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FROM THE PREZ

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC)

A letter was sent to President Clinton with attachments and requested that he consider the 467th for the PUC. Copies of the letter were sent to Senator DeWine (he did not respond), Representative Hall (he responded that I was not his constituent), and Representative Hobson (he forwarded the letter to the Office of Legislative Liaison). A L/C Michael K. Gibson, Deputy Chief, Congressional Inquiry Division responded to Rep. Hobson. He had contacted the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC) who has the authority after review to forward the request to the Army Unit Awards Board for consideration as the Secretary of War was the approval authority and the Army remains the executive agent for the unit award. I contacted the White House Legislative Branch and Devone Patel advised me that the L/C Gibson was the right place to have our package. He also told me that now is the time for everyone to contact their Rep. and Senator requesting that they direct correspondence to the Legislative Liaison requesting that the request be forwarded to the Army Units Award Board for consideration for approval. The person for your Rep. and Senator to address their correspondence is Maj. Gen. T. Michael Moseley; Director of Legislative Liaison; U.S. Department of the Air Force; 1160 Airforce Pentagon; Washington, DC 20330. Make sure that you advise that a L/C Gibson have the data package at the Legislative Liaison. A brief summary of the PUC action follows: "In April 1945 the 96th Combat Wing Headquarters reviewed the combat record for the first 200 missions of the 467th. In the study were Bomber Effort, Mechanical Failures, Combat Crew Losses, Aircraft Losses, Aircraft Status, 467th Group Bombing Results - 1000 Feet, 2nd

Air Division Bombing Results - 1000 Feet, 8th Air Force Bombing Results - 1000 Feet, 467th Group Results - 2000 Feet, 2nd Air Division Results - 2000 Feet, 8th Air Force Results - 2000 Feet, Copies of this study exist and are available. This review resulted in the decision by the 96th Combat Wing that the 467th Bombardment Group is recommended for the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding leadership and accomplishment. This recommendation was made on 11 May 1945, however, before this study could be acted upon, or if acted upon and misplaced, by 2nd Air Division or 8th Air Force Headquarters, the 467th was returned to the United States for retraining and equipment for further service in the effort against Japan. As a result of this action, there was no follow-up of this recommendation and the matter was set aside by the 467th. Over the years, the matter lay until the enclosed study was recently found in the historical records of the 467th. In addition to the above statistics, we have added excerpts from: History of the 467th Bomb Group, Allen Healy; The Mighty Eighth, Roger Freeman; Log of the Liberator, Steve Birdsall; and Fields of Little America, Martin Bowman. This data is also available. At this time we request that the original documents be reexamined along with the history excerpts and if found as originally interpreted, the Presidential Unit Citation be awarded, as was the intent in 1945. Colonel Shower and appropriate members of the 467th would be available to accept the presentation as designated by the President." Your action on our behalf to get this info to your Rep. and Senator is very important and should be accomplished as soon as possible.

CONVENTION 2000

The convention was attended by 183 persons on Saturday

which was the dinner/dance at the Dayton Convention Center. Shuttle transportation carried most of the attendees to the Air Force Museum and all attended the opening remarks and welcome briefing in the Carney Auditorium by Major General Metcalf, Head of the Museum. From here all attended a memorial service at our memorial tree in the Museum Memorial Park. A memorial was said by Chaplain Capt. Parson followed by taps played by SrA Proper. At this time all personnel chose their course of action. One could visit the museum, attend the I-Max Theater, go to the Presidential Hangars, a shopping trip to the Fairfield Mall and/or visit the Wright Memorial. Friday evening was a barbecue buffet at the hotel.

Saturday had shuttles to the Air Force Museum and also a morning and afternoon sight seeing trip around Dayton. This trip included past the Dayton Dragons Stadium, Korean State Memorial, Art Institute, Masonic Temple, across Veterans Bridge to the Wright Cycle Shop. Here we spent time with the ranger and visited the shop. Back to downtown Dayton across the Peace Bridge past the Engineers Club, Miami Conservancy, 1913 Flood and Riverscape. Then through Woodland Cemetery and then to Carillon Park where an hour or so was spent going through the old Railroad Building and visiting the #3 Wright Flyer as well as other areas of interest. The return to the hotel came down Brown Street and a short trip through the Oregon District. Saturday evening was the Prime Rib dinner/dance at the Dayton Convention Center with background and dance music from the 40's with the sounds of Miller and others. At this dinner, the chance was drawn for the TV/VCR, various crews were recognized for their attendance and families and foreign visitors were also recognized. Two others were recognized for their efforts towards the 467th and the Second Air Division. Brian Mahoney was thanked for his effort in making his father's video of Rackheath available to the group. Helen and Joe Dzenowagis were recognized, along with Joe Jr. and Janet, for their outstanding video documentation of the Second Air Division and their always including the 467th. Unfortunately on this day, Cille Day miss stepped off the curb at the hotel entrance and chipped a bone in her spine. She was taken to the hospital and returned shortly thereafter, but was in considerable pain. She did attend functions in a wheelchair. I checked with her several times since the convention and she seems to be recovering well. The doctors said that it would take time.

Sunday was our day for Board Meetings and member's Business Meeting. Lunch was included for this day and the evening Banquet was held in the Van Cleve 1 & 2 rooms. The Banquet was started with the National Anthem being sung by Melody Williams, a young post degree student from Wilberforce College. Chaplain Capt. Parson gave the Invocation. The meal was the Crown Duo, which was salmon and fillet minion. Two awards were given one to Fred Holdrege and the other to Vince LaRussa. The guest speaker was Colonel Janet C. Wolfenbarger, the System Program Director of the B-2 Program Office. She gave a comparison of our B-24 to the B-2 and the difference of performance, including bombing accuracy, which was 10 feet with a 2,000 pound bomb. She had several charts that compared the difference on display. Her talk grew much interest as many questions were fired from the floor and she responded to them all, very professionally. The evening ended with several pictures being taken by Vince Re, the same as he did Saturday evening.

Breakfast Monday morning concluded the convention and our next full convention will be in Savannah, Georgia in October 2002.

CONVENTION 2001

Your 2ADA VP has covered the English trip very well. Between Davis Hastings, Perry Watts and Geoff Gregory, a good time should be had by all.

CONVENTION 2002

Quite a bit has progressed since the last newsletter and it all happened since the Convention here in Dayton. It seems that before that time for some reason I did not have time to get into it very much. The is exact date will be 3 thru 7 October 2002. This will put us in the area when the Octoberfest is going on in Savannah. That way we can run shuttles to the Museum on Friday and Shuttles to both the Museum and Savannah on Saturday. We will also have other outside trips, but at present I am considering having the tour group come into the Hospitality Room and sell the events there instead of me trying to get it for everyone. Some do not want to attend and by me doing it, it runs the cost up for everybody. Also, the tour groups provide the necessary transportation. I have been in contact with the Country Hearth Inn and it will soon be a Comfort Inn. They also reduced the room rate to \$60.50 per night, Single or Double. I will be going to Savannah in May next year and hope to get most of the arrangements set up for 2002.

CONVENTION 2003

At the time of this writing, I have not had any input regarding the 2003 convention from those that had an interest in having one in their area. I know Biloxi was one. Also Sacramento and even back to St. Louis were considered. The Dayton area is putting on a big show in 2003 as the 100th year anniversary of flight. They are constructing a mall and many other events are being considered. The Inventing Flight Program has its own web site "www.inventingflight.com". At that site you can determine the events available during the period. For those without web access, I will put more info in the next POOP. As a possible play on this, I have tentatively had the hotel to hold rooms for us at that time period. I do not know if the group would like to return to Dayton. I would like a response from all of you as to your choice, so please send me a card or an e-mail BJMax@aol.com and let me know your thoughts. We are not out anything for the hotel and if they get someone else in at the same time, we have 72 hours to confirm or we lose it. The three main weeks of the celebration is from 4 July thru 20 July. The end of the period is when the Dayton International Air Show takes place and most of the hotels are tied up already for that time period. We can get in at the beginning and I have July 7 thru 11 July on hold with 3-5 days same rate on either side of the period. The cost will be the same as this time, \$69.00 per night with a 5% per year possible increase, which make the maximum charge of \$76.00 per night. They will add the difference only if conditions prevail. Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you.

2ADA Vice President – Geoff Gregory

Howdy from Texas. Well, the last bag has been loaded in

the last car at Dayton & I'm sure the hotel is quit by now. So I guess it is time to reflect on the "2000 Convention " of the 467th Bomb Group.

The Gregory's drove from Dallas to Dayton by way of Des Moines, Iowa, where we stopped to see the Rocky Rothchild family. His widow, Ida. & 2 of his daughters-Connie & Suzy-treated us to wonderful lunch. Just seeing them again was a treat in itself. Ida is looking forward to the Convention in Norwich-possibly attending with 6 members of Rocky's family. It was another wonderful convention! Ralph Davis & His family did a great job of planning, & all went off smoothly. The hotel was conveniently located, & the food was uniformly good. The Day Room was outstanding! Kevin Coolidge & Bob Davie had computers, a copier & a T V with a VCR available for all to use & the refreshments were plentiful! I saw some of the Dzenowegin' s tapes being shown at our 467th convention for the first time. Thank you whomever". Incidentally, that same TVIVCR was raffled off at the Banquet. Ruth Mundy & my wife badgered me into buying \$25 worth of tickets, assuring me I had the winning ticket. However, Vince Re somehow purloined that ticket & returned home with that TV in the back of his car and I thought Vince was a straight shooter.

During the convention, we did have one small problem--- Cille Day fell off the curb at the entrance to the hotel. The curb was not damaged, but Cille chipped a bone in her back. After a hospital visit, some pain pills & a wheel chair, she managed to make all the events. She was told it would take 30/40 days to heal, & her own Dr. concurred. As of the end of Oct., she was much better. The business meeting went well. John Upp was elected to a directorship. Congratulations, John--a good man, a good choicer Plans for the Base Day during our Nov., 2001 visit to Norwich were also discussed. Of course, for now they are in the formative stage, but we do have options, I urge you to make know to me your thoughts & requests re- activities in the Rackheath/Salhouse area. Please keep in mind we will be on a very tight time schedule. We will most likely have lunch & dinner at the Green Man--cost, approximately \$32 per person for BOTH meals. David Hastings, Perry Watts & I will do our very best to provide you with a day to remember. However, BE PERPARED! ----ENCLAND IS EXPENSIVE! ! !

Presently, 60 from the 467th are signed up to go. Over 650 veterans & family members are expected to attend. Evelyn Cohen will be mailing a letter to all who are signed up, shortly after the 1st of Jan.2001.

A reminder from Walt Mundy-Arlo Bartsch is collecting data for the Military Database. If you have not sent in your Bio, do so ASAP. Also, Fred Holdrege is providing computer data from his database for the 790th squadron.

It was great to see all of you in Dayton! Special thanks to Charlotte & Col. Shower for attending! Till next time- Geoff

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Davis. Present were:

Col. Al Shower	Honorary Chairman
Ralph Davis	President/Director
Walt Mundy	Past President
Vince LaRussa	Past President
Vince Re	Director

Tony Bell	Director
Bill McGovern	Secretary/Legal
Geoff Gregory	Past President

Treasurer's Report

A report was submitted showing that we are in good financial shape, and have \$13,247.80 in the treasury.

Nominating Committee Report

The report of the Board acting as a nominating committee presented the name of John Upp for a three-year term as Director of the corporation to succeed Charles Clawson whose term was expiring. He was unanimously elected.

The members of the Board with years remaining in their term are:

Five-Year Term

Walt Mundy	Three years
Ralph Davis	Three years
Vincent Re	Three years

Three-Year Term

John Upp	Three years
Paul Hatten	Two years
Tony Bell	One year

Future Conventions

Davis reported that the year 2001 convention would be held in England, and Convention 2002 would be held in Savannah, Georgia.

Data Base

Davis reported on the status of placing statistical information on to CD's in order that its legacy be passed on to future generations. Members were urged to send photos and Rackheath memories to Historian Kevin Coolidge.

Norwich Library

Geoff Gregory, our 2ADA Vice President, spoke of the necessity of raising funds to perpetuate the Memorial Library in Norwich. He suggested remembering it with a codicil to our wills.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill McGovern, Secretary

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Davis. Present were:

Col. Al Shower	Honorary Chairman
Ralph Davis	President/Director

Walt Mundy	Past President
Vince LaRussa	Past President
Vince Re	Director
Tony Bell	Director/Vice President
Bill McGovern	Secretary/Legal
Geoff Gregory	Past President
Paul Hatten	Director
Mel Culross	Past President

Presidential Unit Citation

Davis reported that efforts were continuing to obtain what all agree is a well deserved Presidential Citation for the Group. The office of President Clinton has been contacted by direct communication requesting such action.

Future Conventions

Davis reported that 59 members are on the list to attend the Convention 2001 in England, and 2002 would be held in Savannah, Georgia. Various sites were considered for Convention 2003 with a request for inputs from the various individuals making recommendations.

Memorial Library - Norwich

Mundy reported that donations were being sought to help to perpetuate the 2ADA Memorial Library in Norwich through the use of a codicil to your will. Also, that members are urged to contribute to the Air Force Memorial.

Report of Nominating Committee

The Board as a whole served as a nominating committee to fill the term of Charles Clawson as a Director, his term having expired. The Board recommended that the name of John Upp be submitted to the members to select a Director for a three-year term.

Memorial Chapel Pew - 8th Air Force Museum

The following names will be placed on the pew plaque: Ralph Elliott, Robert Sheehan, Ralph Giesecke, Phillip Day and Walter Weaver. The following names were also suggested for inclusion if we can have ten names on the plaque: George Dong, Allen Healy, Robert Salzarulo, Dave Swearingen and Jim Mahoney. The museum will advise us of the possibility. Currently, the Memorial Chapel is on hold as all bids came in above budget. A process of reducing scope was undertaken in an effort to bring the project down to available monies. Not being able to reach that value, it was decided to postpone construction for up to one year until sufficient funds are secured.

Treasurer's Report

Davis reported a balance on hand of \$13,247.80

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned to reconvene following the business meeting of the members.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill McGovern – Secretary

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Davis.

Election of Officers

The following were duly elected to serve as officers of the organization to serve until their successors shall have been duly elected.

President and Treasurer	Ralph Davis
Vice President	Paul Hatten
Secretary	Bill McGovern

Audit Committee

Upon motion duly made and carried, an Audit Committee was appointed consisting of Bill McGovern, as Chairman, and Tony Bell. Treasurer Davis will provide records of the treasurer following the end of the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill McGovern – Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 07-19-00 to 10-27-00	
Operating Fund Balance 07-19-00	\$ 14,471.47
INCOME	
Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ 1,458.25
Decal, Pin, Roster Addendum & Errata Sales	238.09
Patch Sales	212.00
Database Donations	200.00
Checking Account Interest	238.58
Initial Deposit from Convention 2000	3,500.00
Sub-Total Income	\$ 5,846.92
DISBURSEMENTS	
POOP FROM GROUP 19-2	\$ 1,460.19
8 th AFHM deposit on Walk, Bench & Tree	900.00
Print Addendum	47.97
Cille Day Items Shipping Costs	69.10
Purchase Stamps & Mail Items	49.96
Purchase Napkins, Print Rosters & other items	166.77
Sub-Total Disbursements	\$ 2,693.99
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$ 17,624.40

WIDOW'S COMMENTS

There are three additions to the roster this period. They are: Edith Olick, 2550 15th St., #401, Douglas, AZ 85607-2543; Mrs. John E. Meyer, 20 Wildwood Dr., Westwood, MA 02090; and Marjorie Sims, 5441 Farmbrook Dr., Charlotte, NC 28210-2945

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 36 contributors to the fund during this period that gave \$1,458.25, approximately \$40.51 per donation. Your generosity is always appreciated. There are no dues, so we rely on your donations to keep our newsletter and other activities funded. If you enjoy our newsletter, please help support it. The cost is generally around \$1,500 for each issue and it is published three times a year. Since we will not have a Convention next year, I am very much depending on the contributions to maintain the cost. We have several projects

going on that need help and we try to use the treasury to cover these. Contributors this period were:

Abernathy, Joe	Maris, Tony
Beaty, Frank	McGovern, Bill
Betcher, Ray	Noden, Will
Brown, Bill	Rhodes, Louis
Davis, Kerry	Samuel, Bob
Davis, Ralph	Scherer, Roger
Diederich, C. E.	Seavey, Stuart
Donahue, Richard	Shaut, Carl
Dye, Doer	Sisley, Donna
Elkewicz, Katherine	Steranko, Tom
Felbinger, Norm	Stevens, Jack
Giglio, Vincent	Tanner, Harry
Halpin, Edward	Tracey, Jerry
Hatten, Paul	Watson, Frank
Hogarth, Jim	Watts, Jill & Perry
Little, Cleatis	White, Mrs. Emitte E.
Loftus, Marshall	Wilkinson, Jackie & Andy
Mac Intire, Malcolm	Willis, Les

CONVENTION 2000 PICTURES

Below are two Colonels several years apart, but both with the esteem and personality that blends in with the group. Colonel Janet C. Wolfenbarger truly won the hearts of the group with her excellent talk comparing the B-24 to the B-2 with respect to crew, mission and payload. Colonel Shower enjoyed the evening immensely.

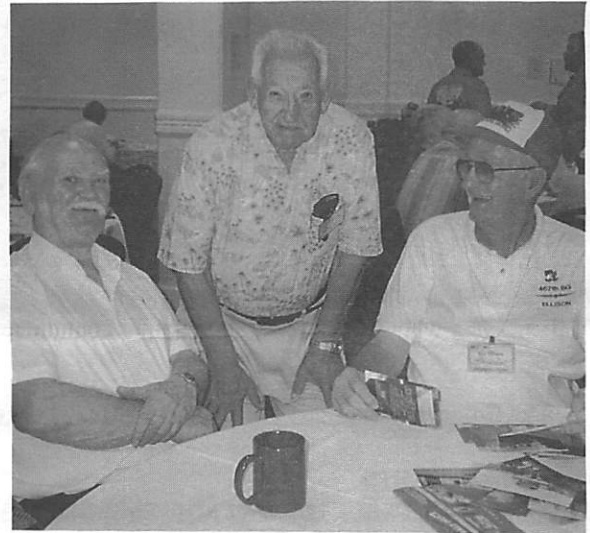


OUR BANNER (PLEASE NOTE)

The last time this was seen was at the Tucson Convention. Someone packed this with his or her items and we have been unable to locate it. If anyone has it or knows of its whereabouts, please contact Ralph Davis. We do not want the expense of buying another one. Thank you.



Several enjoying conversation in the Hospitality Room.



Enjoying Dinner





The Colonel and others enjoying the "Strawberry Bitch" that Colonel Shower flew into Wright-Patterson AFB.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

B-24 Liberator Club – PMB – 124 1672 Main Street., Suite E,
Ramona, CA 92065

Eileen J. Donlon, 1135 Bay Vista Blvd., Englewood, FL 34223

Greg Deming, P.O. Box 4175, Camp Verde, AZ 86322

John Duma, 1553 Englishtown Rd., Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Craig M. Dye – AF, 2389 B Mercury St., Honolulu, HI 96818

Larry Ellison, P.O. Box 14, Rimrock, AZ 86335

David Kurtz, 12601-1 Remo Court Boca Raton, FL 33496

John P. McLarty, 1504 Valley Place, Birmingham, AL 35209

Mrs. John E. Meyer – AW, 20 Wildwood Dr., Westwood, MA
02090

Margie Miller – AF, P.O. Box 357, Mossyrock, WA 98564

Edith Oliak - AW (Stanley), 1550 15th St., #401, Douglas, AZ
85607

Fred Salas – AF, 9888-3 Cole Rd., Whittier, CA 90603

Marjorie Sims – AW, 5441 Farmbrook Dr., Charlotte, NC
28210

Ron Steranko – AF, 11 Queen Ct., Sewell, NJ 08080

Harry Tanner – AH, 2923 Roy Bunch Rd., Sulphur, LA 70663

Larry Turner – AF, 3291 Kiowa Blvd. So., Lake Havasu City,
AZ 86403

LAST POST

Hugh J. Donlon

Stanley L. Oliak

Robert L. Sims

Englewood, FL

Douglas, AZ

Charlotte, NC

**May they go from Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect
Service in GOD'S Heavenly Kingdom.**

LOST SOUL

Madeleine W. Ayers – AW

Thomas C. Burch

Rollie H. Blain

Bob Burch – AH

Robert Fixlen

William M. Gritton

Richard Jeppe

William T. Shoup

North Fort Meyers, FL

Chapel Hill, SC

Nampa, ID

Los Angeles, CA

New Rochelle, NY

Harrodsburg, KY

Memphis, TN

Marietta, GA

REQUEST REMOVAL

George Welsh – AH

San Diego, CA

DATABASE DONATIONS

Three contributors donated \$125.00. As stated in the past, if a Grant or other sponsored funding is obtained, this money will be refunded or donated to the treasury at each donor's discretion. Until we get to the level of \$15,000, please keep the donations coming.

GEORGE B. HALLOWELL, JR.

George B. Hallowell, Jr. passed away at his home August 10 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Cynthia of 53

years, two sons, Mark B. and Jay, two daughters, Amy Flail and Meg Willinger and 10 grandchildren. George was a Navigator with the 467th and will be missed by his comrades. The officers and members extend our most sincere sympathy to Cynthia and the family.

FUNERAL HONORS

By law, as of January 1, 2000, all eligible veterans will be entitled to military funeral honors signifying America's gratitude for their honorable service. Upon request, two service members will fold and present the American flag to surviving family members, and a bugler will sound "Taps." If a bugler is not available, a high-quality CD will be used. At least one member of the funeral detail will be from the deceased veteran's parent military service. The other may be from the same service or another military service. Other authorized providers, such as members of a veteran's organization, may be used to augment the military detail. No particular rank is specified in the law, but the services by tradition have ensured the person presenting the flag to the family is at least the grade of the deceased veteran.

A DOD Web site explaining the funeral honors process is scheduled to go on line January 1, 2000 at www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/. A toll free number, "1-877-645-4667", also will be available January 1, 2000 for funeral directors to coordinate ceremonies.

BRITISH GOLF (for our friends overseas)

I was told that in the "History of Mid-Hertfordshire Golf Club" that the Rules were modified in WW2 to take on board the following contingencies: -

1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shell splinters from fairways to prevent these from damaging the mowers.
2. In competitions during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. A player whose stroke is affected by the explosion of a bomb or shell, or by machine-gun fire, may play another ball from the same spot. Penalty -one stroke.

This poem was requested by Birdie White for her husband Emmitte

The Forgotten Man

Through the history of world aviation
Many names have come to the fore
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last
As they're joined by-more and more.

When man first started his labor
In his quest to conquer the sky
He was designer, mechanic, and pilot,
And he built a machine that would fly.

The pilot was everyone's hero.
He was brave, he was bold, he was grand.
As he stood by his battered old bi-plane
With his goggles and helmet in hand.

To be sure, these pilots all earned it,
To fly then you had to have guts.
And they blazed their names in the Hall of Fame
On wings with bailing wire struts.

But for each of our flying heroes
There were thousands of little renown.
And these were the men who worked on the planes
But kept their feet on the ground.

We all know the name of Lindbergh,
And we've read of his flight into fame.
But think, if you can, of his maintenance man,
Can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes,
Gabreski, Jabara and Scott
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs?
A thousand to one you cannot.

Now, pilots are highly trained people
And wings are not easily won.
But without the work of the maintenance man
Our pilots would march without a gun.

So when you see the mighty aircraft
As they mark their path through the air,
The grease stained man with the wrench in his hand
Is the man who put them there.

(Confidentially, I have been looking for the guy that put me there for a long time. Ralph)

LETTERS & NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Warren Meyers

Its been nearly three weeks since we left Dayton and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the outstanding support you and staff gave my crew and guests at the convention. As you know, there were four of the crew and the son-in-law of a deceased gunner at our mini-reunion within one night of the convention. They all received the convention materials and this made a lasting impression--enough to last another 55 years. Incidentally, the four crew member's wives were at the reunion and convention; all four of us are still married to the same women we met after the war and all of us have been married for 54 years--this may not be record but is REMARKABLE!

The convention was very rewarding to me on many levels including meeting with men I flew with over 55 years ago, learning about events that happened at that time, meeting new friends, being reunited with Gen. Metcalf (Director of the Air Force museum) and his wife Pat and enjoying the whole convention scene.

I would also like to send a special thanks to your wife, Bob & Frankie, Kevin, and all those people who were so kind and helpful to all of the Meyer Bunch. If you are ever in correspondence with Walter and Ruth Mundy please send my and Pat's regards for their help and fellowship and we shall not forget Perry and Jill Watts and Andy Wilkinson.

Thanks again for making this such a memorable event for us. Pat and I will try to make it to England in 2001 and will try to have at least 4 crewmembers in Savannah in 2002.

Jill & Perry Watts

President, Veterans and Friends of the 467th Bomb group Association.

Jill and I would like to say how much we enjoyed (we always do) the Group Reunion in Dayton. Again an honour, privilege and a great pleasure to be with you and to have such a wonderful friendship which we will always treasure. Looking forward to meeting some of you again in November 2001 when the Group will be holding its' Convention in Norwich.

We must say "Another very well organized (they always are) reunion" - well done Ralph, Doris and Family. Our best wishes to you all. Jill and Perry Watts. "

PUBLISHER' NOTE

If at any time, I have missed someone in any aspect of this newsletter, please call me, e-mail me or write me and let me know. This also goes for any of the PX items. There are times when I set some things aside to cover something else and never get back to it. So, if you ordered and paid for something and have not received it, please let me know.

POST EXCHANGE

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

(Alpha & Zip available) \$3.00 ea, including shipping.

ADDENDUM & ERRATA BOOK & GROUP ROSTER

Addendum & Errata Book: \$5.00 including shipping

Group Roster: \$7.00 including shipping

Both for \$10.00 including shipping

GROUP WINDOW DECAL:

\$3.00 ea including shipping. (Currently out of Stock - Let me know if you want me to order more.)

GROUP & SQUADRON PINS

Note: All pins are now available:

467th 789th

791st 788th

790th 470th Sub Depot (limited number)

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

All 6 pins set, \$24.00 plus \$1.00 package and post

All 5 pins set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Package and post is \$0.75 for up to five pins.

AVIATOR BEARS (From 2000 Convention)

About 30 on hand

\$10.00 ea. plus \$3.00 S&H

ALL OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Marvin Ralph Davis

1143 Kenora Circle

Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1101

GROUP & SQUADRON PATCHES:

467th

791st 790th

798th 788th

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

All 5 patch set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Package and post is \$0.75 for up to five patches.

PATCHES AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Paul V. Hatten

210 North Mall Dr.

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GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:

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NEWS FROM RACKHEATH & SALHOUSE

The rain has stopped and luckily we missed the worst of the flooding. So good to see the 467th at the 2nd ADA Convention at TAMPA and to give you all the great news on the New Library and the Freedom of the City of Norwich.

The new Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library is really looking tremendous now. At the Trust Governors meeting last month we were able to get our American Trust Governor Chuck Walker, as well as Bud Koorndyk and Vicki Warning a Site visit so that they could admire your wonderful new 2nd Air Division Memorial Library which is part of this outstanding new building in our City. Everyone is working hard to get it finished on time and we are all excited about seeing you in November, I know you will love your new Library. The new building in addition to the Libraries will house a unique Visitors Attraction Centre telling the story of our history, a 200 seat lecture theatre, restaurant, bar, Tourist Information Centre and Business Centre as well as the Norfolk Records Office. The huge Atrium facing the St. Peter Mancroft Church will be used for many City functions.

So good to be working with Evelyn Cohen once more on the planning of your visit next year and it all looks good so far. Last Sunday we took your 2nd Air Division Fulbright Scholar Librarian Carson Holloway with his wife Elaine and son Alex to the Founders Day Service and Lunch at Wymondham College to keep the youth links going and Carson is another superb ambassador for you and the Memorial as well as a great librarian. Elaine and Alex are also great. Then this Thursday we have the Thanksgiving Dinner organized by the Friends of

the Memorial and as always it is a complete sell-out so we should have a great evening. Amazing how the time flies as on December I have to go to the Fulbright HQ in London to help select your next Fulbright Scholar.

The Marker and plaques in Rackheath are all well cared for by the usual small team and Perry Watts and I are working on the Base programme for next November. We just cannot wait to see you all again. Stay well and God Bless.

Yours, David. J. Hastings.

Vice Chairman Memorial Trust.

467th Base contact.

QUOTE FROM "THESE GOOD MEN"

BY MIKE NORMAN

I read this quote at the banquet during the 2000 Convention. I knew of no other way to express my feelings as this covers my expression regarding Conventions and perhaps it will express to all of you the same feeling for one another.

I know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best.....men who suffered and sacrificed.....who were stripped raw.....right down to their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would carry my reputation.....the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made.....the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all.....every day. I am sure that when I leave this world.....my last thought will be of my family and my comrades.....such good men.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

Leslie M. (Bodor) Krom writes – I have been researching my father's involvement in WWII and learned that he was stationed in Rackheath, England. He was an 18-year-old radio operator who flew 12 missions before the war ended. He started March 15, 1945 and flew his last mission on April 25, 1945. Would any one within the 467th have any additional information on my father's crew, which was Crew #26? He can no longer recall the name of his plane and only some of his crewmates. I am trying to preserve his memories while he is still alive. It would mean so much to our family. I have been looking for photos of dad's crew, but have been unable to locate any. My dad was Sgt. Stephen J. Bodor (RO) from Lynn Massachusetts. He can recall the following names of his crew: Pilot – Daniel Genger; Co-pilot – Nimits: Toggelier – Thompson; Turret gunner – Taladero; Engineer – Mac or McDonald; Tail gunner – Winoski (sp?). He remembers that he was in the 789 th Squadron. Your web site is excellent! Thank you for your time and trouble. My father address is Stephen J. Bodor, 236 Fairmont Street, Lowell, MA 01852. . Respectfully yours, Leslie M. (Bodor) Krom, 6 Farrell Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

A REMEMBRANCE ARTICLE - LES WILLIS

The tumult and the shouting have died away. The B-17's and B-24's will never again assemble into strike formation in the bitter cold of embattled skies. Never again will the musical thunder of their passage cause the very earth to tremble, the source of sound lost in infinity and seeming to emanate from all things, visible and invisible. The great deep-throated engines are forever silent, replaced by the flat, toneless roar of the jets and rockets. But, on bleak and lonely winter nights in the English Midlands, ghost squadrons take off silently in the swirling mist of the North Sea from the ancient weed-choked runways, and wing away toward the east, never to return. On other nights the deserted woodlands ring with unheard laughter and gay voices of young men and young women who once passed that way. Recollections of all these fade a little with each passing year until at last there will finally remain only the incredible records of the all-seeing Master of the Universe to recall the deeds of valor excelled by no other nation, arm, or service. These sacred scrolls will forever remain the heritage of the free and untrampled people of this earth.

8TH AF HERITAGE MUSEUM

As stated earlier, the Memorial Chapel is on hold till funding problems are resolved. The effort for the walk, tree and bench around our monument should be underway most any time. Initially they were holding on all items until the Chapel was resolved. The walk and the tree will be identified as the 467th and the bench will have Colonel Albert J. Shower, Commander 467th listed on it. These donations now put us at the highest level of contributors to the Museum, which is the Platinum Level.

I have another project going on for the Museum and that is a request for funding of a B-24 in the paint scheme of the Witchcraft. This proposal was made to the Ford Motor Company Fund. They are the same outfit that supported the B-24 for Duxford Museum in England. In the proposal package I included the picture of the Witch sitting on display at Willow Run where a young lady was pointing to the number of bombs painted on the side of the aircraft. I'm sure we can get help if it approved from Bob McEwen on paint scheme and other items. It would be a most significant achievement to have a Witch likeness sitting in Pooler, GA at the Museum. According to the info I received back from them, we should know something in early December.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM DORIS & RALPH

Doris and I wish each and every one of you our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and the most Happy and Prosperous New Year. To those of you that attended the Convention in Dayton, we deeply enjoyed your company and hope that all of you had a very good time. The Lord willing, we will see some of you in England and many more, I hope, in Savannah where we will get to visit the 8th AF Heritage Museum once again. I'm sure we will have a good agenda for all who attend. Octoberfest is always an enjoyable time of the year.

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