer convention. The exact dates of our after-the-Fourth-of-July meeting in Savannah in July of 2006 will be published on our website (<http://www.heritageleague.org>) and in both the next *Heritage Herald* and the next *Journal*. Concerns that our energies will be diluted from fully participating in your next

bash, at the dedication of the Air Force Memorial in October of 2006, have been allayed. Our convention committee is in contact with the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum staff and hotels nearby, and we are "pencil in" the details right now. Our timing, pricing and activities will accommodate working families with kids in school. Our hope is that the *Fightin' Sam* exhibit, to which we contributed a symbolic 1% early in the drive, will be fully funded, up, and showing proud by then. (We voted in Tucson to donate another \$500, for a total to date of \$1,750).

As president, I am all about seeing to a "smooth transition" of activities that keep alive the memory and important lessons of you and your fallen comrades in service to freedom sixty years ago. We established a Transition Committee (chaired by our ex-president Irene Hurner, a proud 453rd BG daughter) which stands ready to meet with the 2ADA and any veteran organization of any unit of the Second Air Division, to see if we can perpetuate your programs, such as wreath-laying or oversight of an endowed memorial marker maintenance program. She can be written at 45415 San Antonio Valley Road, Livermore, CA 94550, and I can be reached best via e-mail at BriCamera@MindSpring.com. We hope that as your organizations wind down, you will be comforted to see our strengthening vision and purpose carrying the torch forward. Irene and I look forward to your suggestions and encouragement.

We presently lay wreaths on Memorial Day at American Battle Monument Commission cemeteries in Cambridge, Netherlands, and Belgium (Henri-Chapelle and Ardennes), and on D-Day at Normandy. We strongly support the Memorial Library, directly and by book donation, and count the Trust Governors and the membership of "Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial" as great friends and important allies into the future. We want to enroll descendants of *all* who served in the 2nd Air Division, "groundpounders and flyboys" alike, as we socialize, educate, support good research and publish.

In my short time among a strong set of new friends – my present and past Heritage League officer colleagues – I have come to hear and value the personal story of each one, as a "kid" or grandchild of "one of you." We are individually inspired to *never forget*, and as an organization we are determined to turn this strong sentiment into an enduring proud reminder to the world of the pivotal role of your service. Our "agenda" is pretty simple: we are not merely your descendants and friends. To a member, the Heritage League honors, respects and loves you veterans. ■

San Diego B-24 Memorial

BY RICHARD D. BUTLER (44TH)

The bronze B-24 model will be the centerpiece of the Veterans Memorial Center in Balboa Park in San Diego. It will be in the Veterans Memorial Garden in front of the Veterans Museum. Ground-breaking for the Memorial Garden took place in early March of this year.

The B-24 model will be the same as the one we helped to place at the Air Force Academy. It is being constructed by Robert Henderson and scheduled to arrive in San Diego in August. The dedication is scheduled to take place this coming Veterans Day, 11 November. The dedication ceremony will include a parade down Park Boulevard from the San Diego Zoo to the memorial area. Retired Brigadier General Bob Cardenas (44th BG), a 2ADA member, is in charge of the events associated with the dedication. He plans to have a decorated float in the parade with some B-24 veterans on the float.

Fundraising is ongoing both for the construction of the model and for the fund that is required by Balboa Park authorities for the maintenance of it in the future. Such a maintenance fund is required by the authorities for any object or building installed in the park.

George Welsh (*see address on page 35*) has stated that the name of any person or organization that donated \$500 or more will be included on the master bronze plaque. Individual plaques, benches, or other such items are not permitted by park authorities. Six of our bomb groups have made contributions of \$1,000 or more and one other has made a pledge to do so. George attended our 2ADA monthly Debriefing Luncheon last month and displayed a very good B-24 lithograph that he has had reproduced. He got signatures from some of us on twelve copies that he intends to auction on E-bay. Funds raised by this will go to the maintenance fund.

It is not yet known how the current problems in San Diego government will impact the Veterans Memorial. The mayor, who has been an outstanding supporter of the memorial, is resigning. However, all the funds that have been raised for the B-24 model are strictly just for it. Public funds, most of which came from a grant by the State of California, are being used for construction of the Memorial Garden. ■

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389th Bomb Group

Black, Murray & Alvin
Borland, Dave
Denton, Helene
Doyle, Charles & Thomas Hughes
Driscoll, Barney & Emme
Gebhard, Norbert & Betty
Hallett, Allan & Jean
Howell, Leonard, Myrtis & Paul
Katz, Stan & Sylvia
Koorndyk, Bud
Lozowicki, Vince & Carroll and
Megan & Margaret Tisue
McClain, Jim
McMillan, Kelsey
Meuse, Bob
Morgan, John & Mary Detwiler
Newton, Fielder & Marge
Peterson, Dick
Tucholski, John & Margery
Watson, Bob & Joyce Ujuary
Zimmerman, Earl and Cindy & Brad Russell

Guests from Hethel

Palmer, Al & Sue
Squires, Fred
Wiltshire, Ray & Sheila Street
Waterfield, Kevin

392nd Bomb Group

Bambauer, Gil & Martha
Baumgart, Vernon
Books, Bob & Carol
Conrad, John
Furth, E.B.
Perry, Tom & Jay and Cynthia Perry & Ryan Biel
Stasney, Alvin & Ginny
Tudor, Jim & Lee Ann
Zybort, Stan & Helen Przystupa

445th Bomb Group

Bowen, Doc
DiMola, Elizabeth
Dyson, Jack & Doris
Elfstrom, LeRoy & June
Lemmons, Ray & Jean
Luhmann, Clarence & Winnefred
Patterson, Joan & Peter, Ashley & Lynn Holliday
Pytel, Ray
Querbach, Albert & Dorothy and John Eckert
Roloff, Ed & Sue & Randy
Shafer, David
Simpson, Michael
Thevaos, Ted & John
Walker, Chuck & Susan & Andrew Horlock
Wilgus, Jim & Mary
Zobac, Ed & Rosalie

446th Bomb Group

Risley, Aud, Fern & Sue
Senior, Alan & Joyce

448th Bomb Group

Hensey, Bill & Jean
Kennedy, Dick & Bobbie
Schultz, King & Paula

453rd Bomb Group

Baer, Lester
Biel, Albert & Claire & Irene Hurner,
Rose Lighty & Gretchen Hurner
Dyke, Jim & Dorothy & Rick &
Sylvia Andrew
Harriman, Russ
Morris, Mo
Morris, Walt
Oliva, Odo
Prang, Lloyd & Irene
Robert, Dick & Bill & Roslyn Dugan
Tsottles, Gus & Mary
Williamson, Allen & Dorothy
Wittig, Herman & Linda

458th Bomb Group

Brumby, Birto & Ann
Craft, Harry
Geppelt, Elmo & Joanna
Jones, Robert & Janet
Pulse, Dick & Betty
Rokicki, Rick & Ceil
Shaffer, Delbert & Sara

466th Bomb Group

Kerry, Perry
Lorenz, Jim
Mohr, Stan & JoAnn
Nothstein, Bill & Lue
Russell, Jim & Elinor
Saltarelli, John & Jean & Mary &
Joseph
Smith, Lucien & Elizabeth Asnes

467th Bomb Group

Bickel, Ray & Jonathan
Dzenowagis, Joe, Helen, Joe, Jr.,
Victor & Linda & Joan & Anastasia
Gourd, Paul
Gregory, Geoff & Terry & Ken, Marta,
Andrew & Chris Gregory
McFarland, Alan
Mahoney, Brian
Miller, Dick & Bernadette
Mundy, Walt & Ruth
Shower, Charlotte
Stevens, Jack & Lucille

489th Bomb Group

deCani, John
Engler, Don & Shirley
Freudenthal, Charlie & Helen
Hoffman, Francis
Homan, John & Irene
Lamar, John & Pat
Pontillo, Mel
Sorensen, Neal

491st Bomb Group

Bennett, Hugh & Bea

Headquarters

Cohen, Evelyn & Lillian
Krogmann, Dottie
Reeves, Jim & Edna & Charles &
Patsie Bevis
Storms, Eleanor
Strong, Ray
Uttal, Jordan
Veynar, Milt & Caron

2ADA/Fulbright Librarian

Glenn Gray

Board of Governors

Hastings, David & Jean
Hawker, Andrew & Andrea
Martin, Matthew (Chairman)

The Editor's Comments

BY RAY PYTEL (445TH)

SEVERAL LAST-MINUTE FLASHES

The sale of the Jimmy Stewart book is apparently going quite well. Zenith Press ran out of their supply and had to order an additional batch.

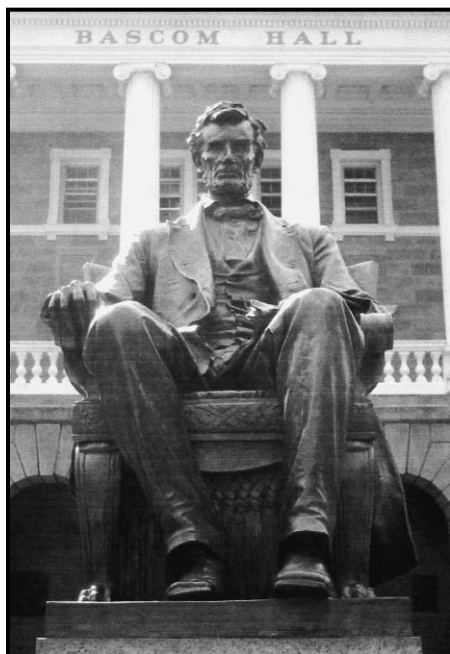
While corresponding with the editors of the British magazine *This England*, which has several million readers, I was given the impression that they will run a review of the Stewart book as soon as they obtain some additional information from Zenith.

On the *Fightin' Sam* front, chairman Walter Mundy indicated that they are past the halfway mark and they have quite a number of the groups that have not reported as yet. Looks like the Mighty Eighth Museum will be able to start on the 2ADA B-24 display changes next year.

ANSWERS TO THE SUMMER QUIZ

1. The statue of Abraham Lincoln pictured on page 7 of the Summer *Journal* stands in London among the heroes of democracy honored on Westminster's Parliament Square.

2. The picture below shows Abraham Lincoln in a sitting position since 1909. Every incoming Wisconsin student at the university is quickly apprised of the legend that Lincoln will stand up when a virgin walks by. Needless to say, he hasn't made a move in 96 years.



3. The original words sung to the music of our National Anthem are printed on this page. It was first sung by English university students in the various pubs in the 1700s to honor Anacreon (521 BC), a Greek writer of poetry mostly about love and drinking.

Francis Scott Key wrote a poem in 1814 while a prisoner on a British supply ship. When an opportunity arose to publish, he chose the name "Star Spangled Banner." His brother-in-law, Judge J.H. Nicholson, suggested the tune of "Anacreon in Heaven."

4. Congress officially adopted it as our National Anthem in 1931, long after its unique history had been forgotten.

FALL QUIZ

Question #1: The picture below shows an activity much more common in Britain than in the United States. If you travelled at all during your WWII service in Britain or perhaps on one of your later visits to the rural areas or nearby villages, you probably saw the Brits engaged in this ancient activity and tradition. There is even an annual fall festival dedicated to this age-old method. What is it?



Question #2: The national insignia displayed on our military aircraft went through many changes during WWII. The U.S. entered the war with a red disc centered on a five-pointed white star, the whole set on a dark blue disc.

Change One: On May 15, 1942, an official change was made on all aircraft. Can you recall the reason given for the change, and describe the change.

Change Two: On June 29, 1943, another change was made. Describe this change.

Change Three: On August 14, 1943, still another change was made to the insignia, while some of the groups had not even completed the first two. Describe this change and the reason given for it.

There were also two other "temporary" changes affecting the 44th and 93rd Bomb Groups in 1942 and 1943. Does anyone recall these changes and the reasons given at that time? ■

To Anacreon in Heaven

BY RALPH TOMLINSON AND
JOHN STAFFORD SMITH

Editor's Note: These are the original words to the tune of our National Anthem.

*To Anacreon in Heav'n, where he sat in full glee
A few sons of Harmony sent a petition,
That he their inspirer and patron would be,
When this answer arrived from the jolly old Grecian:
Voice, fiddle and flute,
No longer be mute.
I'll lend you my name, and inspire you to boot . . .
And, besides, I'll instruct you, like me, to entwine
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine.*

*The news to Olympus immediately flew,
Where Old Thunder decided to give himself airs.
"If we suffer these mortals their schemes to pursue,
There's Devil a goddess will stay above stairs."
Hark! Already they cry
In transports of joy,
"A fig for Parnassus, to Rowley's we'll fly!
And there, my good fellows, we'll learn to entwine
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine."*

*The yellow-hair'd god, and his nine fusty maids,
To the hill of old Lud will incontinent flee.
Idalia will boast but of tenantless shades
And the biforked hill a mere desert will be.
My thunder, no fear on't
Will soon do its errand,
And damme!, I'll swinge the ringleaders I warrant,
I'll trim the young dogs, for thus daring to twine,
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine.*

*Apollo rose up; and said prithee ne'er quarrel
Good king of the gods with thy vot'ries below!
Your thunder is useless — then, shewing his laurel
Cry'd "Sic evitable fulmen, you know.
Then over each head
My laurels I'll spread,
So my sons from your crackers no mischief shall dread,
Whilst snug in their club-room, they jovially twine
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine."*

*Next Momus got up, with his risible phiz
And swore with Apollo he'd cheerfully join.
The full tide of harmony still shall be his
But the song, and the catch and the laugh shall be mine.
Then, Jove be not jealous
Of these honest fellows,
Cry'd ove, "We relent, since the truth you now tell us
And swear, by old Styx, that they long shall entwine
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine.*

*Ye sons of Anacreon, then join hand in hand
Preserve unanimity, friends and love.
'Tis your's to support what's so happily plann'd
You've the sanction of gods, and the fiat of love.
While thus we agree
Our toast, let it be
May our club flourish happy, united and free!
And long may the sons of Anacreon entwine
The myrtle of Venus with Bacchus' vine.*

*Words 1770, set to music by Smith 1771.
Recorded on Musical Heritage CD MHS512315X*

Air Force Memorial Progress Report

BY ALFRED "AL" ASCH (93RD)

I was delighted to learn of the good progress of the construction of the Air Force Memorial. The formal ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for October 14, 2006 at the Memorial site. A number of activities are planned: fly-over; reception at hotel; evening band concert back on site and formal lighting of the memorial's three spires and associated grounds. The following day, October 15, several memorial and remembrance services are planned. We will have more details as October 2006 approaches.

The old Navy Annex Building #8 has been demolished, and some 50,000 cubic yards of soil over the entire site have been removed to achieve the necessary grade for the memorial to be fully handicapped accessible. Recently, the contractor has started building the caissons that will support the Memorial's three spires, the tallest of which is 270 feet. Because the combined weight of the spires is over 900 tons, each of the caissons that will support the Memorial are six feet in diameter and over forty feet deep (*see picture below*). What will amaze people most about the spires is that they will be formed from 3/4" solid stainless steel, with no visible weld lines on their entire length. What's more, they're expected to have a life expectancy far in excess of our most famous bridges and similar steel structures.



Construction is ongoing at the site of the Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Air Force Memorial staff was pleased to announce that they have secured the purest black granite on earth for use at the inscription walls. These walls will be inscribed with the names of major donors, Medal of Honor recipients, significant quotes, and other items about the valor of our Air Force.

It is most timely for the 2ADA to hold its convention in the Washington, D.C. area in October 2006. There are several newly opened places of great interest in this area: the National WWII Memorial located on the Mall; the United States Holocaust Museum within walking distance of the WWII Memorial Museum; the National Air and Space Museum at the Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Airport; and the Women in the Military Service for America Memorial located just inside the gate to Arlington National Cemetery.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation is still short \$2.8 million to cover all costs. They continue to accept donations at the following address:

Air Force Memorial Foundation
1501 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22209-1109
Tel. 703-247-5808 • Fax 703-247-5819

2ADA Recognition at the Air Force Memorial

BY RICHARD D. BUTLER (44TH)

After years of controversy as to where the Air Force Memorial was to be placed, an excellent site on a promontory point at the Naval Annex was selected and approved, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Memorial took place on September 15, 2004. Still needed are 2.8 million dollars for completion of construction. Formal dedication of the Memorial is scheduled for 14 October 2006.

Our Association contributed \$25,000 toward the Memorial several years ago and is listed in the "Legion of Merit" category of contributors. As we had never heard what our contribution entitled us to at the Memorial, I sent an e-mail to the Air Force Memorial Foundation on 2 May asking how the 2nd Air Division Association would be recognized in the Memorial. I received a very nice reply as follows:

Dear Colonel Butler:

Currently we are developing the inscriptions that will eventually grace the granite walls within the Air Force Memorial site, to include the acknowledgement of our significant donors such as the 2nd Air Division Association. Although not finalized, we believe that there will be two granite donor walls (10'W x 6'H) at either end of the granite seats that look upon the parade grounds. It is envisioned that the 2nd Air Division Association will be listed as currently shown on our website under the Legion of Merit category. In addition, visitors to the Memorial will also have the opportunity to access the AFM's Charter Sponsor Registry, which obviously contains the 2nd Air Division Association name. In the future, if funding becomes available, it may be possible to develop a software program that will allow inclusion of additional facts for veterans' organizations like yours. However, at this point in time, we are still \$2.8 million short of funds needed to complete the construction funding, and are focused on raising these funds.

We appreciate your significant support to this project, and the heroic deeds that the 2nd Air Division Association did over so many years. We also look forward to sharing this truly unique and grand Memorial with you at the formal dedication on October 14, 2006.

Regards,

*Pete Lindquist, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)
Vice President for Operations
Air Force Memorial Foundation*

Report of the 2ADA Representative on the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust

BY CHUCK WALKER (445TH)

Not a great deal has happened since I made my last *Journal* report except to let you all know the San Antonio convention was one of the best in a long time. The hotel accommodations were excellent and San Antonio's River Walk is a thing of beauty.

Of course, the reason the convention was so successful, from my point of view, was the excellent Executive Committee meetings. **Geoff Gregory** conducted the meetings in a very professional manner. Issues were discussed and decisions agreed upon without rancor. Most notably, the membership agreed to the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Oversight arrangements with the 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian Fund be turned over to the Memorial Trust (the Finance Committee), which has done such an excellent job of managing our Memorial Trust capital funds. Having **Bud Koorndyk** explain in detail the advantages of this change made the membership confident in the wisdom of the change.

I have liaised with Trust Chairman **Matthew Martin** as to his *Journal* article so we don't walk in each other's footsteps. Of course I found he was writing about many of the things I intended to include in my article — so bear with me if there is some duplication.

I plan to attend the November Governors meeting and hopefully will be able to attend the rededication of the American Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral on November 17. Matthew points out that the date is not set in concrete but it does look like it will be held on that date.

Alexis Ciurczak has finished her tour as our 2ADA/Fulbright scholar. She has been an exceptional addition to our Library, and we all thank her very much and wish her well in her future endeavors. Alexis' replacement, **Glenn Gray**, reported in August. He has "big shoes to fill."

It was with great regret that I learned of **Hilary Hammond's** resignation from the Governors. Hilary has been an incomparable force in the creation of our new Library. We would not have the Library we have today were it not for Hilary. Hilary has worked hard for many years on our behalf. He is a master librarian! Indeed, he was a major force in the building of The Forum and new Norfolk/Norwich Library yet still devoted so much to the planning of our Memorial Library. Hilary and his wife **Jill** have been good friends, and I hope



Chuck Walker received this picture in the mail from Karl G. Goff, who wrote: "I read with interest your column in the Summer 2005 *Journal* about the bequest from Ted Kaye. Ted (originally Ted Kalatsky) and I served together in the 445th BG, 703rd Squadron at Tibenham." Shown are Harold Clark, John Rohal (co-pilot), Robert Murray (pilot), Arthur Contos, Roy Williams, Ted Kaye, Karl Goff, Vince Rispoli, Jim Houston, and Joel Roberts.

to see them often on my visits to Norwich. I look forward to the next *Journal* as I will be able to report on the November Governors meeting and the possible appointment of a new Governor.

Matthew Martin also will give us a detailed financial report. So much has hap-

pened since the **Bernard Matthews** donation and the **Ted Kaye** bequest, but Matthew was unable to include an up-to-date report in this issue.

As this will be the last issue of *The Journal* this year, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. ■

More Than Halfway There for "FIGHTIN' SAM"

BY WALTER MUNDY (467th), "Second to None" Campaign Chairman

I am pleased to report the current status of the Legendary Liberator Campaign to enhance the Second Air Division display with the *Fightin' Sam* exhibit at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum.

Judy Walker, the museum's Director of Development, has advised that they have received approximately \$71,000 and more is coming in. Bill Nothstein, 2ADA Treasurer, has received and is holding \$2,200 for *Fightin' Sam*. So we are more than halfway to our \$125,000 goal and we still have yet to hear from most of the groups that are mounting their campaigns for funds via their newsletters and personal letters.

I have written letters of request to Pratt & Whitney, Ford, Boeing, and Hyatt, all of which are large corporations that built the B-24s and/or have profited from the 2AD legacy. At this time I have no reason to celebrate that these corporations will come to the party. I assure you all that if they do not elect to become sponsors, I will be extremely disappointed since their support costs them NOTHING. It is tax-free!

This leads me to the position that the legacy of the 467th BG, the 2nd Air Division, and the USAAF instilled in me: We always hit the target; we were never turned back. I know that all of those who served together will be proud of what we have targeted to do, and I am confident that each of us will reach down and find something to give one more time. Do it now. ■

SIXTY YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

Address given by DAVID HASTINGS, Memorial Trust Governor and Past Chairman of the Memorial Trust, at the 2ADA Banquet in San Antonio, May 2005

Mr. President and members of the 2nd Air Division Association, it is wonderful for Jean and I to be back with you in San Antonio and this time to have made the banquet. If you remember the last time we were here, nearly twenty-five years ago, I went AWOL, having been rushed into hospital on the day of the banquet. What a terrible thing to do at my first convention as a new Trust Governor!

Can it really be over sixty years since we first met, in those dark days of the Forties when you came to join us in the fight for freedom. Your arrival was the bright light at the end of a very dark tunnel. Your bravery, sacrifice, and friendship were truly wonderful. To have you back to our homes and to share your trials and worries was an unbelievable experience. The sight and sound of many groups of B-24 Liberators forming up in the Norfolk skies was something that no other generation will ever see. The highspot was being allowed in your B-24s and the low point was to see at first hand the huge price you were paying for our freedom. For two weeks or so we would get to know a crew in our house and then suddenly they would not be there. When we asked the others what had happened to Bill's crew, they would hang their heads and say, "They did not make it back on Friday."

Then your vision in 1945 when you left us to return home — a living Memorial Library — what a legacy you have given us and the future generations. To be a Trust Governor for the past very exciting twenty-five years has been a highlight in our lives. To watch your Memorial grow from the unstaffed American Room in the old Central Library to the new, magnificent 2nd Air Division Memorial Library with our own staff, superb book stock and facilities in our impressive new Forum building has been wonderful, and I was fortunate to be trained by senior Governors such as Tom Eaton, Alfred Jenner, Lady Mayhew, and Anne Barne — you could not ask for better tutors.

Geoff has asked me to mention some of the memories of my twenty-five years as a Governor, and here are just a few. The start of your 2nd Air Division Association/Fulbright Librarian programme was so exciting, and look what you have achieved, the only library in Europe to have such an appointment. Next came the birth of the Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial in Norwich and the Heritage League in the United States, and you have only to look at Fred Squires and his team from the 389th at Hethel who are here tonight to see how fortunate we are in the Trust to have such great people to look after all your old bases and support the Memorial Library. We would be lost without them.

Your Memorial Library strengthens the bonds of friendship across the ocean in a way that no other organisation can do, and talking of friendship, can Jean and I add our sympathy to you and the family in the great loss of your Association Secretary, David Patterson. David was president of the Association that year in San Antonio and nursed me as a new Governor; indeed he bailed me out of the hospital and we have been close friends with David and Joan ever since. He also gave me as a pilot the priceless gift of flying with him over 29,000 miles in your great country — all the way round the world and some more. You don't fly that far beside someone without getting to know them. David became almost like a brother to me, a superb pilot who loved his country and the Memorial Library and a truly great man who gave us so many happy memories. Life will never be the same without him, and we were just so pleased that we could be with Joan and the family at his very moving memorial service last Sunday.

Next, your conventions in the USA, and what a great family you are. You have shown us so many parts of the United States, and can we especially thank Evelyn Cohen for all her hard work in making the conventions so successful. Until you have the privilege of working with Evelyn as Jean and I have done on the Norwich conventions, you have no idea of the huge amount of work involved.

Then the Norwich conventions, again what memories, and you have brought happiness to thousands of Norfolk people by just coming back. What about the special trains, they were fun; the dancing to the big band on the platform at Norwich Station — that will never be seen again! Your Fanfare; the Cathedral services; that memorable RAF Coltishall Air Show, which we later found out cost the RAF over \$850,000; being with you at Madingley; the year when there were so many of you that we had to build a big tent on the Norfolk Showground for the banquet. The next time you came, we had then opened the superb Norwich Sport Village and we sat over 1200 people down for dinner — a night to remember.

In 1992 when I was one of the pilots to fly a B-24 across the Atlantic to Norwich Airport to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the arrival in England of the 8th Air Force — what a dream come true — and to fly those tribute flights over all your old bases with youngsters on board and bring the sight and sound of a B-24 back to Norfolk.

Then in 1994 came the terrible fire that destroyed the Central Library. I will never forget that morning, standing with Tom Eaton and Hilary Hammond and just feeling so helpless. But we promised you that we would rebuild, and to be part of the team that worked with one of the top designers in the UK to achieve your dream was wonderful.

In 1995 we had the VE Day Parade, and thanks to you we had the finest parade in Great Britain. You marched all the way from the City Hall to the Cathedral under a pure blue sky and we ended that great day with our own show at the Theatre Royal — memories indeed.

In November 2001 you came back to open your new Memorial Library, undeterred by the terrible events of 9/11, to see your dream come true and to receive the long overdue Freedom of the City of Norwich, the highest honour our City can bestow.

Then of course how can we forget the Royal Opening of the Forum in 2002, when we broke all the rules and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh did indeed sign the visitors book and did accept your medallion. I was so touched by his comment to me after he had toured your Memorial and read a book-plate and said that he had "not seen a more moving memorial."

So now, twenty-five years on, the wheel has turned the full circle as for the past three years I have been privileged to fly as the Honorary Squadron Commander at Mildenhall with the youngsters of the United States Air Force of today — your successors, and they are still just as friendly, skilled, and brave. Jean and I have been delighted to play our part in supporting their families while their loved ones were away again fighting for freedom, this time in Iraq.

Now the younger generations on both sides of the Atlantic have to ensure that the friendships you began sixty years ago which we have enjoyed so much, continue on down the ages and that your unique and beautiful 2nd Air Division Memorial Library will always remain a beacon of hope for the future.

God bless the 2nd Air Division Association and God bless America. We will never forget you. ■

Conversacion y. Musica desde San Antonio

BY ALAN SENIOR (446TH), 2ADA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The 58th Annual Convention of our 2nd Air Division Association was gaveled to order in San Antonio, Texas on May 27th by President **Geoff Gregory**, who also chaired the two-day Executive Committee meetings prior to the general convention. The attendance was approximately 250.

Nominations: **John deCani**, President; **Alan Senior**, Executive Vice President; **Evelyn Cohen**, Vice President Membership and Convention Committee Chairperson; **Bill Nothstein**, Treasurer; **James P. Dyke**, Secretary; **Ray Pytel**, Journal Editor. All nominees were presented to the general membership business meeting. There were two nominations for President from the floor, but these did not prevail. All nominees were elected. May God guide and direct them as they do our Association's work in the coming months and years.

Our English friends in attendance at the convention: **Matthew Martin**, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust; Trust Governor **Andrew Hawker** and his wife **Andrea**; and **David Hastings** and his wife **Jean**, favorites of the 2ADA conventions. Their attendance and participation in our conventions is beyond evaluation! Without them the 2ADA would not have the flavor of our English origins. Our 2ADA Representative to the Board of Governors, **Chuck Walker**, is the bridge that connects "us" with "them." He

is terrific! Additionally, **Fred Squires** and **Kevin Waterfield**, both from England and members of the 389th BG, joined us. Thank so much for being with us.

The Heritage League was well represented by **Brian Mahoney**, **Irene Hurner**, **Sue Risley**, and **Linda Wittig**. The 2ADA is expecting big things from the Heritage League in the coming years as our membership continues to age.

Jordan Uttal was his usual ubiquitous self, overseeing the Candle Lighting Ceremony, making suggestions on protocol, and making certain that our name must reflect that we are the 2nd Air Division Association (not the 2nd Air Division).

Our new 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian, **Glenn Gray**, was with us, and from what I have heard from the people who should know, he is in the class of our former librarian! We are, indeed, fortunate and proud to attract such individuals.

A nice touch for these wives: **Ardith Butler**, **Terry Gregory**, **Maxine Oakey**, and daughter **Caron Veynar** were each presented with a beautiful gold pendant with a diamond on a gold chain inscribed with the words "Second Air Division Association" in recognition of their support to their husbands and the 2ADA.

We are pleased to see **Joan Patterson** and family in San Antonio. Glad you were with us, Joan.

The big news is the change of our next convention date, from May 2006 to October 13-15, 2006 which will coincide with the dedication of the United States Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C.!! The fourteen bomb groups are requested and encouraged to join the 2ADA in a show of solidarity in Washington, D.C. It will take some doing, so talk it up with your bomb group now. More on this later.

The 389th BG wins the most Happy Fun Group award, as their hospitality room was the proverbial "beehive of activity." **Kelsey McMillan**, 389th BG Historian, was working her laptop, while others were visiting and laughing and enjoying a variety of adult beverages. (My room was across the hall, so)

Most of you have heard of the "Second to None Campaign," a joint effort between the 2ADA and the Mighty Eighth Museum in Savannah, GA. The motivation is to have a larger and better 2ADA presence at the museum. This, in turn, will also give us a well-deserved larger presence in America. **Walter Mundy** is the chairman of the "Second to None Campaign" committee, with members **Hugh Bennett** and **Alan Senior**.

Second Air Division Association, here's looking at you kid, and the years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Let the Games Begin!! ■

OLD BUCKENHAM



NEWS OF THE 453RD FROM FLAME LEAP

BY LLOYD W. PRANG

Although it seems like only yesterday, it was many moons ago that **Abe Wilen** and **Ralph McClure** made arrangements with the authorities at the Primary School in Carleton Rode, England to preserve the memory of our **Maj. General Andy Low**. It took a lot of doing, but a trust fund was finally established. Books for the school were to be purchased each year from the interest earned from the money the 453rd had placed in the fund.

Abe receives a letter each year from the head teacher at the Carleton Rode Primary School. This year Mr. David Street wrote that the following five books had been purchased: *Eyewitness of Ancient Greece* by Dorling Kindersley; *Mr. Wolf's Pancakes* by Jan Fearnley; *Toffee's New*

Friend by Sally Chamber; *Best-Loved Bear* by Diana Noonan and Elizabeth Fuller; and *Watch Me Grow-Frog* by Dorling Kindersley. This is truly the gift that keeps on giving, and it's working to keep Andy's memory alive.

The Internet is a great source of "information". Here are some great words of "wisdom," titled "A Wild Friday Night at Our House."

Another year has passed and we're all a little older. Last summer felt hotter and winter seems much colder. – There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast. Now I fully understand about "Living in the Past." – We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches. Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral

brunches. – We used to have hangovers from parties that were gay. Now we suffer body aches and while the night away. – We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill. Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill. – We used to often travel near and far. Now we get sore asses from riding in the car. – We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze. Now we stay at home at night and watch the evening news. – That, my friend, is how life is, and now my tale is told. So, enjoy each day and live it up . . . before you're too darned old.

HOW TRUE IT IS! We're happy to report that at least 70 people are following this advice and are intending to attend the 453rd reunion in Arlington Heights, IL, October 21-24, 2005. By the time you read this it will probably be too late for you to do anything about attending this reunion, but I thought I'd pass it on anyway. Perhaps next time, in Washington, D.C. in 2006?

The 2ADA 2006 Convention is being planned for the Washington, D.C. area. The
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The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF

BY MATTHEW MARTIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

GREETINGS FROM NORWICH! It hardly seems possible that as I write this it is only seven weeks since I was at the 2ADA convention in San Antonio. I never cease to be amazed and impressed by Evelyn Cohen's capacity to organise these events. Evelyn's stamina is prodigious. The convention was a great success. It was a pleasure for me to meet old friends and make new ones. Your president, Geoff Gregory, did sterling work with great perception. You Americans are a warm and friendly people and you always make all those who come from the UK feel welcome.

This gives me the opportunity to say a big thank you for all your help, both financial and otherwise, that you gave the Library whilst I was at the convention. I came back to the UK with a number of checks. These were given by a variety of people and organizations. Thank you one and all for this money. We really do appreciate it. I hope to write an article in the next *Journal* with more information about the finances of the Memorial Library so that the members of the 2ADA can see the progress we are making. We still remain heavily dependent on the Norfolk County Council for financial support, and I now have more details which I hope to share with you. After all, the Memorial Library is *your* library, and some of you may be wondering where we have got to in our drive to make the Library financially independent.

Also the 2ADA kindly agreed to make changes to the oversight arrangements for the Fulbright Librarianship fund. This gives the Governors the opportunity of working more closely with the Fulbright Commission in London and will, I believe, ensure a sound ongoing basis for this most important facility. Here I must pay tribute to Bud Koorndyk, who was chairman of the now defunct Oversight Committee. Throughout, Bud was helpful, constructive, and, most importantly, very wise.

On VE Day in Norwich in May we remembered all those who lost their lives in the Second World War including those members of the 2nd Air Division. We had over a thousand visitors in the Memorial Library on the 8th May. It was just possible that some of these came to enjoy some free doughnuts that Alexis Ciurczak, our 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian, had made available. We know that a good number of our visitors that day had not visited the Memorial Library before.

Also in May, Alexis and Lesley Fleetwood, one of our Trust Assistant Librarians, arranged to go to the Cathedral in Nor-

wich where the BBC was filming *Antiques Roadshow*. The producers of that programme had expressed an interest in seeing some of the memorabilia from the Library, and Alexis took with her two short snorters, an Eisenhower jacket, aviator soap and some photographs of personnel including Jimmy Stewart. These were all filmed and we are all hoping that they will be shown on a viewing later in the year, although no promises were made.

We will shortly be saying farewell to Alexis. As the 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian she has been a wonderful member of our team. She has always been cheerful and helpful although it has not always been easy for her as her father has not been well whilst Alexis has been in the UK. We wish her and her father well in the future.

In turn we are looking forward to greeting our next 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian, Glenn Gray from Fresno University, California. I met Glenn whilst he attended the convention in San Antonio and I am delighted to be able to report that he is going to be splendid for our team. It is a major move for him as he is bringing his family with him, his wife Holly and his son Ethan. All of them will receive the warmest of welcomes.

In November this year there will be a number of events:

13th November – Remembrance Sunday at Norwich Cathedral preceded by a wreath-laying at the Memorial Gardens in front of City Hall Norwich.

14th November – The Trust's Annual General Meeting at County Hall Norwich.

16th November – Lecture by Lord Owen entitled "NATO Is Not Dead." Lord Owen is a former UK Foreign Secretary and worked closely with Cyrus Vance, the U.S. Secretary of State at the time.

17th November – A service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London to celebrate the restoration of the American Chapel which was built after the Second World War to honour all American service personnel who lost their lives whilst based in the UK including those who served in the 2nd Air Division. At the time of writing this report the arrangements for this service are not certain and anyone thinking of attending it should liaise carefully with me.

All members of the 2nd Air Division are most welcome to attend the other events.

At the most recent meeting of the Governors I had to report the sad news that my Vice Chairman, Hilary Hammond, had retired as a Governor. Hilary has been intimately involved in the Memorial Library

since 1987. It is impossible to exaggerate the extent of the contributions that Hilary has given to the Library. We will be saying a formal thank you to Hilary in November but I wish to record, through the columns of *The Journal*, our real gratitude for all he has done.

Finally I would like to conclude this article with the words I used at the end of my speech at the banquet at the close of the convention:

When the first contingent of American troops landed in Britain during the Second World War, their commander, General Eaker, is reported to have said: "I have nothing to say until we have done something; I hope when we go you will be glad we came."

I wish to say just this. We are indeed glad you came, we are deeply grateful for what you did, and we remember with profound sorrow the price that had to be paid. ■

NEWS OF THE 453RD *(continued)*

primary reason for going there is that the formal dedication of the Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C. is scheduled for Saturday, 14 October 2006. The 2ADA contributed \$25,000 toward this memorial several years ago and is listed in the "Legion of Merit" category of contributors. This date works very well for us, since the 453rd isn't planning a reunion of its own in 2006.

A Tour of the White House: An opinion was expressed that we might use time during the 2ADA convention as an opportunity to take a tour of the White House. Attendees from groups other than the 453rd might also be interested in this. Plans need to be made well in advance. Therefore, if you are interested in touring the White House, please let me know immediately.

Finally, an FYI: The Executive Committee of **The Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division** has approved the following: "The Heritage League shall extend an Honorary Lifetime Membership to every living veteran of the 2nd Air Division during WWII, who served in any of its units, British or American, attached or assigned. Honorary lifetime membership does not include voting or office-holding privileges." To enroll, simply send your name, address, phone number/e-mail address and Group/Squadron/Unit to Susan Risley, Membership VP, 659 Columbia Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Her e-mail address is srisley@aol.com. ■



SEETHING

The 448th Speaks

BY KING SCHULTZ

FOLDED WINGS

Ira Wells; Lester S. McGowan; Nick P. Rabagia, Jr.; and Leroy H. Bloom, radio operator/gunner who narrowly escaped death on one mission when he stood in the bomb bay and nudged out a stuck bomb.

448TH BG REUNION

The 2005 reunion of the 448th took place in Savannah, Georgia, April 17-20. A great time was had by all. We had a tour of Savannah, a book tour, a riverboat tour, an entire day at the 8th AF Museum, and an airplane factory tour for the lucky twenty who signed up first. The group will meet again in Washington, D.C. in 2006 and in New York in 2007.



Two of your group vice presidents in Savannah: Leroy Engdahl and spouse Barbara, and King Schultz and spouse Paula.

448TH BG PATCHES

448th logo patches are available from Cater Lee for \$3.00 each.

LOVED ONES

Brit Vaughan, daughter of Sgt Thomas Vaughan, needs help in trying to learn about her deceased father. He was a B-24 mechanic in the 2nd Air Division from March '44 to July '45. After searching records in the Memorial Library in Norwich and the U.S. records in St. Louis, MO, she has not been able to find out which base he was on. If you can help, contact Brit Vaughan, 15 Crimmon Lane, Mine Hill, NJ 07803, phone 973-989-4479.

James J. Berlinger, a B-24 pilot from Attlebridge, is trying to reconnect with Harvey Broxton, 448th BG B-24 pilot of the *Bag of Bolts*. If you can help, contact James J. Berlinger, 62 Dorchester Road, Collegeville, PA 19426.

ADVENTURES OF THE FLINDERS CREW

The target was a bridge over the Rhine River at Worms. "That was a baptism by fire," Flinders said. "We overshot our IP – that Initial Point where we were to turn and set a course for the final bomb run. But we ran over Frankfurt and took a lot of flak."

Nose gunner W. Bryan "Mo" Meharg remembers the flak on that first mission. He had the "hot seat" no one else wanted. "I just kind of inherited it," he said. He was the first to see the target area from his vantage point in the glass-bubbled nose he shared with his twin 50-caliber machine guns. He was the first to see the bursts from enemy flak.

"We were coming into the target area and started taking flak. In fact one piece hit one of the muzzles on my guns out there, and, well, it rang my bell. I mean, I was leaning on the guns, and the vibration from that hit — I felt the vibration for a week."



Seething during an open house in 2003

Flinders also remembers, "My engineer, "Buck" Jordan, got off oxygen at 22,000 feet trying to free up the bomb bay doors. His gloves were off, and it was probably 40 to 50 degrees below zero."

And then radioman Nick Anast, who had just missed taking that flak which ended up in Flinders' seatback, tried to rescue Jordan, but Anast ran out of oxygen too. Flinders was able to reach both men and revive them. But the bombs still had to be dropped through the closed door, and the landing had to be made with damaged pieces of bomb bay doors hanging from the plane. But in spite of the problems, the crew received a commendation for its accurate bombing of the target area.

Waist gunner Hank Devine still remembers that first mission into Worms, and the concerns from the very beginning.

"And then coming out of the target area we stayed in flak for twenty minutes, right down through that Ruhr Valley. There was flak everywhere, and I was in the waist shoveling out the metalized paper to jam up the radar, but feeling that doggone flak rattle the plane. That's when I said, "This is going to be a rough war."

On another mission, several bombs didn't drop, so Devine went out on the catwalk with open bomb bay doors and manually released the bombs.

On the fourth mission, on January 31 to Brunswick, we encountered such severe weather that the flight received a recall and turned back. But on the return, the weather worsened, and we were forced to drop our bomb load in the North Sea and make a diversion to Skipton RAF Base near York and much further north for refueling and to wait out the storm.

All crew members completed their training courses at or near the top of their classes, and members were picked with the intention that the new crew would eventually be a lead crew. At the start of our tour of duty, we usually flew the deputy lead position in the formation. And after the thirteenth mission, we were offered the opportunity to fly in the lead. The crew decided to continue as deputy.

On March 13, flight engineer "Buck" Jordan was killed during a training flight with another pilot, a Lt. Broadfoot, who had completed his tour of duty and was orienting a new pilot and crew with a P-47 fighter. The exercise was designed for the fighter to make several passes at the bomber to give the gunners real-life practice.

However, the P-47 cut too close, and its propeller severed a rudder and stabilizer of the B-24. Both planes crashed, and all on board were killed. The accident happened at Langley, about four miles from our base at Seething.

A schoolboy, Tony Jeckells, was just leaving school that day around 3:45 p.m. when he saw the collision. His father worked on the farm where the crash occurred. Years later, in 1998 at a reunion

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58th Annual Business Meeting

Second Air Division Association, 8th USAAF

May 28, 2005 • San Antonio, Texas

A. Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by President Gregory (467th) at 10:00 a.m.

2. Jim Reeves (HQ) gave the invocation. President Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Secretary Dyke (453rd) certified to the President that a quorum was present and thus official business could be transacted.

4. Gregory extended a welcome to and introduced members of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust: Chairman Matthew Martin; Member and Former Chairman David Hastings; and Member Andrew Hawker.

B. Report of the Delegate Committee – Barney Driscoll (389th)

Chairman Driscoll stated that the 2ADA is a non-profit, non-political organization composed of U.S. Veterans and registered with the Internal Revenue Service under Tax Code Section 501 (c) (19). Its TIN (Tax Identification Number) is 25-1327743. As such, all voting members present are official delegates. The reasonable cost to such attendees is construed to be a charitable contribution and may be deductible by those who itemize deductions on their annual income tax returns. The 2ADA cannot provide advice on these matters. Members are advised to seek their own professional advice as may be needed. Driscoll moved that attending members of record be declared official delegates with a list to be published in the 2ADA Journal. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Report of the Secretary, James Dyke (453rd)

In the absence of Secretary Patterson the minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting had been taken by Acting Secretary C. N. (Bud) Chamberlain (489th) and had been published in the 2ADA Journal, Fall 2004, pp 32-33. In view of this widespread distribution, Dyke moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes as had been printed in the Journal be accepted. Motion carried.

D. Report of the Treasurer, E.W. (Bill) Nothstein (466th)

Nothstein summarized the financial status of the 2ADA as of March 31, 2005:

General Fund

Balance 7-1-04	\$104,419.02
Receipts	<u>78,388.71</u>
Disbursements	<u>59,598.15</u>
Balance, 3-31-05	\$123,209.58

Restricted Funds

Life Membership	\$ 6,933.88
Convention Reserve	-0-
Memorial Trust	26,359.98
Fulbright Commission	6,933.98
Balance, 3-31-05	<u>\$ 48,480.41</u>

Total Assets, 3-31-05 \$171,689.99

Nothstein reported that the Audit Committee has reviewed his records, finding them in good order. Auditors were Bernie Newmark (458th) and Bob Mueller (445th). Nothstein moved that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

E. Report of the Vice President Membership, Evelyn Cohen (HQ)

1. Membership: Current total membership was reported as 3,680, of which 3,234 are Active Members and 446 are Associate Members. Still a viable organization.

2. Conventions: Suggestions had been made concerning 2006. Consensus held that the meeting should be in Washington, D.C., in October, to coincide with the grand opening of the Air Force Memorial. Cohen moved for acceptance of the report. Motion carried.

F. Report of the Journal Editor, Ray Pytel (445th)

The Journal is in good shape! As an expenditure savings measure, effective January 1, 2006, the Journal will be published three times a year. Savings are expected to be \$10,000 per year. Pytel moved acceptance of the report. Accepted.

G. Report of the 2ADA Memorial Trust Governor, Charles Walker (445th)

During the year Walker attended two meetings of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust in England. He elected to defer to Memorial Trust Chairman Matthew Martin to provide the report of Trust activities for the year.

Chairman Martin reported a 17.5% increase in Library holdings. There are 46,000 users during the year with a record day of 1,060 visitors. A Donor Board "tree" has been installed to recognize major gifts. The Norfolk County Council contributed \$17,000 for books and \$34,300 in addition to non-cash subsidies, for operation of the Memorial.

Trust Fund balances and increases were presented as:

	<u>14 May 2004</u>	<u>14 May 2005</u>
Library Endowment	\$1,442,281 (£767,171)	\$2,355,423 (£1,252,885)
Book Endowment	\$ 261,508 (£139,100)	\$ 287,619 (£152,909)

Major gifts during the year consisted of:

Ted Kaye (445th) estate residue	\$408,792
Bernard Matthews, Norfolk Businessman	\$188,000
2nd Air Division Association	<u>\$100,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$696,792</u>

Additional income increases came from the Memorial Trust Appeal in the UK; the effect of the weakening of the US Dollar against the British Pound Sterling; and, improved investment performance.

As a result of this infusion of funds, the Board of Governors has been able to reassess its investment policies from forcing assets to produce as much as possible to a position of expecting the capital value of the funds to increase.

When questions as to some estimated amount to achieve perpetuity, he noted that UK Charities think in terms of hundreds of years, not year-to-year or even decade-to-decade. Thus, it becomes impossible to establish a finite figure. However, goals must continue to be increased.

H. Report of the President, Geoff Gregory (467th)

Gregory reported that for the first time in several sessions, the Executive Committee meeting of May 25 & 26 had been conducted without rancor. Everything ran smoothly.

The Executive Committee voted to contribute a book endowment fund of \$1,000 to the Memorial Library in memory of David Patterson, long-time Secretary of the 2ADA.

In light of the advancing years of the 2ADA membership, the 2ADA Executive Committee discontinued the Fulbright Oversight Committee with its duties being transferred to a Liaison Committee of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust. All other factors of the 1966 agreement with the Fulbright Commission would remain in effect, with such transfer in no way to impinge upon the required integrity and normal operation of the Fulbright Commission. The new committee would be composed of the Finance Committee, and of the Board of Governors augmented by one or two members of the Heritage League of the 2ADA.

Gregory announced that the 2ADA was anticipating a bequest in July from a California member. Upon receipt of these funds, a one-time "thank-you" gift would be made to the British library employees for their exceptionally dedicated and overtime services. Each of the two part-time employees would be awarded a £500 gift with a £1,000 gift to the Librarian. The remainder of the \$20,000 bequest would be placed in the regular Memorial Trust Endowment. Further, that the Bequest Committee is alive and well and that all members are encouraged to participate in this program.

The President noted that the 2ADA had been requested to participate in the "Fightin' Sam" B-24 project and 2nd Air Division presentation at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah. Upon a motion by Mundy (Past President, 467th) and Newton (389th) the Executive Committee had elected to participate in the project. Gregory named Mundy to head a committee to raise the estimated \$125,000 needed (already some \$40,000 has been pledged). Mundy reported that he also has received \$1,550 toward the goal together with pledges for \$2,000 more. The drive has started!

The President's Report was accepted as presented.

I. Reports from General Committees

A. History: Jordan Uttal

Uttal directed the attention of the membership to the April demise of David Patterson. Patterson was elected President of the 2ADA at its 1981 convention in San Antonio. Shortly after his term ended, he was elected to the position of Secretary, serving the Association for some fourteen years. He always listened with an open mind and exercised an even hand of friendship. Dave will live on in the minds of many 2ADA members. As noted earlier, the Association has created a Memorial Book Fund in his honor.

B. Friends of the 2ADA Memorial: Uttal

Members of this organization are both British and American who support the Memorial Library. Many British members are available to serve as local hosts and tour guides to each base for visiting 2ADA members. Membership dues are \$20 per couple and \$10 for a single person. Bill Weust replaces Uttal as coordinating liaison. 2005 dues should be mailed to Mrs. Pearl Neale, 34 Swan Close, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8SS. Checks to be made out to 2nd AD Memorial.

C. Book contributions: Uttal

Contributions for memorial books should now be made to Evelyn Cohen, 06-410 Delaire Landing Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114-4157 rather than to Jordan Uttal.

J. Report of Nominating Committee: Butler (44th)

The Nominating Committee was composed of Dick Butler, Chairman (44th), Joe Dzenowagis (467th), Chuck Walker (445th), Jim Dyke (453rd), and Alan Senior (446th). All nominees on the slate agreed to serve if elected. Alan Senior and Jim Dyke abstained from voting on the positions for which they were nominated. The slate presented consisted of:

- President John deCani
- Executive Vice President Alan Senior
- Vice President Membership Evelyn Cohen
- Secretary James Dyke
- Treasurer E.W. (Bill) Nothstein
- Journal Editor Ray Pytel

K. Election: Gregory

Butler moved that the nominated slate be elected, or that requests from the floor be made for other nominations for any of the positions. President Gregory called for nominations from the floor for the office of President.

Kennedy (Past President) nominated Mundy and moved that the vote be taken by written secret ballot, (2) Bennett (491st). Motion for secret ballot was defeated by voice vote. Lee (93rd) nominated Asch, (2) Nothstein (466th).

- Gregory called for voting by voice vote.
- Walter Mundy – the No's carried.
- Al Asch – the No's carried.
- John deCani – the Aye's carried. deCani elected.

Calling for nominations from the floor for each of the other positions individually, no additional nominations were made. Each nominee on the slate was duly elected by majority voice votes.

David Green suggested to the membership that if additional nominations were to be made that they should be in the form of a letter to the Nominating Committee, at least one month prior to the meeting, together with a brief qualification statement for the individual being nominated.

L. Adjournment

Upon a call from the floor President Gregory declared the meeting adjourned, at 11:27 a.m.

JAMES P. DYKE, Secretary, 2nd Air Division Association

THE 448TH SPEAKS *(continued from page 13)*

in Seething, Tony recalled that both planes came down in a field where farmers were using a horse and roller. Tony and several of his school friends who were on their way to school every morning would hide in the hedge row at the end of the runway and watch our planes take off. That same hedge was still growing in 1998.

And on the mission of April 4 we saw our first German ME 262 jet fighter. It knocked down three B-24s in our formation in just one pass with all our gunners firing at it.

Several jets returned during a later mission, and one followed close behind the tail. The Flinders gunners fired on the jet, but the enemy aircraft never returned fire. It quickly changed course and was hit by a P-51 fighter.

Bryan Meharg recalls, "He came right up through the formation, and Hank got a good shot at him and I got a good shot at him. There was a pair of them. They got several other of our planes that day." Meharg predicted, "The Germans had that jet ready to go in about 1943, but they didn't think they were going to need it. But if they had pushed production of it, I think it would have been "Katie Bar the Gate." We didn't have anything... I think they'd have driven us out of the air until we got some kind of jet fighter up there." Twelve years after he saw his first German jet fighter, Meharg recalled meeting with a group of German pilots in Italy. "The guy sitting next to me was a jet fighter pilot — he told me he knocked down ten B-24s during the war." ■





WENDLING

392nd

BY OAK MACKEY

When we think of the Second Air Division we tend to think of the Bomb Groups only. The Second Air Division also included five Fighter Groups. They were the 4th Fighter Group, located at Debden; the 56th Fighter Group, located at Boxted; the 355th Fighter Group at Steeple Morden; the 361st Fighter Group at Bottisham; and the 479th Fighter Group at Wattisham.

The 4th FG was one of the oldest of the 8th Air Force fighter groups and actually flew British Spitfires prior to receiving new Republic P-47 Thunderbolts in April of 1943. Also in April 1943 the 56th Fighter Group arrived in England equipped with the mighty P-47s. The 479th FG was a late comer; it was May 1944 when they came to England equipped with Lockheed P-38 Lightnings. The 4th FG, the 355th FG, and the 361st FG all changed over to North American P-51 Mustangs in April and May of 1944. By October of 1944, the 479th FG had flown their last mission in the P-38 and had converted to the P-51. The 56th FG was the only fighter group in all the 8th Air Force that never changed to the P-51; it stayed with their beloved P-47 to the end of WWII. Major Francis Gabreski was the leading ace of the 8th AF with 28 kills and he was with the 56th FG.

The Lockheed P-38 was designed by Kelly Johnson in his famous "skunk works" in 1938. Its design was unique to say the least. It was the first modern fighter with a nose wheel, it was the first fighter equipped with exhaust-driven turbo-superchargers, the first to have a "bubble" canopy from the very beginning of its design, and the twin-boom configuration was one-of-a-kind for a fighter. The engines were the same Allison V-12 liquid-cooled engines that were used on the Curtis P-40 and the Bell P-39, except the turbo-superchargers provided excellent high altitude performance. The first flight was on January 27, 1939 and there were problems. There was a tail flutter during a dive or in high speed maneuvering. Counter-balances were attached to the top and bottom of the elevator, the propellers contra-rotated to eliminate torque and turned toward each other at the top. The engines were changed from right to left, now the props turned away from each other at the top which provided smoother air flow over the tail surfaces and the flutter was gone. Most of the P-38s delivered to the 8th AF were P-38Js with 1425 HP engines and a top speed of 425 mph at 30,000 feet. The range was over 1,000 miles, which

meant the P-38 could escort bombers to any target in Germany. It could out-manuever a ME-109 and stay with the FW-190. The armament was four .50 caliber machine guns and one 200 mm cannon all mounted in the nose for very concentrated fire-power. There were some problems with the supercharger intercoolers in the very cold temperatures at high altitude over Europe, the P-51 with the Rolls Royce Merlin engine was becoming available, and the P-38 was in high demand in the Pacific Theater because of the long over-water missions where the safety factor of the twin engines was very desirable. Therefore, the P-38 saw limited use in the 8th Air Force and the 2nd Air Division. The leading American ace of WWII was Richard Bong with 40 victories, all in the P-38 in the Pacific.

In 1936 there was the Seversky P-35, in 1940 came the Republic P-43; both fore-runners of the Republic P-47 and all designed by Alexander Kartveli. Late in 1940 a Pratt-Whitney R-2800 engines of 2,000 HP was mounted on a P-43 and the P-47 was born. This engine had an internal gear-driven single stage supercharger plus an exhaust-driven turbo-supercharger which gave the P-47 excellent high altitude performance to 42,000 feet. Performance was outstanding; it could out-climb or out-dive any fighter to date, and top speed of the P-47D was 433 mph. There were a total of 11,600 of this model built. In March of 1943, the 4th Fighter Group of the 8th AF received new P-47s to replace their Spitfires. The first victory by a P-47 was a Focke Wulf 190 shot down by Major Don Blakeslee on April 15, 1943. By the end of 1943 nine fighter groups would be equipped with the P-47. It was a rugged and agile airplane, an able match for any German fighter, but it had one major fault as a bomber escort: it lacked sufficient range to reach the more distant German targets. By January 1944, P-51s began replacing P-47s as bomber escorts in the 8th AF. After D-Day, the 9th Air Force moved from England to France and the P-47 was an ideal airplane for troop support missions. Its eight wing mounted .50 caliber machine guns were just the thing for strafing targets such as airfields, railway stations, bridges, locomotives, rail cars, tanks, and other armored vehicles. It could also carry a one thousand pound bomb under each wing, or ten rockets. From D-Day to VE Day the P-47s of the 9th and 12th Air Forces destroyed 9,000 locomotives, 86,000 rail cars, 68,000 trucks, and 6,000 tanks. It was a very tough bird.

You may have heard how the British came to Curtis Aviation in 1940 seeking to buy new Curtis P-40 fighters. Curtis was very busy turning out fighters for the U.S. Army Air Corps, but suggested the Brits check with North American Aviation who had a fighter airplane on the drawing boards but no orders. North American promised

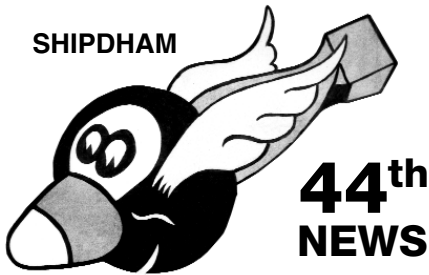
the Brits a new fighter in 120 days. (This is a very abbreviated version of this oft told story.) Actually the airframe was completed in 107 days and had to wait a few days for the Allison engine. The first flight was October 25, 1940 with good results. The USAAF acquired two of the first order of ten; the rest went to the RAF as the P-51A Mustang. It was faster than a Spitfire at low altitudes; well suited for reconnaissance and strafing missions; the engine was not supercharged which eliminated high altitude missions. Even so, the Brits were well pleased with their new Mustang. The USAAF ordered 500 of the new P-51s equipped with bomb racks and dive brakes, and the A-36 dive bomber was born. Some say it was a British test pilot who recommended a Rolls Royce Merlin engine be fitted in to the P-51 airframe to improve high altitude performance. Others say because Packard Motor Company got a license to produce the Rolls Royce Merlin in America that it was North American Aviation itself who decided to outfit the P-51 with the Merlin engine. The XP-51B with the 1595 HP Packard Merlin first flew in November of 1942. Top speed at 30,000 feet was 441 mph; the two-speed, two-stage supercharger required no pilot action; at 17,000 feet it shifted itself into high blower automatically. It was very maneuverable, sensitive to control inputs, a pilot-friendly kind of airplane. The internal fuel tanks contained 425 gallons which gave it a range of 1,000 miles; add drop fuel tanks under the wings and the range exceeds 1,500 miles. Here was the perfect bomber escort fighter airplane. The 354th Fighter Group was outfitted with P-51Bs in December of 1943. Add 100 HP, install a bubble canopy, add a small dorsal fin ahead of the vertical tail, and you have the famous P-51D, acclaimed as the best propeller-driven fighter airplane of WWII. The six .50 caliber machine guns and the ability to carry two 1,000 pound bombs made it a fearsome weapon at low altitude, and maneuverability and speed at high altitude made it superior to all German fighters, except perhaps the jet engine powered ME-262. The long range made it the perfect bomber escort; the P-51D was the best!

As more P-51s became available throughout 1944, fighter groups changed over from P-47s and P-38s to the P-51 with one notable exception. The 56th FG retained their beloved P-47s to war's end. On April 7, 1945 I was flying my 35th and last mission. The target was a munitions factory at Krummel near Hamburg. I saw a P-47 in a vertical dive shoot down a ME-262 jet fighter, the only fighter action I witnessed during my tour of missions.

So here's to our "Little Friends." They kept us bomber guys out of harm's way many, many times.

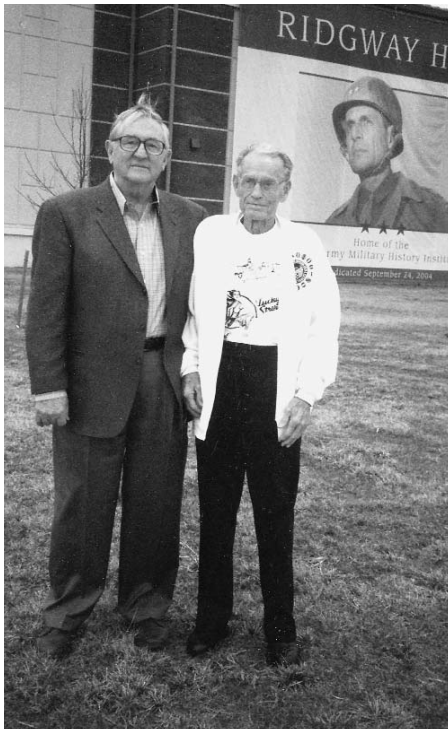
All the best from the 392nd, and have a Happy Thanksgiving Day! ■

SHIPDHAM



BY GEORGE WASHBURN

I reported in the last *Journal* about our visit to the General Ridgway Library at the U. S. Army Heritage Museum in Carlisle, PA. They have now obtained **Will Lundy's** material after going to California, reviewing, packing and shipping it. They will now catalog, preserve and store the items and have them available for researchers and any interested party. This will most likely be the largest collection of 8th Army Air Force memorabilia in this facility.



Paul Kay (left) and Will Lundy at the Gen. Ridgway Library. Paul is 44th BGVA vice president, and Will is 44th BG historian.

SMALL WORLD

Walter Fitzmaurice, radio operator, and **Woody Staples**, tail gunner, on our crew have provided another interesting story. Before they and other members of the crew joined me, they flew with various other pilots. On August 4, 1944, they flew with **Lt. Clair Hill** to Kiel, returning over the North Sea. Lt. Hill asked Fitz to call for fighter escort. In about ten minutes a P-38 named *Matilda II* slid in side of them. Fitz talked with the pilot, who asked him his name. Fitz remembers that the P-38 feathered one engine for some unknown reason. As they neared England the P-38 left them.

Upon landing at Shipdham, they ran off the runway into the mud with no brakes. The first vehicle to arrive at the ship was **General Johnson** in his staff car (probably with **Mike Fusano** driving!) The General inquired as to their health and proceeded to take the crew to debriefing (in two trips) in his staff car.

A few years after the war, Woody and his wife were driving in the West and stopped for gas in a little town. The owner came out and pumped the gas. Woody went into the station and on the wall saw a picture of a young man standing next to *Matilda II*. It was the gas station owner, who remembered escorting them and wondered what had happened to them. He even remembered that the radio operator had an Irish name! *Matilda II* got shot down the next day and he ended up a POW. Small world!!

A SHIPDHAM FUNERAL

On our visit to the Shipdham area in April of 2004, **Cynthia Harmonowski** and I had a different sort of experience. We attended a funeral.

Cynthia was born and grew up in the little village of Garveston, which is about a mile off the east end of our east-west runway. When landing to the west, we must have turned final about over the village. During the war, Cynthia worked on our base in the Ground Officer's Club Administration office. Every morning she would cycle up the Mile Road to the base. At that time, **Kathy Kiddle** ran the little store and post office, which was located next to the church and across from the King's Head pub which some 44thers will undoubtedly remember. Cynthia, of course, knew her very well. Kathy Kiddle remained in that position for sixty years until her death in 2004.

While visiting friends in the area, we learned of Kathy's death and that the funeral service would be on Wednesday afternoon, a few days hence. Of course, we had to attend.

The ancient church was completely filled, with little room left even to stand. The vicar gave a review of Kathy's life. He noted that the service was being held on Wednesday afternoon, as that is when she closed her shop every week. He also related that she knew everything that went on in the village but never passed on any gossip. In the middle of the service, the roar of jets interrupted the proceedings. It soon became obvious that it was not just a passing aircraft, as it went on for several minutes. It was a fly-over by the RAF in Kathy's honor. The previous year, Kathy had been made an M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire), a great honor presented to her by the Queen for her many years of faithful service. This was a great example of British tradition — honoring an ordinary citizen who just did her job.

After the service, everyone retired to the village hall where over 100 people met and enjoyed tea and sandwiches. Cynthia knew only four people out of this gathering, including one man who sat next to her in the village school. This was a most impressive day. ■

Folded Wings

44th BG

LTC Thomas J.M. Cardwell (Ret.)

389th BG

Eugene M. Herrmann

392nd BG

Luther L. Beddingfield

Carmelo Cosentino

Howard R. Ebersole

Irving Kreisman

Col. Robert H. Tays, Jr.

Elva Thomas (AM)

(wife of J. Fred Thomas)

445th BG

Donald L. Croft

Henry W. Dobek

Maj. Richard F. Gelvin (Ret.)

William M. Thompson

William F. Tierney, Jr.

Kenneth E. Webster

448th BG

Robert D. Long

453rd BG

Stewart Bragdon

Philip H. Parsons

Richard D. Rollo

Leroy A. Steingraber

466th BG

Walter L. Johnson

489th BG

Thomas H. Harkness

Carlton H. Swanson

491st BG

Robert D. McIntyre

492nd BG

Joseph T. Capossela (467th)

James P. McCrory

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM JOAN PATTERSON

As time goes by, there has been such an outpouring of sympathy and affection for my husband, David Patterson, I feel that I must write a letter to each and all of you in the 2nd Air Division. There have been so many beautiful cards, loving letters, poems, phone calls and so many hugs and tears when I attended the San Antonio convention. I heard the "choked up" words of many men saying "I feel that I have lost a brother."

Dave always considered himself lucky to be part of the 2nd Air Division. He was proud to serve and work with the 2ADA Executive Committee and members. So many of you mention "he always had a smile." As his wife, I know that so well! I am sitting at his desk in his office, writing this article. He spent many hours here, liking what he did; working on reports, agendas, and very important to him, talking on the phone to many members. I could hear him laughing and joking with you, from the other end of the house! He always felt grateful to be one of you! Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy and caring words. It has given me great comfort and strength.

My deep appreciation is felt to our British friends "across the pond" who wrote beautiful and comforting letters. Dave felt close ties to each of you. In turn, I also was most comforted by your understanding words of affection. Thank you all.

I must also give thanks for some outstanding support that was in strong evidence during the most difficult times of the memorials and tributes to Dave. The family burial was private, limited to mostly family and family friends. The memorial service, at a later date, was held at the Patterson Historic Home which is now a beautiful park and "turn of the century" working ranch/farm. We gathered outside for this service. I am ever grateful to Jean and David Hastings who came from England to be a part of this. They also stayed at our home for several days, giving great comfort and support. We were close friends for twenty-five years. David gave an inspiring tribute at the service.

Chuck Walker and son Charlie came from Dallas for the memorial. He gave a good talk on his friendship with Dave through the 445th BG and their Executive Committee work together since 1978.

A special touch came with the presence of Irene Hurner, representing the Heritage League. She was accompanied by her father, Al Biel of the 453rd BG. A beautiful red, white and blue standing wreath with "we will always remember" banner gave the Military Honor Guard even

more tribute accenting the large American Flag and standing wreath. Our family and friends appreciate and thank you.

There were original ballads sung at the service, bagpipes, and a Military Honor Guard. All WWII veterans were recognized and stood up proudly. Vets from other wars were also asked to stand, and sadly but proudly, a father who had just lost a son in Iraq reminded us all of the realities and price of freedom that America stands for.

Just before the start of the memorial service, a loud B-24 made five passes overhead. The Collings group was on tour in the area, and given that Dave was a long-time sponsor, they were happy to bring the B-24 *Witchcraft* over. One of the pilots, Matt, was a longtime friend of our family. Matt is an accomplished pilot who made a record flight last year in his small jet. Dave had always encouraged Matt's intense interest in flying, hence this was the pilot who flew with the Collings group for that special flight. There were several passes made, and on the last pass he flew in at 800 feet overhead. Matt said he was sure "Dave was with him up there." Later, he asked me if I saw him open the bomb bay doors right overhead. Yes, indeed we did! A special tribute.

Another person attending described the saluting of the Military Honor Guard facing a large American flag blowing in the

wind. As "the flag stood straight out as they saluted," he was sure that "Dave made that happen."

In closing, I need to say that the lighting of the Last Candle at the convention banquet, which I was privileged to do, was the most humble and proud moment of my entire life; in my heart, I was lighting it for Dave.

In kindred spirit,
Joan Patterson

A Life Well-Lived

is a precious gift
of hope and strength and grace
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.
It's filled with moments sweet and sad,
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed
and good times shared
and laughter through the years.

A Life Well-Lived

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of joy and pride and pleasure,
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A Blizzard in the Bomb Bay

BY SEYMOUR GLASS (445TH)

December 24, 1944 was a day that I will always remember. Our troops on the ground were taking a terrible beating as the Germans attacked in force during the Battle of the Bulge. The 8th Air Force made an all-out effort to help them that day by sending up a formation of 2,000 B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators. To protect the American air armada were an additional 900 P-51 Mustang and P-47 Thunderbolt fighters. Our mission was to destroy the communication center and marshalling yards outside of Bitburg, Germany.

I had never seen a sight like this before. There were B-17s and B-24s all over the sky — to the front and to the left and to the right as far as the eye could see. It was an endless stream of aircraft, laden with bombs and bristling with 50-caliber machine guns. Germany was about to be covered with snow *and* bombs that day.

Visibility was good with very little cloud cover. When we were about five minutes from the IP (initial point-target) there suddenly appeared in front of us a wall of thick, black smoke from the German anti-aircraft guns. The flak was bursting all round us. The German gunners sure had our range.

It was quite scary. I made sure to see that my chute was close by. In the distance to my right I saw a bomber get out of formation and slowly descend into a spin followed by a trail of smoke. The five to ten anxious seconds that it took for the chutes to open seemed like an eternity. It sure felt good to finally see those three white dots appear in the sky. I don't know if or how many of the others got out.

Then came the IP. We made it through what seemed like an impenetrable wall of flak and dropped our bombs. I looked around, and to my horror saw a blizzard in the bomb bay. In addition to our 500-pound explosive bombs, we carried two bombs containing leaflets.

Upon release one of the leaflet bombs hung up. The bottom casing of the bomb cracked open and leaflets flew out, caught in the slipstream. As they swirled about the bomb bay, the bomb itself failed to detonate and remained stuck, swaying precariously in the onslaught of rushing air.

I reported the problem and out came our bombardier, Lt. Marion Mechling, to the rescue. We were standing on the narrow catwalk at 22,000 feet, with freezing winds of -40 degrees that swirled up from

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FRONTSOLDAT:

Frage die Heimat!

**ES GEHT
SIE AN!**

FRAGE die Heimat, frage Frau und Mutter, ob sie es wirklich wollen, dass Du in hoffnungslosem Widerstand Dein Leben für Himmler und Goebbels opferst; oder ob es nicht für Deutschland besser ist, sich für den Wiederaufbau der Heimat zu erhalten.

FRAGE die Heimat, frage Frau und Mutter, ob sie wollen, dass

Deutsche Arbeiter

Dieses Merkblatt ist das dritte in einer Reihe, bestimmt für die ausländischen Arbeiter im Reich, deren Länder sich mit Deutschland im Krieg befinden, besonders für die Führer ihrer organisierten Zellen.
Es gibt den ausländischen Arbeitern Anweisungen des Alliierten Oberkommandos über ihren systematischen Einsatz im bevorstehenden Endkampf.
Der Kampf der ausländischen Arbeiter richtet sich nicht gegen den deutschen Arbeiter. Er wird geführt im gemeinsamen Interesse aller Arbeiter, um den Krieg so schnell wie möglich zu beenden.
Deutsche Arbeiter, die für das gleiche Ziel kämpfen, haben sich bereits in grosser Zahl den bestehenden Zellen angeschlossen.
In den kommenden Wochen muss jeder wissen, wo er steht. Wir geben nachstehend eine Übersetzung des Merkblatts Nr. 3.

SAMPLES OF LEAFLETS DROPPED BY AMERICAN BOMBERS

COMBAT SOLDIER:

Ask your homeland - It concerns them!

Ask your homeland, the woman, the mother, whether she really wants you to sacrifice your life for Himmler and Goebbels in a hopeless resistance — or would it be better for Germany to save itself for later reconstruction?

Ask your homeland, the woman, the mother, whether they would like the party big shots to entrench themselves in the towns and villages allowing them to be destroyed into rubble and ashes — without the ability to arrest the advancing troops.

Ask your homeland, the woman, the mother, if they feel it to be dishonorable to do what 600,000 of your comrades did in the west: to capitulate in a hopeless situation — and never has the German military situation been more hopeless.

Ask your homeland: They think the way you do!

Yes, this pamphlet comes from the enemy. But consider the fact that the enemy tries to prevent needless bloodshed, which is also in the interest of Germany.

GERMAN WORKERS

This pamphlet is the third in a series addressed to the foreign workers in the Reich, whose homelands are at war with Germany and especially to the leaders of the organized cells. The Allied High Command advises the foreign workers about their systematic participation in the coming final war effort. The battle of the foreign workers is not directed against the German workers. It is fought in unison with all the workers to hasten the end of the war.

Many German workers who are fighting for the same result have joined existing cells. In the coming weeks everyone has to know where he stands.

Following is a translation of pamphlet #3:

We have warned you about Himmler's plan for you. Some of you are to be shipped to the Eastern front to help with the war effort and some of you are to be sent to concentration camps to be ruthlessly murdered by the S.S.

If you want to speed up the defeat of Germany, help with the liberation of your homelands and thwart Himmler's plans, then you have to act like your comrades in Belgium and France did, by joining the resistance after the Allies landed at Normandy.

The High Command had advised them in advance about their participation. They listened to the Command. They first formed small groups that became larger cadres. As it became apparent that the Germans were ready to implement their plan of rounding up the workers, they fled to the countryside where it was easier to find food and shelter. When the plan was to be put into effect, they were able to disrupt the line of German communication. In this way they not only proved very helpful to the Allies, but also interrupted the Gestapo effort to send them to concentration camps. You have already started to follow their example. The formation of small groups inside the factories is going well. As of now, it is everyone's duty to abandon one's place in the factories and to hide, preferably in the country. The German peasants are fed up with the war and many are in dire need of laborers. They are also aware that after Germany's defeat their good treatment of you will be recognized. If you can deal with the situation successfully, you will be assured a safe haven in the countryside.



**491st BOMB GROUP
POSTREMUM ET OPTIMUM
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RINGMASTER
REPORTS**

BY HUGH BENNETT

Everyone who attended the 58th convention of the 2nd Air Division Association in San Antonio had a very good time. The Hyatt Hotel was right by the River Walk and we could take the elevator to the bottom and start walking. Sorry to say, Bea and I were the only ones from the 491st in attendance.

We were all saddened by the death of **Dave Patterson** prior to the convention. **Jim Dyke** took over as secretary and did an excellent job. Our sympathy was ex-

tended to Dave's wife, **Joan**, who was in attendance.

Election of new officers: **John deCani** was elected president, **Alan Senior** was elected executive vice president, and **Jim Dyke** was elected secretary. Everyone else was reelected.

It's rather difficult to write an article that won't be read until several months later, but it has to be that way to enable our editor, **Ray Pytel**, who does an excellent job, to put everything together.

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum's exhibit dedicated to the women flyers of World War II opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August 2005. The gift shop was downsized to make an adequate space to recognize the achievements of those great ladies who ferried our planes. I know of at least one who lost her life in this endeavor. Bea and I were able to attend this ceremony.

The 491st had another successful reunion in San Diego, at the Marriott Hotel

from October 12-16, 2005. There were many interesting places to visit. A trip to the aircraft carrier *USS Midway* was very impressive — although the runway seemed a little short for a B-24. The Bronze B-24 in Balboa Park is in place and will be ready for the dedication in November. A big thank you goes out to **Bill Hogan** and **Jerry Ivce** for making all the reunion arrangements.

The 2nd Air Division Association's 2006 convention will be in Washington, D.C. in October for the opening of the Air Force Memorial. The formal dedication will be on October 14th. It would be great if all fourteen bomb groups would schedule a reunion in conjunction with the 2ADA for this event. Due to our age, most of our people have lost their get-up-and-go and are unable to attend our functions.

This being the last *Journal* for 2005, I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year, and may God bless our military and keep them out of harm's way. ■

ATTLEBRIDGE TALES



BY JIM LORENZ

The annual meeting of the 466th BG was held at the 2ADA convention at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2005 at the Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. I noted that we currently have some 274 members and are continually losing 20-30 members per year. We had ten people at this meeting — with only four voting members. It seems our members pay dues only to get *The Journal*. **The Horans** were not present, as Irene had a recent heart problem; she is at home now but was asked not to travel.

Treasurer **Stanley Mohr** reported a current balance of \$1,189.88. Our only expense was the \$40 (\$75.50) sent to **Digby Horner** for the November 2004 flowers for our 466th memorial service. This year's expenses will be for the November 2005 Attlebridge flowers and our part — \$200 — of the new 466th banner for the Rotunda at the 8th AF Museum. The 466th BGA will

pay the balance of the \$840 total cost. You may recall the 466th had only a red B-24 tail as our banner before.

We then turned to the election of officers. I indicated that the current officers — **Jim Lorenz**, VP, **John Horan**, Asst. VP and **Stanley Mohr**, Treasurer — would continue, if desired by the group. **Bill Nothstein** moved that the nominations be closed and the slate unanimously elected. The motion was seconded and approved.

We then reviewed briefly some of the actions taken at the recent 2ADA Executive Committee meeting. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

“ATTLEBRIDGE ARSENAL”

This new book about the men (and women) of the 466th Bomb Group — both aircrews and ground crews — along with 8th AF ground units who serviced our B-24s — has received great reviews. **Lewis Lyle**, Major General, USAF Retired, noted on reviewing this book, “Every combat unit book should cover the war as this one has; all men, ground and air, are heroes.” I learned about some of the “extra” activities I had not known about during my ten-month stay on the base. **Earl Wassom** and **Chris Brassfield** have done a fantastic job.

This is a limited edition — so get your order in soon to the Turner Publishing Company, 270-443-0121.

ATTLEBRIDGE GUIDES

For years we have listed our three excellent guides who volunteered their time to personally escort any 466th BG veterans

who wanted to see Attlebridge airfield. As you know, this has been a turkey farm for many years, and most visitors are not allowed. We were always welcome — when escorted by one of our guides.

Within the past few years, **Ted Clarke** is not allowed to drive for physical reasons; **Cathy Thompson** has moved; and **Brian Youngs** has died.

Thus, for anyone planning a visit to Norwich and our base, we suggest that they contact our 2AD Memorial Library, in advance if possible. They will make arrangements for someone to escort you to Attlebridge base and other nearby areas. You can e-mail **Derek Hills**, Trust Librarian, 2ADMEMORIAL.LIB@NORFOLK.GOV.UK, or telephone them at 011-44-1603-774748.

2006 CONVENTION OF THE 2ADA

As you will note, this issue advises of the next 2ADA meeting to be held at the time of the formal dedication of the Air Force Memorial, now set for October 14, 2006. The 2ADA will meet from October 12 — October 15. We have been promised seats at the memorial — so please let me know by mail, phone or e-mail how many of you and/or your friends and family will be planning to attend. We need a count ASAP — send me a note or give me a call.

FOLDED WINGS

We just received word that **William J. Deal** died in St. Petersburg, Florida, in February 2005. Deal was a top gunner on **Robert C. Moore's** crew #460 in the 784th Squadron and later on **Glenn Alexander's** crew #647 in the 786th Squadron. ■



BY CLARENCE A. LUHMANN

The 2nd Air Division Association convention was a good meeting. The temperature outside was 95 degrees and humid; inside was nice and cool — sometimes too cool!

We walked on the River Walk several times. We took a river cruise and went to the Alamo. The graduation at Lackland Air Force Base was very interesting and brought back many memories.

Each night for our evening meal we were short on seating, which made it hard to find seats for the extra people. Otherwise, the food was good and always plenty.

The Executive Committee voted to elect a committee to work on funds to complete

the work on the *Fightin' Sam* display at the 8th Air Force Museum at Savannah, Georgia. The 445th BG has donated \$1,000 to this fund. If there is anyone who would like to give a donation, it can be sent to **E.W. Nothstein**, 40 Meadow Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559-1143. This donation qualifies for a tax deduction.

I received word that **Capt. Kenneth E. (Sam) Webster** passed away on June 16, 2005. He was shot down on his 22nd mission, and spent most of a year as a prisoner of the Germans. You can send a card to **Ruth A. Webster** at 4039 Old Columbus Road, Springfield, OH 45502.

Richard F. Gelvin, 82, passed away on July 11, 2005. He flew 30 combat missions. He was active with the Air Force Reserve in Kansas and California and was discharged with the rank of Major. His professional career was in his lifetime love of airplanes — aircraft manufacturing and aerospace — with Beech Aircraft, McDonnell Douglas, and retiring from Boeing in 1991. He is survived by his wife of over 52 years.

Next year the 2ADA annual convention will be in Washington, D.C., October 10-15, 2006. If you are planning to go, please let me know so I can get a count of the veterans that will be there. There will be seating arranged for the 2nd Air Division at the Air Force Memorial.

445th Squadron Patches Now Available



\$20/set, \$7/individual, postpaid.

Contact:

Michael Simpson

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As this is the last *Journal* for this year, Winnefred and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. ■

389TH BOMB GROUP

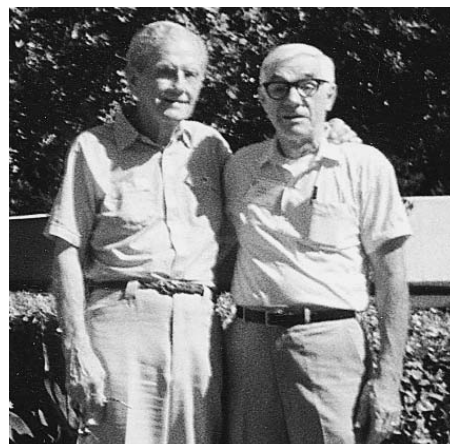


BY EARL ZIMMERMAN

OK, guys, I've heard all the moans and groans at the 2ADA convention and answered all the phone calls after I got home regarding the quick railroad job that **Fielder Newton** presided over in appointing me as the new group VP. I really can't blame him, as I railroaded him during our last reunion in Blighty during a drunken brawl in a pub. Who is Earl Zimmerman? If you don't know by now, you must be from another planet.

Fielder covered the convention in our 389th newsletter, so I will try not to repeat. I drove to San Antonio so I could stop for a visit with my original squadron commander, **Major Paul Burton**, who lives in a retirement home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

His wife **Helen** was busy, so Paul and I had about an hour going over old times. At first he was not aware who I was, but after holding his hand, calling him Major, and repeating my name and my pilot's name, **Lt. Harold L. James**, his eyes did brighten and he finally made the connection. He told me about the time he was shot down in April of 1944 and his escape from a POW camp. I listened to his stories although I had read his book, *Escape from Terror*. It was a pleasure to be with him for that short time. I have been asked about



Col. Paul T. Burton, USAF (Ret.) and M/Sgt. Earl L. Zimmerman, USAF (Ret.), visiting in Albuquerque, NM in 1993.

his book and have made arrangements with Helen to handle the books when we can get them out of storage. I will advise when they are available.

Much has been written about *Fightin' Sam* in the Mighty 8th Museum. On behalf of the 389th I donated patches of the Green Dragon to the museum gift shop where they will be on sale. A few \$\$ for the cause.

Paul Wilson advises that the 389th book will not be ready until the end of the year.

No word from Fielder Newton yet on a proposed reunion next year in Norwich.

A word about our historian, **Kelsey McMillan**. Her father was **S/Sgt. William E. Beard**, a tail gunner on **Lt. Lloyd L. Allen's** crew. They flew their first mission on 18 July 1944 and finished their 35th mission on 11 November 1944, twenty of their missions in D-Day patches. Included in that time period were two weeks at a Flak Shack. Hey, guys, I spent more time eating turnip soup in Ankara.

Kelsey is a whiz on the computer and is doing fantastic things for the history of the 389th. I have sent her all of my photos, about two hundred, which she scans and puts on CDs. She is going through our Blue Book attempting to put names to all the photos. If you can give her a hand, please get in touch with her. Her e-mail

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492nd BOMB GROUP HAPPY WARRIOR HAPPENINGS

NORTH PICKENHAM

BY WILLIS H. "BILL" BEASLEY

492ND CONVENTION IN TUCSON

The 492nd Bomb Group held its second "stand alone" reunion in Tucson, Arizona from May 18 to May 22, 2005. One hundred thirty-three members including veterans, their spouses, children, grandchildren and friends attended the reunion. The **Bernie Murtaugh** family had twenty members present. The **Charles Arnett** family had fourteen members, and the **Bill Beasleys** had nine members. All three of our sons, their wives and our granddaughter attended. There were nine ex-POWs and three internees. Among the "first timers" were **Bernerd & Ruth Harding**, **Nello & Jean Centore** (both ex-POWs). **Jerry Mahoney**, Brian's brother and son of **Jim Mahoney**, was another first-timer as were **Toni Bowman** and **Doug Anderson**. We were pleased to have so many second and third generation children attend.

Thursday, May 19 was the 61st anniversary of the combat mission flown by the 492nd BG to Brunswick, Germany. The 492nd suffered heavy losses that day with 80 KIA and 8 MIA. To commemorate the anniversary, a tour of the Pima Air Museum was followed by a Thanksgiving buffet that evening with turkey, ham and all the trimmings. The "Tucson Prunes," a dance group of ladies 50 to 80 years old, entertained us. **Ernie Haar** read a story he wrote on "legs." Four guys of the 492nd BG were part of one of the dances. They were amazing! **Rich Stanley** on the keyboards entertained us during dinner.

Friday, May 20 was Group Day. We visited Sabino Canyon and the Ted deGrazia Museum. After a pasta dinner, a hula-hoop contest was won hands down by **Camille Arnett**. The prize? A hula hoop, of course. A hog-calling contest was won by **Robin Janton** and **Maurice Bason**. Each was given a bag of bacon bits as a reward for their skill. Conch shell blowing was tried again, and several attendees had great success.

Robertson Scott and his son **Roby** collaborated in producing a two-volume CD, "The Big Band Blockbuster Ball – World War II in Words and Music" with the 492nd Bomb Group over Europe. They donated copies to the members in exchange for a donation to the 492nd Bomb Group.

The CDs were not for sale. If interested in obtaining a copy, contact Bob Scott at 4005 Ramitas Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110-2148.

Certificates of appreciation were given to **Charles & Anna Arnett**, **Paul & David Arnett**, **Howard Heckmann**, **Margaret Heckmann**, **Frances Gramberg**, **Tom & Margaret Floyd**, **Robin Janton**, **Charles Bastien**, **Brian Mahoney**, and **Bob and Roby Scott**.

John Moore gave everyone 492nd BG patches he had made. His granddaughter and her husband came to the banquet.

I was again voted to serve another term as the Vice President of the 492nd BG, and Norma to continue the newsletter and reunion planning. We thank our members for their vote of confidence.

If you haven't seen the website for the 492nd BG, it is a must-see. **Paul & David Arnett** are doing an awesome job. Go to www.492ndbombgroup.com. They scanned pictures and documents the entire reunion. If you have information and pictures for the website, please contact Paul at the Paul@492ndbombgroup.com.

Saturday, May 21 was Free Day – a city tour, golf, tour of old town or whatever. There was a very moving memorial service before dinner. The Elite Honor Guard from Davis Monthan AFB posted the colors. **Chaplain Croft** gave the invocation after being introduced by **Harry Orthman**. The presentation of pink carnations for the 856th, 857th, 858th, 859th Bomb Squadrons, nine ex-POWs and three internees was followed by children whose fathers were deceased. Pink carnations stand for "I will never forget you." All veterans were given a red carnation. The red carnations stand for love and admiration. **Wm Don Carlos**, piper, played Amazing Grace, followed by Taps played by our granddaughter, **Madeleine Beasley**.

Milton Goodridge's grandson, **Brian Barnett**, was given leave from his base in Texas in order to attend this reunion. **Bernie Murtaugh's** grandson **Christopher** will join the Army in August.

Following the memorial service two outstanding awards were given. The first was

given to **Ruth Register Coleman**, who was a Red Cross Lady at North Pickenham. **Willis Beasley, III**, director of the Red Cross in Duluth, MN presented her with a pin from 1943 and a certificate. Ruth has a new book just off the press: *MY WAR from Bismarck to Britain and Back*, edited by her daughter, **Tina Woods**. Ruth's address is 4038 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32217. The book sells for \$20 plus \$5 for postage.

Robin Janton accepted an award of Three Bronze Stars for his father **Robert Janton** posthumously. *Ed. Note: See article on page 23.* The award was presented to Robin by **John J. Taylor**.

Following dinner, **Alan Cass**, Director of the **Glenn Miller Archive**, accompanied by **Steven Miller**, Glenn's son, gave an interesting program about Glenn Miller.

Mark Arnett, son of **Charles Arnett**, showed a short film he was making on his father's service in WWII.

The 492nd BG has five members who are involved in the leadership of the Heritage League. After the reunion was over, the League officers met. **Brian Mahoney** was elected to be president, **Margaret Heckmann** was elected secretary, and **Tina Wood** was elected vice president.

This was a very successful reunion; however, **Bob Bradley** became very ill and was taken to the hospital and operated on the next morning. He is doing well as of this writing. **Dick Bastien** became ill and was unable to attend. He too is doing well.

John J. Taylor, who presented the bronze stars to Robin Janton, was an experienced woodsman. We regret to report that John was cutting down trees on June 23 when one fell on him, killing him instantly. John was a strong supporter of the 492nd and a very good friend to many of us. We are so happy he was able to meet with us this year. He will be greatly missed. The 492nd extends our sympathy to his wife Elsie and family. ■

A BLIZZARD IN THE BOMB BAY

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the open bomb bay. Lt. Mechling released the bomb by hand while I carefully kicked it out. After what seemed like the second eternity of the day, the bomb was dislodged and fell through the bomb bay doors.

I'm glad to tell you that our plane, a B-24 affectionately named *The Bummie*, got us back safe and sound. Just a little excitement in the course of a day's work. ■

THREE BRONZE STARS!!!

It was summer 1944. The place: the skies over occupied Europe. The players: U.S. Army Air Force B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers set against FW190 and Me109 Luftwaffe fighters. U.S. forces had been effectively in the air war since early 1943 with heavy losses, but the struggle for air supremacy was still at its peak. "Precision Daylight Bombing" performed by the 8th USAAF required the utmost in courage and fortitude, which "our boys over there" displayed without regard to personal safety or comfort.

The air crews were the "heroes" of this conflict, in the eyes of the American people. But, after a mission or after a tour, or even after the war's end, when asked, "How was it?" — their answers were invariable the same. "I owe my own life and that of my crew to the men who made our aircraft safe."

The justifiable trust these air crews displayed in their ground crew counterparts was more than amazing. These men made their planes not only safe and flight-worthy, but "a home away from home," where there was no worry about their war machine that kept them aloft.

The ground crews displayed a "mother hen" complex, even jealousy, to be sure their own personal aircraft were "The best in the Group." Over the years, the consensus is always the same: "We were so proud of our boys who 'kept 'em flying.'"

This article is an anecdote in the life of Master Sergeant Robert C. Janton, crew chief, who, by his expert knowledge of the B-24 and his consummate dedication, "performed miracles on planes that "came home" almost destroyed by enemy fighters and flak.

M/Sgt. Janton ended the war with 188 "no abort" missions.... not one of his aircraft (as many as five assigned to him simultaneously) EVER returned to home base because of a mechanical problem! No other crew chief in the 8th U.S. Air Force in England in WWII equaled this record.

Many occasions arose where the ground crews received their aircraft back in such poor condition, due to battle damage, that they spent sometimes as much as three days and nights without sleep, preparing the planes for the next "maximum effort." Cold, rain, wind and snow were their allies. Cuts, bruises, sickness and injury were their brothers. Most of these men were, at the time, unaware of their importance — but the air crews knew, and were thankful.

Robert C. Janton passed from this life in June 1967 from a heart attack.

On April 12, 2005, the United States Department of the Air Force authorized the posthumous presentation of THREE BRONZE STAR MEDALS (one for each 50 missions without abort) to M/Sgt. Janton for his outstanding dedication and service to his country during World War II in England, 1944-1945.

Overlooked due to the confusion that exists during wartime, these medals were never recommended or presented in 1945.

So, sixty years later, the Squadron Commander, John J. Taylor, presented this award of the Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, to M/Sgt. Janton's son, Robin C. Janton of Laurelville, Ohio, at the 492nd Bomb Group Reunion Banquet held at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The text of the citation follows:

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (BASIC THROUGH SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER) TO ROBERT C. JANTON

Master Sergeant Robert C. Janton distinguished himself by meritorious service as B-24 Aircraft Maintenance Crew Chief, 788th Bomb Squadron, 467th Bomb Group and 859th Bomb Squadron, 492nd Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. During this period of World War II, Sergeant Janton's exemplary knowledge under extreme hazardous conditions culminated in many highly successful bombardment missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. As the maintenance crew chief, Sergeant Janton was directly responsible for 188 "no abort" missions not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, from 10 May 1944 to 11 June 1945. It was through these accurate and pinpoint bombing missions that directly led to the defeat of the Axis Powers, and for Allied airpower to reign supreme in the skies of Europe. By his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty in the service of his country, Sergeant Janton has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Army Air Force. ■



M/Sgt. ROBERT C. JANTON, Crew Chief, 859th SQ, 492nd BG and 788th SQ, 467th BG. This photo was taken in London in 1944 when Janton was 22 years old.

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address is hethel1944@houston.rr.com. Mailing address: 1905 Avenue D, Katy, TX 77493. If you have any photos to share with us, please send them to Kelsey but please identify the GIs in the photo. She doesn't need a photo of an ugly officer standing in front of a Nissen hut without a caption.

Kelsey is a contributing editor to the magazine *Bomber Legends*, and in the 2005 Volume 2 edition she is responsible for the centerfold. (I told her not to wear that bikini.) She is also the author of *Aerial Gunner Training*, a 22-page story, with photos, of all the bases that trained our gunners. Yes, you can subscribe to *Bomber Legends*. Write to them at 1672 Main Street, Ste. E-124, Ramona, CA 92065. Keep your eye on future issues, as Kelsey is hard at work on other stories and I have been asked to do one on the Duneberg mission.

Keep on sending your donations to **Gene Hartley** for our 389th newsletter, and if you "got rocks," have an extra handful of \$\$, our treasury could use a boost, especially if we go back to Blighty next year. I'll start it off with \$100 from the egg money. If we go back, you widows watch out for Fred.

Evelyn Cohen would like a ballpark figure on how many of our Group are planning on attending the convention in October 2006 in Washington, D.C., so she can arrange seats for us at the dedication of the Air Force Memorial. I know it's a bit early, but drop me a card even if you're thinking about it.

Glad to be back, guys. Drop me a line now and then so I know you're still with us. ■

REPORT OF THE FULBRIGHT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

BY E. BUD KOORNDYK, CHAIRMAN

2ADA FULBRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY AWARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the 2nd Air Division Association Eighth Air Force approved the following report of the Fulbright Oversight Committee at its meeting on the 25th of May. It was then addressed at the meeting of the whole of the 2ADA. Motion made to accept, seconded and firmly approved.

To: Members – Fulbright Oversight Committee Executive Board – 2nd Air Division Association

We of the Oversight Committee have been giving some thoughts to the future of the oversight arrangements of the Fulbright Foundation once the 2ADA ceases to exist. I would like to draw your attention to two positives.

1. The fund itself will always be held by the Fulbright Foundation for Education and Cultural Exchange.

2. In the event that the Fulbright Commission ceases to exist in London, the corpus of that fund shall be sent to the 2ADA Memorial Trust in Norwich, England.

The next avenue to pursue was to consider the best possible means to insure that the investments of the funds in the future would meet the needs of the annual Fulbright Scholar. The closing value or Portfolio Balance of the fund as of September 2004 is \$940,671. The award for the current financial year was £22,500 or approximately \$41,000.

With that overview in mind, several members of the 2ADA went over for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors. The members were Geoff Gregory, David Patterson, Chuck Walker, Bud Koorndyk, Joe Dzenowagis, Jr. and Vicki Brooks Warning.

A separate meeting was held at the Swallow Nelson to discuss the matter of an Oversight Committee to serve in the future after our Oversight Committee would cease to exist. The above parties of the 2ADA (less Vicki Brooks Warning) were in attendance as well as Matthew Martin, David Hastings, Hilary Hammond, and Andrew Hawker of the Board of Governors.

The meeting was most congenial and, from my own personal feelings, we all should be most thankful that we have such a dedicated group of people taking our Memorial forward into the next centuries.

I would, first of all, like to remind our people that we are now serving in a global environment and our fund is somewhat restricted by stating that it be held in a United States bank or financial institution. All banks and financial institutions are now so integrated with investments in other countries that it is hard to determine exactly what is a United States bank or financial institution. A further paper on investments and suggested changes will follow.

We have, in the Board of Governors, a subcommittee on financial matters. This committee meets in Norwich with their investment counselors and at the same time could meet with the Fulbright Commission to render assistance on the proper investments with the greatest amount of return.

I would like to propose to our people that a Liaison Committee from the Board of Governors would be appointed to include their Finance Committee plus Joe Dzenowagis, Jr. and Vicki Brooks Warning, Heritage League members. Joe and Vicki both attend the yearly Board of Governors finance meeting and could meet with the Liaison Committee who would be serving in a liaison capacity.

The second meeting was held the same week in the Fulbright Commission offices in London. Bud Koorndyk, Chuck Walker, Geoff Gregory, Beverly Brown, Finance Director of the Fulbright Commission and Dennis Wolf, Cultural Attaché of the American Embassy were present at that meetings.

The gist of that meeting was how best and by who would be the means of forming an Oversight Committee to work with them

in the future.

Again, much discussion on the investments of the fund and further advice on this fund was encouraged. In my opinion, Beverly Brown, Finance Director of the Fulbright Commission, does well in her role but is not well versed in how these funds should be invested for the best return.

Dennis Wolf reminded us that it is our fund and that the original language of how to invest these funds is somewhat restrictive. A full explanation for these concerns are as follows under the heading INVESTMENT POLICY.

1. INVESTMENT POLICY

The Directors' present policy is to invest only in treasury or US bonds that produce satisfactory income return for the support of a Fulbright Scholar on an annual basis but have little potential for growth.

This policy was discussed thoroughly at our meeting with the Fulbright in November.

We are of the opinion that wise investments in long-term fixed income instruments will produce sufficient income to insure that we have a 2ADA/Fulbright Scholar in place at all times. The library is a memorial to Americans and it is imperative that we have an American presence in the library on a yearly basis.

This is especially important in future years when fewer veterans and/or their families travel to Norwich. We must keep alive the wonderful link between our British friends and us.

A strong link in the chain for future success is the support of the Heritage League of the 2ADA. Having representation from this organization on the Liaison Committee is an invaluable addition and bodes well for the continuation of the strong ties of the past.

We do not doubt for a moment the undying support from the Governors in years ahead. We not only have their support but we know they have the ability to bring on board people who are highly qualified and will also possess that bond that keeps the library alive.

Although it might be possible in the future to increase the corpus of the fund by investing in equities for long-term growth, that portion going into the investments should not detract from our goal of providing income on a yearly basis for the support of a Fulbright Scholar.

In the changing global environment that we now find ourselves in, it would be advisable for support to be linked to the U.K. economy.

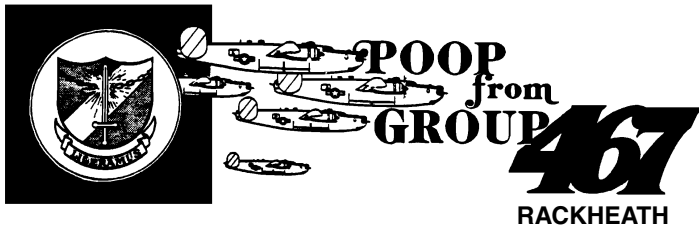
We have suggested that the Governors Finance Subcommittee act as a Liaison with the Directors of the Fulbright Foundation and that the policies for investments in the future become a part of their yearly meetings.

We cannot, and should not, force the Directors into acquiring investments, which have the potential for growth. This can only be accomplished through wise and prudent discussions in yearly meetings with the Fulbright. What might be true today may not be true tomorrow. We should only leave the door open for necessary changes and permission to do so in the years ahead.

The percentages going into equities, bonds and cash would be determined after careful considerations and evaluations conducted by yearly meetings between the Liaison Committee and the Fulbright Foundation representatives.

The only constraint in the present arrangements between the 2ADA and the Foundation requires the Directors not to put "the funds at risk by speculative investment." We are advised that this stipulation does not preclude investment in UK or US equities.

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BY JACK STEVENS

The 2ADA Executive Committee Meeting and 58th Annual Convention was held 25-30 May 2005 in San Antonio, Texas, and we enjoyed the Hyatt Regency's excellent facilities and services, and San Antonio's fine restaurants and historical sites. But, when outdoors, the area's high temperature sent us back inside.

During the business meetings, the Chairman of the Memorial Trust and the officers and committee heads of the 2ADA presented detailed reports on a series of pertinent subjects, which were subsequently discussed and acted upon. Actions ranged from funding for library housekeeping to trust fund investment considerations to ensure perpetual funding of our Memorial and its 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian.

The committee voted to support the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum's proposed "Legendary Liberator – Second to None" exhibit in Savannah, GA. The 2nd Air Division's role in winning WWII will be a major focus of the exhibit, which will be centered on the front fuselage section of a 389th Bomb Group B-24, *Fightin' Sam*, in a simulated Type T-2 hangar setting. The exhibit will provide an interactive based experience with a large screen showing actual B-24 combat footage, an educational touch-screen program, a B-24 flight simulator, and a variety of combat crew clothing, equipment, and memorabilia showing how the B-24 was used in every theater of World War II.

President **Geoff Gregory** appointed a Legendary Liberator Campaign Committee, composed of **Walter Mundy** (467th BG), Chairman; **Alan Senior** (446th BG); **Evelyn Cohen** (Headquarters); and **Hugh Bennett** (491st BG); to help raise the remaining money required to fund the exhibit (approximately \$87,000). The 2ADA voted to donate \$1,000; the 489th Bomb Group made a donation pledge of \$3,000; and a Headquarters member donated \$500.

The committee has asked each group vice president to reach out to all his group members, associate members, and friends of their group and ask for their tax-free donations. It suggests that checks or money orders be made payable to their group treasurer (or other designated individual) with "Legendary Liberator" noted on the memo line.

I'm preparing this article in July but you won't be reading it until October or November. There will be several well-known dates and holidays before you receive this issue, such as Labor Day (September 5), Columbus Day (October 10), Veterans/Armistice Day (November 11), and Thanksgiving Day (November 24). But, for 467th members, the dates September 25-29 mean Reunion 2005 in New Orleans, LA. New Orleans is often called the "Paris of America" because of the charm of its French Quarter. Well, 467th BG President **Ralph Davis** has planned a busy four days for us in this "Paris of America."



Editor's Note: The following is Chapter 3 of the experiences of Jack Stevens' crew in the 8th and 15th Air Forces. Chapter One appeared on page 15 of the Spring 2005 Journal, and Chapter Two appeared on page 25 of the Summer 2005 Journal.

COMBAT TOUR FINALE

After my original crew left for the States, the navigator from another crew (near the end of his tour) and I learned that Operations had assigned us to a crew whose pilot and navigator had

been hospitalized. I think each of us wondered how this patched-together crew would work out for the five missions that we each needed to complete our tour. The first mission, to Genoa on 14 August, was fairly routine, except for the noticeable greeting we received from the numerous heavy flak guns around Italy's largest and busiest port. But, we worked well together and the planes in our formation all returned to Lecce. We took the next four missions in stride, although our final mission to Munich on 12 September caused us to worry that all of its several hundred flak guns would zero in on our plane. But, we made it back to Lecce with all our planes – again – and our combat tour was over!

On 15 September, two group planes with partial crews (another crew and ours) were ordered to fly to Cairo, Egypt. After combat missions, flying across the Mediterranean without any worries about flak and fighters was a very pleasant experience. Upon landing at Cairo, we learned that crews from other 15th Air Force B-24 groups would arrive later that day and we were to carry several hundred Allied airmen, recently released from Bulgarian POW camps, to 15th Air Force Headquarters in Bari. That afternoon, we had an opportunity to meet some of the ex-POWs and we found several squadron friends who had been lost on combat missions. We brought them up to date on squadron events and they told us about the conditions in Bulgaria POW camps (poor) and the treatment they had experienced (bad).

We were notified we'd be there through the next day, while the ex-POWs were being processed. Our crew made reservations at a hotel in Cairo and hired a guide for sightseeing in Cairo's crowded, bustling streets. (He guided us to his merchant friends to view souvenirs.) That evening we went to Groppi's, a nightclub that squadron old-timers had recommended most highly, based upon their experiences as "Groppi Grenadiers" while the group was in the Cairo area in late '42 and early '43, supporting the British 8th Army. We were seated at a table next to the dance floor, well positioned to enjoy the music, the dancers, and later the floor show.

Well into the evening, the musicians stopped playing and all dancers left the dance floor, which was then hydraulically raised two feet to become a stage for the floor show. There were some very accomplished performers; but I remember only two of the acts:

1. The belly dancer who gave a voluptuous, planetary synchro-mesh performance (before that concept was developed for our American automobiles), and

2. A man and his small son placed a small rectangular surface table about thirty inches high on the dance floor. The man laid back on the table, with his feet at the table's edge; the boy came to the table, the man put his feet under the boy's shoulders, flipped him up in the air, and spun him every which way for several minutes before catching him on his feet and then lowering him to the floor. I think those were the best floor show acts I have ever seen. Unfortunately, we weren't at Cairo long enough to really become "Groppi Grenadiers".

The next day, we had a taxi take us from the city to a parking lot near the pyramids where we mounted horses for a short ride to the Great Pyramid (that was my first horseback ride, and I didn't enjoy the jolting ride.) After looking at souvenirs offered by sellers, we entered the pyramid and went down a low, narrow passageway for a short distance and then up a long steep slope to a large room (supposedly) at the center of the pyramid. Of course, the mummies and all the items that had been placed there for them to use in the next world had long ago been carried away by robbers. We went back down and out of the pyramid and walked a short distance to the Sphinx, which was very large, unique, and greatly damaged by time and vandals.

We returned to the parking lot (and this time, I rode on a camel, which I found much more comfortable) and then to a hotel
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OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT *(cont. from page 24)*

The Directors would receive competent professional advice from the Governors Finance Subcommittee, as they already do with funds under their control from the Memorial Trust Fund.

The Foundation has asked whether it would be in order for some of the funds to be invested in UK securities to mitigate the effects of adverse exchange rates. I would think that, in our view, part of the clarification process should express our desire that these steps could be taken as soon as possible.

At present, there are some \$100,000 un-invested funds with the Foundation. These monies represent, I believe, at least three years grants made by the 2ADA to the Foundation. They are on deposit at Citibank earning 1.56%. A comparable amount invested in a triple A rated UK bank could earn up to 4.5% at present.

There is, in addition, a bond that is maturing in May 2005 for \$220,000. We believe the Fulbright Foundation should be requested to take steps to obtain competent professional advice for the investment of these funds and that the Directors should be advised that it is the Oversight Committee, or the Liaison Committee, whoever is now serving as our representative to have a more balanced portfolio which should include some equities.

2. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Agreement between the 2ADA and the Foundation stipulates that the funds must be invested "through a bank or financial institution legally incorporated within the United States." The present bank is Citibank which makes a charge of \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year for running this simple account. The Fulbright Finance Director, Beverly Brown, is presently in the process of taking legal advice as to whether, under the terms of the Agreement as drawn, the Directors are permitted to use a major UK bank which is authorized to conduct banking business in the US. In the event that the advice indicates that this is not possible then we recommend that arrangements be made for the Agreement to be altered to make this possible. The Trust's bank (Barclays) makes no charge for running the Trust account although it does charge for converting receipts or payments, dollars into pounds sterling or vice versa. Therefore, it follows that only larger sums should be transferred where possible.

Assuming the Foundation is authorized to make the change

of bank it should be possible to save the bulk of bank charges presently being incurred.

From our side of the pond the agreement between 2ADA USA and the Fulbright Foundation for Education and Cultural Exchange UK would remain as written with the exception of changing article 10 to read as follows:

Liaison: From the date of this supplemental agreement, the Fulbright Foundation will accept and work with a Liaison Committee to be specifically appointed by the Board of Governors of the 2ADA Memorial Trust, which may include a member or members of the Heritage League of the 2ADA USA. At the present time, a member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust is also represented in the selection of a Fulbright Scholar for the Memorial Library award.

The present Fulbright Oversight Committee would cease to exist and its duties would be transferred to that Liaison Committee.

It is understood that this cooperation will in no way impinge upon the required integrity and normal operation of the Fulbright Commission.



Fulbright Oversight Committee
E. BUD KOORNDYK, Chairman

1. The Fulbright Oversight Committee would move for the approval and implementation of this report by the Executive Committee members of the 2ADA.

2. A letter of change of status should be written by the president of the 2ADA and co-signed by the chairman of the present Fulbright Oversight Committee.

3. Copies of this letter should be forwarded to the Fulbright Foundation, care of Beverly Brown, Finance Director and Dennis Wolf, Cultural Attaché and Chairman of the Fulbright Commission. A copy is also to be sent to Matthew Martin, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust.

4. This letter should contain only the facts of our report that pertains to the change of status and not the reasons given for its approval by our Executive Committee. ■

467TH POOP FROM GROUP *(continued from page 25)*

in the city for some rest and relaxation. The next day's flight to Bari, with approximately twenty happy ex-POWs in the waist and on the flight deck, was uneventful, as was our return flight to Lecce that afternoon.

We had a short stay at Lecce for administrative processing and for taking leave from friends of the past four months; I'd meet a few again – on military bases, at reunions, or through mutual friends back home. Then approximately twenty of us received orders sending us back to the States; we traveled to a replacement depot at Naples, where we waited for a week for surface transportation home. While there, Lt. Diette, our navigator, had a visit from his brother, a 5th Army GI who managed to be in the Naples area at that time. Finally, a bulletin board notice informed us that we'd leave the next day. Then, final packing; our last night in Italy; and the next morning, we had breakfast, boarded trucks to the pier and the Army transport that would take us to the Norfolk, VA area. On board, the sleeping accommodations were "different" – bunks, stacked five high, head to head and feet to feet; dining was simplified with waist-high steel dining surfaces and two meals each day. But then, another replacement depot, where we received a delicious turkey dinner, a sumptuous breakfast, and orders sending each of us to our homes for thirty-day leave and then to a Redistribution Center. And then, WE WERE HOME!

Time passed and life went on for us – as individuals. Some of us corresponded – at least for events such as weddings, Christmas, career relocations. And I continued flying airplanes in the Army/Air Force, including a 1946-1948 tour with Military Government in Korea, where I met Lucile Harshman, an attractive Red Cross Hospital Service girl. (At one time in our two-year courtship, she told me her family had a genealogy book tracing their ancestors back to Germany.) After a year we were engaged, and a year later, with a bit of luck, we returned to the States on the same Army transport. At San Francisco, she went to her home in Indianapolis, while I checked in at Mather AFB for flying time, and then flew to Indianapolis to meet her family. Then, she accompanied me to Worcester, met my mother and sisters, went to Washington to check out at Red Cross Headquarters, and flew back to Indianapolis to arrange our wedding. (My father had been with me in Seoul the previous six months. Officially, he was the American Advisor to the Seoul Fire Department, but Lucile still thinks he was there to check up on her.)

When wedding announcements were sent out, the bombardier on my second crew wrote to congratulate me and to say that the Harshman name had rung a bell with his folks, and when they checked their genealogy book, they found that he and Lucile were related.

And we've lived, reasonably happily, ever after. ■



446TH BOMB GROUP

FLIXTON-BUNGAY UPDATE

BY LINK VEAZEY

8TH USAAF D-DAY HEAVY BOMBER LEADER FOLDS HIS WINGS



Colonel Jacob J. Brogger, USAF Ret., Commander of the 446th Bomb Group from 27 September 1943 to 24 September 1944, folded his wings on 22 June 2005.

Colonel Brogger enlisted in 1935 as a private in the 109th Observation Squadron of the Minnesota National Guard, with the determination that one day he would be a pilot. Attending the University of Minnesota, he left there to become a flying cadet at Randolph Field, Texas. He received his wings at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. After a tour with fighters, whose mission was to protect bombers, he transferred in 1940 to heavy bombardment, flying B-17s.

On December 7, 1941, while the Japanese were bombing Pearl Harbor, he was on his way to Cairo, Egypt as an Air Force observer of aerial warfare in the Mediterranean Theater. Recalled to the States, he was assigned to the 344th Bombardment Group, a B-26

outfit. As a Lt. Colonel, he was the Group Executive Officer, responsible for seeing that the policies of this command as applied to the day-to-day operations were carried out. He was in the advance echelon for the Group move to England. While he was on his way to the U.K., the Group was diverted to North Africa and he was again recalled to the States. With his interest in heavy bombardment, he applied for a transfer to a B-24 outfit. Fortunately for the 446th, on 27 September 1943 he took over the Group that was foundering at Lowry Field, Denver. The Group had already failed a couple of POM (Preparation for Overseas Movement) inspections. He soon had them ready for overseas duty.

On 26 February 1944 he received his eagles. On D-Day he led the 8th Air Force over the invasion coast to bomb German fortifications there. He also led the low-level supply mission code-named "Market Garden" to the paratroopers of the First Airborne Army at Nijmegen. Wounded by ground fire, he was awarded the Silver Star for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action against the enemy.

He returned to the States and was assigned as the B-29 project officer of the 3rd Air Force. When that air force was disbanded, he became Director of Materiel at MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa, Florida. He was then assigned as Director of Materiel at Langley Air Force Base at Hampton, Virginia. In the same capacity, he served in the Alaskan Air Command. He attended the War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. He then became a Division Commander in the Strategic Air Command which maintained heavy and medium bombers at Lake Charles Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Colonel Brogger retired from the service and joined Martin-Marietta's aerospace program in Denver, Colorado. He also served as director of Augusta National Club. ■

Greetings from Jordan Uttal

BY RAY PYTEL
2ADA JOURNAL EDITOR

Our 2ADA Honorary President, Jordan Uttal, advised me of his time-consuming preoccupation with the serious illness of his sister. We wish her well and a speedy recovery!

Jordan has asked the editor to convey his 2005 Holiday Greetings to all the members of the 2ADA on his behalf.

Christmas Greetings from the High Command

SUBMITTED BY JIM REEVES (HQ)

HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
AAF 147 APO 558

25 December 1944

To the Officers and Enlisted Men and Women of Headquarters, 2d Bombardment Division:

My best wishes to each and every one of you for as merry a Christmas as you can possibly have away from those you love and your homes and fire-sides. All of you have worked together devotedly and successfully to solve the difficult and, at times, almost insurmountable problems which have confronted this Command. This Headquarters has proved itself to be one of which any commander could be proud, and it is a pleasure to express to all of you my thanks and admiration for the job you are doing. I know that I can depend on each and every one of you to carry on your tasks with the same resourcefulness, imagination, and devotion to duty you have always shown to the end that the New Year will mark the final defeat of the enemy and will send us back to celebrate next Christmas with our own families in a world from which the menace of the German aggressor has been forever removed.

W.E. KEPNER
Major General U.S.A.
Commanding

HALESWORTH
489TH
NOTES
 BY
MEL PONTILLO

The 2ADA convention in San Antonio, Texas was my first time at an Executive Committee meeting. It was a pleasure and an honor to represent the 489th Bomb Group. I have to admit that I was a little jittery when I walked into the meeting room, but it soon wore off. Everyone at the meeting made me feel welcome and at home. Consequently, I felt comfortable and relaxed throughout the entire two-day meeting. The members of the Executive Committee seem to be very knowledgeable and dedicated. Our leadership is in good hands, at present, and we have been equally fortunate to have had very strong and skilled leadership in the past.

The convention in San Antonio was excellent. The hotel accommodations, located on the River Walk, were excellent. The food was very good. The tour of Lackland Air Force Base, the convention meetings, and the Dzenowagis film shown at the banquet were all very interesting. If you missed this one, you missed a good one. The attendance was about 300. This was a good number, but not overwhelming. We all had a good time.

The only disappointment was that our 489th Bomb Group had a party of only eleven that attended the group dinner and the 2ADA banquet. Since our attendance was so small, a discussion on the question of having a group meeting was held. The final decision was to have our meeting in San Antonio.

Lacking an assigned group meeting room for the 489th, we simply found our way to a secluded area with a table and chairs near the hotel restaurant. It was suitable for our small group. The meeting was a good one. For the sake of not being repetitious, let me refer you to the June issue of our 489th Bomb Group newsletter. The meeting agenda was included there.

I would like to comment on the question of a 2006 reunion of the 489th BG. The subject was not voted on since the attendance was so small. We decided to put this matter on the agenda for the Little Rock reunion in the fall. However, a recommendation was made that the 489th meeting in October 2006 be held in conjunction with the 2ADA convention when the Air Force

Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C.

Our fall reunion was held in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 28 – October 1, 2005. It is sad that so many of you have never attended our reunions. There is always a first time, and you will find that you will be treated like a long lost friend.

Richard & Mary Engel organized the Little Rock reunion. They worked very hard in having a good and interesting schedule for that reunion. We commend them for their hard work and appreciate their efforts. It certainly is a lot of work putting these reunions together. On behalf of the 489th Bomb Group, I want to thank Richard and Mary from the bottom of my heart. By the way, the Engels have only recently become members of our Group. Mary is the daughter of group members **Will & Helen Plate**. We extend our congratulations and sincere welcome to our new members.

I had yet another opportunity to attend an 8th Air Force gathering. This time it was the Pennsylvania Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society reunion at State College, PA. State College is only a three-hour drive from my home, and I was curious as to how Pennsylvanians handle their reunions. The meetings took place between June 25th and 28th. This was a good reunion with a good turnout of about 100. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Two notable highlights of this reunion were the tours of the Pennsylvania War Museum located in Boalsburg, PA and the Paterno Library on the campus of Penn State University, State College, PA. The Pennsylvania War Museum had been closed for extensive renovations, although nearing completion, everyone in attendance was given a comprehensive tour of the museum. The facility houses numerous artifacts, such as military uniforms and weapons along with their narrative histories and renovated military equipment. The museum also houses a full-scale replica of a World War One trench battlefield. Spread throughout the museum grounds are numerous military armored vehicles. The new World War Two 28th Division memorial is also on the museum grounds. It is a tremendous monument to those who died in battle, whose names are carved in the wall. The museum commemorates men and women of all branches of military service.

The newest wing of the Paterno Library consists exclusively of 8th Air Force archives. It is a rich source and a means of preserving 8th AF records and documents. The contained information will herald and preserve the history-changing accomplishments of the 8th Army Air Force, presently known as the 8th Air Force.

One of the problems facing all 8th AF organizations is the question of how to

continue as we lose more and more of our veterans each year. As members of the 8th, none of us would like to see our accomplishments and sacrifices just fade away, lost in time. This topic of conversation poses more questions than answers. Certainly, one effective way of preserving the history of the 8th Air Force is through museums, libraries, and memorials.

Happy Holidays to all, and hope to see you all at the next reunion. ■

KETTERINGHAM HALL
DIVISION



BY RAY STRONG

In the Spring 2004 *Journal*, on the back page, all of the tail fins for each of the 2nd Air Division bomb groups were shown in their distinctive colors. In the upper center is a tail fin for HEADQUARTERS. It was brought to my attention that we needed to identify the planes that had carried this tail fin. What “missions” did the planes from “HEADQUARTERS” fly? What is the history of this outfit? Who were the pilots, crews, etc? Did they fly alone? Which base did they fly out of? The tail fin, shown below, was green on the right hand side of the oval.



HQ

HEADQUARTERS

If you have any knowledge of these planes, drop me a note and I will put it in the next *Journal*. My address is now 642 Cedar Club Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-7215 or rstrong2@fusionbb.net.

Also, if you have any information to share about your service with the 2nd Air Division, your bomb group, or your life since that time, write it down and I will put it in either the next *Journal* or Newsletter. I know that I have been begging you to write something for publication for a long time, but only a few of you have replied. I feel certain that there are some interesting stories out there that all of us would enjoy reading. ■



2ADA/Fulbright Librarian Notes

BY ALEXIS CIURCZAK

It is hard to believe that this is my fourth and final article for *The Journal*. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my first article, back in September 2004. The time has truly flown!

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a wonderful year as the 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian at the 2nd Air Division USAAF Memorial Library. The permanent staff of the Library, Trust Librarian **Derek Hills** and Library and Information Assistants **Jenny Christian** and **Lesley Fleetwood**, are amazing to work with. Their knowledge is extraordinary and they have provided excellent support throughout the year. There are also some fine part-time employees, **Anne Goodhew**, **Eileen Watson**, **Jean Pelling-Smith**, and **Jim Rawlings**, who are invaluable in the services they provide to the Memorial Library.

Second, I would like to thank the Governors, the Fulbright Commission, and the 2nd Air Division Association for choosing me as the 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian. It has given me both a personal and professional experience which cannot be equalled. I have enjoyed attending the meetings and appreciate the support received from Chairman **Matthew Martin** and all the other Governors. And third, **Susie Whitehouse**, Fulbright Advisor, deserves special thanks for making the transition to life in Norwich practically seamless.

We have been especially busy in promoting the Memorial Library and its services to the wider community. Many aviation enthusiasts know of our existence, but we have made big strides in encouraging the general public to come into the facility and in spreading the word about our collection.

In the first instance, we hosted an Open Sunday, on May 8, 2005. This event was held in conjunction with the Imperial War Museum's WWII traveling exhibition, "Their Past, Your Future," which was situated practically right outside our door, in the Forum foyer, for eight weeks. The BBC People's War Project (www.bbc.co.uk/ww2) also ran concurrent events that weekend.

As for our part, both Lesley Fleetwood and I, dressed in costumes of World War II Red Cross nurses, handed out 450 doughnuts, 150 cookies, and bottomless cups of tea and coffee. We were ably assisted by Lesley's husband, John, who came to see the exhibit but was recruited to make two doughnut runs and a milk run, when it looked like we would run out of both. The Memorial Library provided all the main Sunday newspapers and had continuous videos showing, from our collection. We sold thirty-four of the new library brochures and gave away 2,000 2AD Memorial logo stickers. The media covered our event as well, and we had a quick spot on "Look East" BBC1 local television news. We were interviewed briefly on BBC Radio Norfolk during the event and were also listed in the EDP calendar of events.

The Memorial Library had over 1,000 visitors that Sunday, and

many of them commented that they had not known about the Library, but would be sure to make a return visit. Many checked out books from our collection as well. Our expenses for food, decorations, and stickers were covered by a \$500 grant received from the EEMLAC (East of England Museums, Libraries, Archives Council), which also included postage for a mailing to U.S. veterans, encouraging them to submit stories for the People's War Project.

Later on in the same month, Lesley and I attended the *Antiques Roadshow* event held on May 19, 2005 in the cloister lawn of Norwich Cathedral. I had previously written to their offices and explained about the Memorial Library and our special collection of memorabilia. Needless to say, the producers were very interested and made an appointment for us to see one of the experts and possibly be filmed. Derek and Jenny helped us choose which memorabilia to bring and Jenny provided an excellent listing of all the particulars of each item. We brought a varied collection of items, and the experts chose to feature three of the Negrelli photograph collection, the two "short snorters," and the aviator soaps.



Alexis Ciurczak (left) and Lesley Fleetwood preparing to hand out the first of 450 doughnuts to Memorial Library visitors.

While on camera, one of the Eisenhower jackets and two of the Lund watercolors (framed copies) were in the background. Lesley and I were glad we had an appointment at 9:00 a.m. or we might have had to wait in the queue with the other 1200 people who came along! The producers cannot promise that the footage will be used, as they reserve the right to edit our segment out of the program, but if it is included on the show, they will notify us. We will be checking the *Antiques Roadshow* website at http://www.bbc.co.uk/antiques/tv_and_radio/antiques_roadshow to see when the Roadshow in Norwich will be broadcast. It may be turned into two programs, airing in January 2006, but the producers are not sure at this point.

In addition to these two main events, I have been teaching a class at the Wymondham Learning Center, entitled "Wymondham at War." It is an online interactive class aimed at adult learners, with the purpose of improving their Internet skills. The topic was chosen to fit in with the VE/VJ anniversaries and the People's War Project, as well as to attract local interest. The students are using our website, www.2ndair.org.uk and others to research Wymondham, the 389th Bomb Group, Hethel, and Ketteringham Hall.

As for Fulbright events, a William J. Fulbright Centenary lecture was held at the Royal College of Physicians, in Regents Park, London in late May. The keynote speaker was **Senator John Kerry**, whose youngest daughter, Vanessa, is currently a Fulbright Scholar here in England. I was pleased to be invited, and enjoyed speaking with Senator Kerry at the reception afterwards. In June, we Fulbrighters attended a final reception at the U.S. Ambassador's residence, also in London.

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458th BOMB GROUP

HORSHAM ST. FAITH



BY RICHARD PULSE

ROKICKI RETIREMENT

At the Second Air Division Association convention in May in San Antonio, **Rick Rokicki** announced his decision to retire from his position as Vice President representing the 458th Bomb Group. His formal message to us is as follows:

From the beginning, when we, as a Group, raised money to buy shelves for the original Memorial Library in 1980, to the present when we have nearly completed the funding for our Memorial Marker at Horsham St. Faith, you have been the reason for our success. It has been my sincere pleasure to have served as your representative on the Executive Committee of the 2nd Air Division Association these past twenty-five years. My successor, Dick Pulse, who has worked as Assistant Group VP over the past few years and attended the Executive Committee meetings over the past few years, will carry out our programs.

I want to thank you all for the support I've received over the years. You've been the greatest!

Rick's service over the past twenty-five years as our representative has set a standard that will be difficult to match. He has spearheaded several fundraising activities related to the 458th BG and the Memorial Library in Norwich, the last one being the 458th Memorial at the Norwich airport, which also happens to be our airfield. Our hangars, the runway and parking stands are intact. Rick served on both air and ground crews and has extensive knowledge of the time the 458th was at Horsham St. Faith. I am honored and somewhat intimidated by the challenge of succeeding him. A year or so ago Rick persuaded Corgi to produce a die-cast B-24 model and give us the first opportunity to buy one. It is a beautiful model that is still available from Corgi and can be painted to match your plane.

It might be useful to give you a little of my history. I was co-pilot on the **Harry Perry** crew in the 752nd Squadron. We arrived at Horsham in August 1944 and finished our tour in early 1945. Our first trips were hauling gasoline to Lille, France because Patton was running across France faster than tanker trucks could keep up (not counted as missions). I have been a member of the 2nd Air Division Association for ten years, and my wife Betty and I have attended all conventions since joining; as well as a 458th reunion at Wright Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio; the reenactment of the Norwich 1945 VE Day parade; and the celebration of the opening of the new 2AD Memorial Library in Norwich — the replacement for the one destroyed by fire.

I was disappointed that there were only seven members and their wives representing the 458th in San Antonio but very pleased that every member volunteered to help in any way they could. Hopefully more of you will attend the next convention in Washington, D.C. in October 2006. This date was selected to coincide with the planned dedication of the Air Force Memorial.

Darin Scorza, the son of a navigator in the 755th Squadron, has been working on a database for the 458th since 2001. He obtained microfilm records, Missing Air Crew Reports, and crew photo-

tos from Maxwell Air Force Base, has put a considerable amount in computer form and has entered a substantial amount in a database. He also created a website for the 458th (www.458bg.com) and plans to put the photographs in book form. The Maxwell records are not complete. Please check the website to determine if your crew picture is included. If not and you have a photo of your crew (preferably one taken at your plane), please send Darin a copy for the book and website. Include a list of names and crew positions identified by position in the photo if possible. He also has received some stories in the process and is interested in more. I am also interested in any stories, recollections, or other items you think suitable for inclusion in this column — send them to me.

In the course of contacts with Darin I have learned that a bombardier assigned to my crew shortly after we arrived at Horsham was one of two crewmen who survived a crash on takeoff. I don't remember ever hearing that (due to either mental block or old age). I am still in contact with one of my waist gunners and he remembers a lot more than I do.

There is one mission that I do particularly remember. We were heading into southern Germany and asked our bombardier where we were. He gave us the information including the name of a river below us. About fifteen minutes later we asked again. His reply was that he had rechecked five minutes ago and it looked exactly like where we were before. He consequently had given up navigating for the day. The fact was that we were standing still. My recollection is that the group leader picked a target of opportunity and we headed for home. We didn't learn until much later that we were in fact standing still because of very strong high altitude winds. My guess is that they were at least 160 miles per hour that day.

Another recollection is, in my mind, one of the first radar landing systems. A British officer and one of our officers placed a radar bombsight upside down in a trailer alongside the runway. In poor visibility we would descend from several thousand feet over the North Sea at a set descent rate on a line to a beacon slightly northeast of the end of the runway and turn to the west as we approached the beacon. The radar should pick us up even though we were in cloud or fog; the operators would advise us whether we were on line for the runway and instruct us as to how much to turn right or left. We were responsible for crossing the beacon at the correct altitude and maintaining a set rate of descent. If we got off line, too high, or too low, we would have to climb out and go around, a dangerous procedure with other planes around. It worked — a pioneer radar landing!

So much for my first edition. Please send me any material you believe would be of interest. I've already used up many of my recollections. Photographs are also welcome. We thank you for your support of the funding for the memorial at the Norwich airport. We have received a commitment which will complete this project.

It seems strange to send you year-end greetings while we are experiencing temperatures in the high nineties, but the deadline for this article is August 15. We do indeed wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Holiday Season and a great New Year. ■

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Jenny Christian and I attended the Memorial Day services at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial at Madingley. We were fortunate to have as our driver **Bob Dance**, aviation enthusiast and former chief mechanic for Colin Chapman, at Team Lotus. We were invited as a result of a visit some of us made last November, when we agreed to keep each of our staffs informed of educational activities and to reciprocally display our brochures. Although it rained for some of the ceremony, the sun did come out for the laying of the wreaths and we all enjoyed the reception in the marquee afterwards.

Thank you again for a great year! ■



HARDWICK

Open Letter to the 93rd

BY JOHN L. LEE, JR.

As I write this article it is very hot here in Florida; in fact the whole country it seems is experiencing extreme weather. However, by the time this is published there will be quite a change in the weather. This sort of fits in with the fact that we experience changes as the years pass. Still we wish everyone a very happy holiday season and hope that the courts have not prohibited expressions of our wishes for peace and happiness for mankind. Here we are beyond sixty years after WWII, and many changes have occurred during this time in the area of technology. My good friend Leo Hebert has provided a writing that gives a good example of the way we did things back in that long-ago period. Somehow it makes we wonder what will occur in the next sixty years and beyond.

S.O.S.

"Save Our Ship"

BY LEO HEBERT

With all of the modern communications technology that is available today, the military services are not even using Morse Code anymore. It was used internationally as a method of sending messages via telegraph lines or radio. By using a simple code of dots and dashes for the alphabet and numerals, a telegrapher or radio operator could click a key to transmit a message.

At radio operator/mechanic school in Sioux Falls, SD, we were taught the theory of radio, built a crystal radio receiver, equipment repair, and sending/receiving of Morse Code. Some of the students couldn't master the 18 words per minute and were sent to the Infantry.

They never told us during our training that the International Distress signal of S.O.S. meant "Save Our Ship." Some Navy radio operators probably made that up, but it was easy to remember as *dit, dit, dit, dah, dah, dah, dit, dit, dit*.

While we were doing our air crew training on B-24s at Westover Field, MA, one phase of the program was to do a night mission by instruments only. We flew over the Atlantic Ocean toward our destination of Cape Hatteras Island, NC. Our navigator directed the course, and at the estimated time of arrival, we looked out and saw the lighthouse shining at Hatteras. All of the crew let out a cheer for a successful trip and congratulated our navigator.

Now back to Westover as charted by

our "hero." The gunners in the waist of the airplane all curled up and went to sleep. I noted that the radio reception was getting more static and interference as we headed north to our base. The weather pattern was changing from a balmy breeze to some turbulent skies. The further we went, more overcast and undercast clouds were encountered.

The navigator finally informed the pilot that he was not sure where we were, and apparently we were off course. Our pilot saw a black hole ahead and said he would go into it to see if we could visually identify our location. Suddenly, he realized that it was not a hole in the clouds, but a top of a mountain sticking up above the undercast. He pulled up just in time to just clip some tree tops that shouldn't have been there, if we were on course.

Now we were lost and running low on fuel from such a long trip. The next command was for me to do something, even though I couldn't hear anything above the atmospheric interference. I sent the distress message, S.O.S., and informed our base station that we were lost and almost out of gas.

Twisting the dials around, I faintly heard my call sign and acknowledgment that my message was received. We use abbreviations to save time in transmissions called "Q" signals; this response included QBD. Since there are so many signals available, we were required to remember the most frequently used ones.

I grabbed my blue field manual to check on the QBD, and it meant to switch on the IFF system to the distress position. This was an added "Q" signal after the Air Force developed and installed this emergency equipment in our planes. It had a red switch on a box with two buttons. One button would turn it on, but if you pressed both buttons, it would destroy the system to keep from falling into enemy hands.

By triangulation, they located our plane and sent our latitude and longitude. After confirmation, and a big "thank you," the navigator got to work and we were on our way back to the base. It was a great sight to see the lights of the field and the snow coming down.

I think we ran out of gas as we taxied to our pad, so you know how close we were to disaster. Another crew on this same training trip was not so lucky. They apparently hit one of those mountain peaks. Searching for them was delayed for three

days due to the bad weather. The entire crew was killed except for one gunner, who was frostbitten when rescued and became one of those paraplegic cases.

With radio silence while on missions with the 93rd Bomb Group over Germany, I thankfully never had to use the distress signal again.



Thanks, Leo, for a most interesting story. For those of you who enjoyed reading this as much as I did, I invite you once again to send your experiences my way. One of my favorite advancements in technology is the computer. I am constantly amazed at the speed with which one can communicate via e-mail. Writing this article is so much easier with the "copy and paste" feature, to say nothing of the spell-checker. What did we ever do without them?

As we go into the New Year of 2006, I hope our nation will be able to cope with the many challenges we face throughout the world. If the younger generation can continue on as well as the "Greatest Generation" I feel confident our future is secure. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ■

New Members of the 2ADA

Headquarters
William R. Parr

44th BG
Roger S. Markle

93rd BG
Eugene Burson
Fernley G. Smith
Louis A. Webb

389th BG
A. Murray Black

445th BG
William V. Baldwin

446th BG
James V. Tootell

448th BG
Earle P. Durlley, Jr. (491st)

453rd BG
Peter W. Fleming

458th BG
Jack Gonzales
Samuel W. Roberts



To the Editor:

In case anyone is interested, the picture on page 25 of the Spring 2005 issue of *The Journal* was taken on 10 April 1945 at Hardwick, home of the 93rd Bomb Group, Ted's Traveling Circus. It appeared in the 15 April issue of the *Stars and Stripes* with the following caption: "Fastening an American flag armband on the sleeve of 1/Lt. Francis E. Heffner in case of a forced landing behind Russian lines, Col. Fastovachut (left) and Lt. Co. Rudoi of the Soviet Military Mission for Aviation, wish the Lib navigator 'good flying.'"

The same picture appears on page 511 of the book *Ted's Travelling Circus* with the following caption: "Soviet liaison officers Colonel Fastoverchut and Lieutenant Colonel Rudoi fasten an American armband on Lieutenant Francis E. Heffner (right), a 329th Squadron lead navigator. The armband would identify American fliers forced down behind the Russian front."

You may notice that the two captions don't agree on how to spell the names of the Russian dignitaries. I'd probably vote for the *Stars and Stripes* version.

The tall guy keeping an eye on things behind Rudoi is me. Our target that day was an airfield at Rechlin, Germany, near Berlin.

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To the Editor:

With reference to the answer of Ron Hayne letter by Les Willis, published in the Spring 2005 *Journal*, regarding missing Liberator from Rackheath, Norfolk: I was the crew chief of B-24 serial number 42-52561 known as *Squitch*. Aircraft *Squitch* flew many missions until the ball turret was removed. The removal of the ball turret caused the CG (center of gravity) to move forward and out of safe range, making the aircraft nose heavy and not suitable for combat missions. It was suggested to add ballast just forward of the tail turret to move the CG back to safe range. This was not accomplished, and *Squitch* was

transferred to ATC (Air Transport Command) on 3 July 1944.

Reviewing 467th group records of Station 145, the records did not show any aircraft named *Ruptured Duck* in the records of Rackheath.

Thomas Steranko (467th)
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To the Editor:

It was with sadness that I received the Spring 2005 edition of *The Journal*, as my father would have enjoyed it. Dad didn't read much any more other than the local newspaper, but he did enjoy *The Journal* and read it cover to cover.

The story about Jimmy Stewart would have been close to him. He met the actor after a mission, when Stewart came up to the plane and asked to see the tail gunner. Earlier in the mission over the Ruhr Valley, Jimmy Stewart's good friend, Col. Lister, was in the lead plane just ahead of my father's *Angel Ann*. His plane was hit, and as the plane went down, only the tail gunner had a good view. Unfortunately, no parachutes came out.

Dad didn't talk too much about the war — only to say that it was a waste of lives; not in the sense that losing your life for your country is a waste, but in the sense that just like today, people are dying because of bad people and intentions in the world.

My father died suddenly of an abdominal aneurysm. I will always love him for being my Dad, but I have that bit of added respect and admiration for him because he served in World War II.

He lied about his age so that he could join and fight for his country, and his generation is truly "The Greatest Generation."

Paul Dispenza
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Dear Boyhood Heroes, dear Friends:

Today, May 8, 2005, is a day nations must go out to celebrate!

Sixty years ago, Tuesday, May 8, some of you had been freshly liberated from "Stalag Luft." Others were waiting for orders and transportation back home. Others were already sailing back to the USA, under wartime conditions to prevent any attack from German submarines (fanatics or commanders unaware of the surrender). Last but not least, some of you were already in the ZOI.

When the announcement came that the war was over, there was much celebration in the ETO (including firing weapons and flares). Some became gloriously inebriated.

One had just left a café in Lille, France after a session of food and champagne, when people came excitedly saying "*La guerre est finie/kaput*." And he returned for some more champagne (he still didn't remember the rest of the evening). Somewhere in England, a pilot got a bottle of scotch and drank it (he almost died).

It was also a period of reflection about home or the friends who would never see home again.

May 8 was a very special day for different reasons. A copilot thought about his daughter's birthday. And a squadron commander was thinking that it was his brother's birthday (KIA the previous year as a pilot flying in his outfit).

On the continent, celebrations were not as tremendous as during the liberation, even if people sang, danced, hugged and kissed each other. The end of the war had been imminent, and the day before the German capitulation had been signed in Reims, France. The main difference with 1944 was that the towns were then flooded in defiance of wartime regulations.

After six years of seemingly endless suffering, the war was over. But for many people, it was just another day of anxiety. Their thoughts were with their husbands, children, parents, friends.

The survivors of the concentration camps were slowly coming back home in terrible shape. How could they tell their relatives about what they had been through?

To members of Congress and journalists who had been shown the concentration camp of Buchenwald, General Eisenhower said: "You saw only one camp yesterday. There are many others . . . The barbarous treatment these people received in the German concentration camps is almost unbelievable. I want you to see for yourself and be spokesmen for the United States."

Over here (as sixty years ago), VE Day anniversary celebrations were not as huge as other 60th anniversaries: D-Day, the Liberation of Belgium and France, or the Battle of Bulge. But this did not stop us from lifting our glasses "To the too many who never turned up on the doorstep." As long as we will express our thoughts, they did not die in vain for the cause of FREEDOM.

Your friend from Belgium,
Luc Dewez



To the Editor:

It was nice to receive the Summer edition of *The Journal* and note with pleasure the picture and mention of Jane Russell's appearance at the Southern California Regional Reunion brunch at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim last February 26, 2005. When

I spoke to Jordan Uttal recently, he mentioned that I might "write a little something" about my friendship with Jane, which has lasted over fifty-eight years.

I worked as a publicist at RKO Studios in Hollywood before and during the time that "The Aviator," Howard Hughes, purchased that studio, primarily to promote the talents of his newest protégée. Hughes also signed my sister, Carmen Cabeen, to a contract as Jane's permanent stand-in. My sister, along with the actress's make-up man, hairdresser, wardrobe lady and costume designer, were members of a small entourage that traveled with the star whenever she made a film. Jane referred to them as "my lovable crew!"

I met Jane when she was filming *The Paleface* with Bob Hope at Paramount Studios, next door to RKO. I grudgingly agreed to have lunch with the modern Jezebel, "the new kid on the block" that many of Hollywood's gossip-mongers had labeled as Howard Hughes' mistress, otherwise, "How could she have achieved superstardom in such a short time?" It wasn't true, of course, since she was married to L.A. Rams quarterback Robert Waterfield at the time and I doubt that Hughes would have dared make a pass at the wife of that macho superstar of the pro-football world!

When my sister introduced me to Hollywood's newest star, Jane looked me up and down, and blurted out, "Why don't you pluck your eyebrows?" No cordial "hello" or "nice to meet you," just a critical comment about my appearance. I turned on my high heels and headed for the nearest exit, until my sister explained that the actress had no idea that she was being rude. "Meg, when you get to know her, you'll find that she was just being Jane!"

Sure enough, over these many years, I realized that Jane Russell was/is much the same person as she appeared on screen with Bob Mitchum in their films together, a talented, no-nonsense woman with a "shoot from the hip" frankness that belies the "sex symbol" image that Hughes insisted that she portray in her first film, *The Outlaw*.

It was Jane who introduced me to my present husband, photographer Tom Smith, three years after my first husband, 1st Lt. Woodrow "Woody" Cole, a bombardier in the 44th Bomb Group, 67th Squadron, was killed in action after a failed bombing mission over France.

Tom and I moved to Santa Maria, CA with our two sons when Tom was assigned by Lockheed to serve as Photo Coordinator for their Missile Systems & Space Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base. We are both happy to say that our friendship with Jane has endured all these years. After the death of her third husband, she

moved to our city to be near us and her youngest son, Robert Waterfield, Jr. and his lovely wife, Etta.

I recently spoke to Jane about the brunch and the picture that appeared in *The Journal*, asking her about the experience. She said, "I had a grand time; they were wonderful to me. They even named me their pin-up girl! I figured that they called me that because I'm probably the only one of the ole gals still alive!" Then she chuckled and said, "I told them that I no longer looked like I did when I was a brunette, but now that I was a 'blonde,' I saw a lot of other 'blond' men at that luncheon, too! Then I sang 'It Had to Be You,' sat down and had my lunch!" That's our Jane, never one to take herself seriously as a *femme fatale*, but just "one of the guys!"

Forgive the length of this message, but I would like to pay homage to all the members of the 2ADA and especially to Will Lundy, historian, who furnished me with reams of information on how my young husband was killed. I am eternally grateful to him, along with "Pete" Henry and Jordan Uttal for their compassion in dealing with the old widow of a fallen hero in that war that Studs Terkel called "The Good War." Certainly a misnomer in my book, Mr. T.!

I honor Woody's memory to this day, by having a dozen yellow roses placed on his grave in Cambridge American Military Cemetery in Madingley, England, through the auspices of the American Battle Monuments Commission, every year on the anniversary of our wedding in 1943. Also, I have purchased two new books for the Memorial Library in Norwich to replace the ones that were lost in that disastrous fire some years ago. My 87-year-old husband and our two sons have always respected my feelings for my first husband.

I, along with millions of others, will never be able to repay you for your bravery in giving up your youth, with no expectation of commendations other than those that were earned in battle. In some respects, the entire free world is indebted to you for your selfless courage. God bless you all!

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To the Editor:

Once again can Jean and I express our very sincere thanks to the 2nd Air Division Association for all your great kindness, friendship, and the warm welcome we received at San Antonio. We were so pleased to be back with that great 2ADA family for our twenty-fifth time, although deeply saddened at the sudden death of David Patter-

son. I was so fortunate to have flown over 29,000 miles with him in your country. As always, our thanks to Evelyn Cohen for arranging yet another superb convention, and to Geoff Gregory for his outstanding year as president. Also glad that this time in San Antonio I actually made the banquet, having missed it in 1981!

We can never thank the 2nd Air Division Association enough for the tremendous legacy that you have given us and the future generations with your unique 2nd Air Division USAAF Memorial Library and 2ADA/Fulbright Librarian. Being a Trust Governor for the past twenty-five years has been a high spot in our lives. The wonderful new Dzenowagis film, *Welcome Home*, really highlighted for us the many happy memories that we have enjoyed during the sixty years that we have had the privilege of knowing the 2nd Air Division USAAF.

Thank you all for being such wonderful friends. We will never forget you. Stay well and God Bless.

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To the Editor:

Enclosed is a picture of a painting on the tailgate of my Chevy S-10. The fellow who did the job is an amateur painter who works in the body shop where I purchased the truck. I saw some of his paintings on his motorcycle and showed him a picture of the B-24s on a card I received from Rick Rokicki several years ago.



I was on Gene F. Gabriel's crew at Horsham St. Faith. We flew 35 combat missions from July 1944 through February 16, 1945. We had some close calls, but we made it OK with no injuries to any of our crew members. I flew in the tail turret 26 times and in the nose turret nine times.

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Dear friends of the 8th AAF:

It is with great sadness that I must report my father's passing. William V. Tumelavich, "Murph" to his crew members (no one could pronounce Tumelavich!!) passed away on February 7, 2005 at the age of 81.



Dad, a S/Sgt, was with the 445th Bomb Group, 703rd Squadron stationed at Tibenham, 1944-45. He

flew 31 missions as a top turret and waist gunner in the B-24. The day he and his fellow airmen arrived at the base in England, news had just arrived regarding the Kassel Raid. I cannot imagine what that must have been like for those men, but with the help of the staff there, they got through it. They had a mission and they were determined to see it through.

Now as I go through my Dad's papers, I am finding that he kept EVERYthing. Every paper that was issued from the time he actually signed up in his home town of Carbondale, PA. The thousands of pictures, believe me, Dad puts me to shame . . . he listed who was in the picture and the date. He was amazing. I am in the process of putting all of it into acid-free books, as I want to preserve it all for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They all loved him so, and miss him so much. And, there is a wealth of history here. I want to let his family know how brave he was and how much he means to me. This will serve as a commemoration of my Dad's life while he served his great nation. He was so very proud of that fact, and he instilled in my sister and me the love of the flag and what it stands for. And we are doing that for our children and grandchildren as well.

Dad leaves behind the love of his life, his wife Betty. She, too, was in the service, in the WAC. They met during that time and were married at Kirkland Field, Albuquerque, NM, in 1945. They would have celebrated sixty years of marriage in August of this year. They had two daughters, Carol Ann (and husband Bud) and Joann, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. To my father, his family was the most important part of his life. He was a proud American and will be forever remembered by his loving family.

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To the Editor:

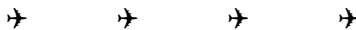
Can somebody throw some light on the whereabouts of George Edward Brown of the 389th BG, Hethel? Brown was a waist gunner on a B-24 serial number 44-40085



Crew #5099 at Casper, Wyoming, August 1944. Front row: John R. Hannigan, ball gunner; Cecil P. Howe, tail gunner. Middle row: Alfred B. Wunluck, radio; George Gerstner, engineer; Wm. Tumelavich, top turret; Quinn Summers, nose. Back row: Lt. Al Digris, bombardier; Lt. Robert Livingston, navigator; Lt. John Burrington, copilot; Lt. Wilbur Butts, pilot. Photo submitted by Carol A. Cavallo.

that crashed on 22 April 1944. Piloted by Lt. Foley, it demolished a "radio shack."

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To the Editor:

My daughter, grandson, and I visited Norwich, May 15-17, 2005. We had previously visited in 1995, but my daughter thought I should visit Normandy, so we made a side trip.

We were met by Trevor & Derek Hewitt of Frettingham. The Hewitt family live a few yards from the crash site of *Belle of Boston*. They have built a museum to the *Belle* crew at their farm.

They furnished transportation and entertained us in their home. Trevor obtained permission and Karl Lake of the city airport drove us around the perimeter of the airport as I pointed out the old bomb storage area and where we test-fired the .50 cal. after being reworked. We saw the memorial marker near the departure lounge. Of course about all of the living area is deserted and overgrown with vines, etc.

We also visited the Memorial Library

and met Derek Hills and Jennifer Christian. Lesley Fleetwood was on a first-time trip to the United States.

Evidently the word has been spread about the generosity of the Hewitts, as someone sent four brothers who were stationed at various bases and were visiting. They were told that Trevor and Derek would welcome them. I can't thank them enough for their hospitality. All in all it was a grand visit.

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To the Editor:

Andrea and I would like to thank Past President Geoff Gregory and his wife Terry, Vice President Membership Evelyn Cohen, and all who gathered in San Antonio at the 58th Annual Convention for making us both feel so welcome.

It presented another great opportunity to renew friendships made during past conventions both in Norwich and Philadelphia, to meet many other members of the Association and explore a part of Texas we had never visited before. Andrea was particularly pleased to do a short "shift" on the registration desk, which enabled her to

meet and greet a number of members for the first time as they arrived at the hotel.

Highlights of the convention were the latest Dzenowagis film, *Homecoming*, the wonderful banquet with the moving candle lighting ceremony, and the late nights along the River Walk. As time permitted we enjoyed a few of the many tourist activities that San Antonio has to offer — visiting the Alamo, taking a boat trip on the river, going to the Texas Cultural Institute to enjoy a marvellous swing band concert, and finishing with a fun time at the lively and colourful Mexican market.

We look forward to seeing all of you and more next year in Washington, D.C., and if any of you, or members of your families, come to visit your bases and the Memorial Library in Norwich, you can be assured of a very warm welcome here.

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To the Editor:

Back by popular demand, we have produced a 2006 B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress calendar. These calendars are packed with color and black & white photos, historical descriptions, and dates. It retails for \$9.95 plus \$2.50 p&h (\$12.45 total). CA residents add 7.75% (\$13.41 total). Additional calendars of any type to the address are \$7.00, which includes p&h.

We've also produced, for the first time, a 2006 Bomber Legends WWII Wall Calendar. Aircraft featured include: PB4Y-2, PBJ, B-24, B-17, B-29, B-26, A-26, B-25, and A-20. This oversized 11x14 color and B&W calendar retails for \$12.99 plus \$4.00 p&h (\$16.99) total. CA residents add 7.75% (\$18.31 total). Additional calendars of any type to the same address are \$9.00, which includes p&h.

We will reimburse the 2nd Air Division Association \$1.00 for every copy of these calendars that is sold to members of the 2ADA. We have assigned your group a special code to track sales. The code appears in the return mailing address next to "Bomber Legends" in the ad (*see page 18*). Total sales will be calculated on March 1, 2006, and a check will be mailed to your Association.

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS **(AF Wives Version)**

BY MACKIE BUTLER, PAT COLEMAN, AND MARGARET ZEHRUNG
SUBMITTED BY CHUCK WALKER (445TH)

*'Twas the night before Christmas — no husband home yet
He was off — as usual — flying a jet.
My stockings were hung in the bathroom with care
(I wash them every night — I have but one pair)
I'd worked for the Woman's Club thru the holiday strife
And was planning to sleep for the rest of my life.
When outside the house I heard such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
I thought at the time 'twas our neighbor — on the right
Who starts up his Hi-Fi late every night.
So I opened the window and loudly did cry —
"Is this Christmas Eve or the Fourth of July?"
When what to my dead-with-sleep eyes did appear
But a hinky-dink sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.
And who should be drivin' this outfit so cute
But Santa Claus dressed in a flying suit!
I said to myself, "What can be this guy's game?"
When he clucked to his reindeer and called them by name
"Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer! Now Vixen!
On Comet! On Cupid! On Donder and Blitzen!"
I'd not had that many martinis, I knew —
But up on the housetop the whole outfit flew.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The pawing and prancing of each little hoof.
Just imagine my feeling — for sleep nearly dead
And some sap with an animal act overhead.
As I drew in my neck and was turning around,
Down the chimney my visitor came with a bound
A big bag of junk he displayed with a grin,
And he acted to me like he'd like to move in.
The point that I make is — 'twas then 3 o'clock
And a man in my room without stopping to knock —
I was thinking how nery he was and how slick
When he said to me, "Lady, I'm only St. Nick."
"St. Nick," said he — why the sooty louse
Had gotten that beard at the Costume House
It wasn't as white as the driven snow
And his mouth wasn't droll or drawn up like a bow.
And I really feared I had something to dread
When he winked his eye and twisted his head.
I was too scared to cry and too stunned to scream
I kept hoping and praying it was only a dream.
When he jerked off his beard and slipped off his cap
And there was a familiar smiling chap.
Yes, my husband in his gay little way
Had finally gotten home for the holiday
So we said to each other as we turned out the light
"Merry Christmas to All and to Us a Good Night."*

Television Documentary Available on the Dedication of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library

In November of 2001, two months after the tragedy of 9/11 in the United States, the 2nd Air Division Association (2ADA) traveled to Norwich, England, where veterans, family members, and British friends participated in one of the most historic weeks ever for the 2ADA.

With the assistance of British friends David Hastings and Hilary Hammond, four video camera crews were able to capture the memorable events for history. The two-hour documentary, *Roll of Honor*, developed from over 70 hours of their footage, covering the significant events that led up to the dedication of the new 2nd Air Division Memorial Library:

- The history of the 2AD Memorial Library,
- The joint meeting of The Friends and The Heritage League,
- A pre-dedication tour of the Memorial Library,
- A visit to the American Cemetery at Madingley,
- A reception by the students at Wymondham College,
- The restoration of the B-24 at the American Air Museum at Duxford,
- The Freedom of the City ceremony at St. Andrews Hall,
- The rededication of the Roll of Honor at Norwich Cathedral,
- The Royal Air Force Tribute on the Millennium Plain,
- The dedication of the new 2nd Air Division Memorial Library at The Forum,
- The farewell banquet and Eight Candles for Remembrance,
- A return to the bases.

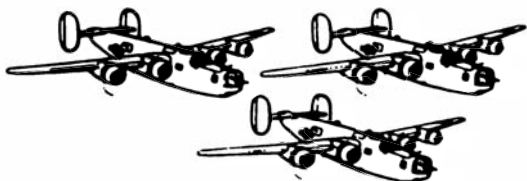
Roll of Honor premiered in the United Kingdom and in the United States at the 2ADA conventions in Baltimore and Chicago. It is now available on VHS for \$49.50 + \$5.00 shipping/handling. PAL format tapes, the format in use in the U.K., are also available for the same price plus \$12.00 shipping.

For more information or to order a copy, please contact:

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