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FROM THE PREZ

COLONEL SHOWER'S MEMORIAL

The final count of Colonel Shower's memorial fund was 87 contributors (four gave twice) plus the 467th Bomb Group contribution, which made every member a contributor. The final dollar figure was \$10,485.00. Two black granite etchings were made for a cost of \$3,285.00, one for the Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum and the other for the Second Air Division Memorial Library. A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Collings Foundation to have the Colonel's name moved from the DFC area to the cockpit area. The balance of \$6,200.00 was split between the Eighth AF Museum and the Memorial Library for book endowment and specific funds. The Memorial Library received \$3,100.00 for a book endowment in Colonel Shower's name. The 8th AF Museum received \$3,100.00 with \$1,000.00 designated for a book endowment and the balance of \$2,100.00 being earmarked for funds to support the relocation of the B-24 nose from Duxford. A proviso was put in that in the event the B-24 nose acquisition does not materialize

within the next two years; the funds will revert to the general fund for use as deemed necessary by the museum. The etching at the museum has been put on the wall directly behind our memorial. They moved the B-17 plaque that was there to accommodate us. The etching in the Memorial Library has been placed in the Second Air Division room in the Memorial, which also holds the pictures of General Kepner and General Hodges. A most appropriate place. David Hastings took care of this for us as well as to put a plaque below it to identify the Colonel. The 467th and the 2ndAD are extremely lucky to have such a devoted and loyal gentleman supporting us in all of our endeavors. I know that the Shower family deeply appreciates our remembrance of Colonel Shower and for them and us we wish to thank everyone for their kind consideration and participation.

BOB McEWEN'S MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A total donation of \$500.00 was received for Bob. An amount was contributed from the 467th funds so that all participated. I have contacted Ruth and she agrees that we should send it to the Second Air Division Memorial Library Book Fund. She stated that Bob very much

supported the Memorial Library and she preferred that the funds be placed there to purchase books. Ruth, Bob's family and us thank all of you who participated in remembrance of Bob.

CONVENTION 2002

Attendance this year was lower than any year before. We varied between 106 to 129 attendance for the five days. Perhaps it was the fact that we did not have one in 2001 combined with the economy, 9/11 and we seem to be reducing in numbers. For all the problems preceding this convention, the final outcome was very good. Everyone enjoyed the food. The Friday Memorials at the Chapel of Fallen Eagles went well. Our data was in place and the Black Granite etching of Colonel Shower was very impressive. Friday was spent at the Museum or in the Hospitality room. Saturday was spent at the Octoberfest in Savannah or at the Museum or Hospitality room. We had all three large rooms opened up for our Hospitality room and it allowed us to have videos, music, snacks and conversations. The motel had been revamped, but lacked for certain conveniences like telephone service. They did move some to other rooms where possible. Ann Russell, our caterer, really did an outstanding job of serving food under the most trying conditions. One dinner evening, all the power went out in the kitchen except for one wall plug, which they used with a drop cord. The dishwasher was inoperative and the ice machine was broke. On the night of the banquet, the exhaust fan quit and the kitchen looked like the time we had a fog takeoff on an early morning mission. The personnel working at the motel were very helpful, but the ownership had much to learn about supporting a convention. The motel is an ideal setup for conventions in Pooler to be near the 8th Museum. Ann and her husband Danny took care of both the meals and the bar service. We had cocktails Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Sunday was your own bottle as the county is dry. Banquet night, Bob Wyatt won the TV/VCR; Bob Samuel, Jr. won the door prize radio/CD player; and Vincent LaRussa was the lucky draw on the Freebee Drawing. Our business meeting was very fruitful as we had Andrew and Andrea Hawker to cover various points about the Memorial Library. Andrew is the newest Memorial Trust Governor. For the first time that I can remember, we had a discussion during the business meeting to identify how the membership wanted to be represented at the Second Air Division by our 2AD VP. In the past, the vote had been left to the discretion of the VP. Now we have firm direction as to what we want to support. It was unanimously for both the Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum and the Second Air Division memorial Library. Where either are brought up for discussion, our representative will support both activities. Bodie Malone was nominated from the floor along with Tony Bell for the vacant Director's position and in the election, Bodie Malone was elected. Walter Mundy replaced Bill McGovern on the audit committee. The new Board of Directors requested that I contact Valerie Corvino to see if she

would consider being our Secretary to replace Bill McGovern. She has accepted the nomination. Erin McGovern, Bill's daughter, agreed to be our sponsor in Wisconsin for our incorporation. For the convention in 2004, the new board decided to add additional areas to the list. We are now looking at the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, Sacramento, California, Las Vegas and Northern Kentucky. I will try to get a decision before the next newsletter. Lets make San Antonio a good one.

CONVENTION 2003

At the present time, all arrangements have been completed. I will not put a registration form in this newsletter, as the exact cost has not been finalized. However, San Antonio seems to be a little higher than other areas. It compares more with the one we had in New York several years' back. Right now we are looking at \$79.00 per night, single or double, and convention costs of \$270.00 per person which includes the buses to the Missions and all meals with the exception of lunches on Thursday and Friday. Because some of you requested that our Banquet be on Saturday instead of Sunday, I have changed the convention times to start with registration on Wednesday, September 24, Thursday to visit Missions, Friday open with possible trips to local bases and lunch at the Officer's Club, Saturday our business and board meetings and the Banquet and end with breakfast on Sunday morning. Meals are considerably higher in this area, but I'm sure many of you will enjoy returning to an area where you possibly started your military career. The hotel in on the trolley line and we will try to get passes for Thursday through Saturday. The trolley goes to riverfront and various areas of San Antonio that may be of interest to the group. Jim Gamble is looking into the base tour. Since I do not know who or how many would want to do this tour, I at present plan to have it as an optional tour that you can sign up and pay for during the registration. The tours add to the overall costs and it is deemed better to let this one be as an option. The hotel we are staying at is the Radisson and is located at 502 West Durango Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78207, telephone 210-224-9130. I once again set planning at 150 attendance. The Pooler convention averaged 113. This affects cost and cancellations impact our end costs. For the Pooler, I was able to return registration fees and convention fees with cancellations as late as the day before we started our convention. Thanks to many of those canceling, they donated an amount to the Mail Fund and reduced my dollar return. The Mail Fund is the recipient of any excess funds and this helps in maintaining the newsletter.

CONVENTION 2004

As stated earlier, we are now looking at the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, Sacramento, California, Las Vegas and Northern Kentucky. If anyone has a preference, I would like to hear from you either by e-mail, post card or the toll free number. Your inputs are valuable to the decision. Currently, the Northern Kentucky area is the only one that has offered us a donation amount for selecting their area. This is a first and a most interesting proposal of \$600.00 to our treasury and it comes from the Convention Bureau of Northern Kentucky. They also have casinos in the area, the same as Las Vegas and the Mississippi Gulf coast

area. Once all data is in, along with your desires of location, I will get the information in the next newsletter. I would also like an opinion on starting on Wednesday and ending on Sunday rather than Thursday through Monday. Your input is valuable.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

One of these days, we may get it or die trying. Someone, whom I do not remember, sent me an article out of the Second Air Division Journal that was an article by Dave Swearingen that was titled, "To Set The Record Straight". The article states that the 467th, along with the 96th Combat Wing and the other two groups of the wing were awarded the Presidential citation. On this mission, which the 467th led along with Colonel Shower as Command Pilot, it is quoted from General Order 327, dated April 1944; "For extraordinary achievement while leading a Combat Wing of B-24s on a bombing mission deep into Germany on 24 April 1944. With skillful airmanship Colonel Shower directed the Combat Wing formation to its important target where bombs were released with devastating effect." For this, Colonel Shower received his first Distinguished Flying Cross. This article was forwarded to my congressman's chief of staff for him to check into this and see if this will add any weight to our effort to receive the PUC.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

The use of the toll free number is still not being used as much as it should be. I had a large number of postage forward charges from the last newsletter. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc.

INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th now has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are updating it and want to get all of the latest information. We have had some trouble with our server. They do not back up our data on a current basis and at times it has reverted back to several months earlier even though we have up-dated it.

2AD GROUP VP - GEOFF GREGORY

Well we made it! A little of August, all of September, a little of October & 5250 miles later, we are finally back in good OLE Texas.

At the 2nd ADA convention in Baltimore, we had a fine hotel, fairly decent weather, uniformly good food, even if the service in the "Bistro" was a bit slow. Since you will hear details from others, I will confine myself to the activities of the Executive committee meetings. These were all very productive, & we were pleased to welcome David Hastings, Chairman of the Board of Governors. This was the first time the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust, was invited to sit in on the entire Ex.Com. Meeting. We had a spirited discussion concerning possible financial support of venues other than our Memorial Library. The majority of the committee agreed that the support of the Library would be our first priority until long-term funding of the Library is secure.

It was great to welcome Charlotte Shower to the 2nd ADA. A most gracious lady, Charlotte is continuing to carry out the Colonel's loyal attendance at both the 2nd ADA & the 467th conventions. It was a pleasure to see her represent the 467th in the Candle Lighting ceremony.

The attendance of the 467th membership at this convention in Baltimore was disappointing, particularly since our own Walt Mundy was serving as President of the 2nd ADA. Maybe we can do better at the next one to be held in the Chicago area in May.

Turning to the 467~ Convention in Savannah, the hotel was a great facility in which to hold a meeting of our size. It was well attended; averaging about 115 a day. The meals were catered by the owner of a private local restaurant. They did an excellent job under some very trying circumstances. The weather cooperated, although a little on the hot side. The "swimmers" appreciated that, & took advantage of a good size pool "HATS OFF" to President Ralph Davis and his family who did an excellent job of organizing another successful reunion. This, in spite of many last minutes changes in hotel management.

Of course, the focal point of the convention was the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum. We made a group visit, which included a service in the new beautiful Chapel, & a dedication of the addition of the fine "etching" of Colonel Shower at the base of his marker. (I understand that a smaller rendition of the "etching" has been sent to our Memorial Library in Norwich). Both are beautiful; and all, especially Charlotte Shower, were deeply touched. I had last visited the Museum several moons ago when it was first dedicated. There is no question that growth has been substantial. The Memorial Garden & the Chapel are wonderful & impressive additions; as well as several other exhibits. The Chapel was thoughtfully designed. The Stain-glass windows are stunning. Since the Hotel was so conveniently located near the Museum, most people made several visits to explore at their leisure.

One of the main topics discussed at the business meeting, was the disbursement of the funds in the 2nd ADA treasury. The matter was fully aired the consensus being that the majority of the 467th group wished to support both the Memorial Library and the 8th Air Force Museum. President Davis asked me to continue as V P to the 2nd ADA Ex. Com. Meetings. The stipulation was added that I vote on that particular matter as instructed by the 467~ Board of Directors. I agreed to serve with this stipulation.

It was great to see the Colonel's wife Charlotte at both the 467~, as well as the 2nd ADA conventions. She is indeed a gracious lady, and she has chosen to continue to carry on our beloved Colonel's tradition of attending both conventions.

We had several special guests all the way from England—Perry Watts with his wife, son & brother; Andy Wilkinson; and Andrew & Andrea Hawker. Andrew is the latest appointed member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust. They both were quite impressed with the 8th Air Force Museum; Andrew making many re-visits to take pictures & make notes. (Incidentally, they celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary while in Savannah). They did their best to meet as many people as possible, & made

themselves available to all for questioning or comments. They also took a very active part in the business meeting discussions; & their comments were welcome & enjoyed by all.

It is so rewarding to see everyone at these conventions—an opportunity to renew old friendships & memories, as well as to make new friends. We had SEVERAL "first timers", as well as a number of children & grandchildren this time. And so we go on continuing to build both organizations in memory of our dead, & to enrich & promote our own well being.

One request- will the 467th member who wrote a very kind letter to me after the Savannah Convention, please do so again? The envelope with the return address was damaged. I really would like to reply to you. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! HAVE A GOOD ONE!



Jay Shower at Monument & Col. Shower's etching

GREETINGS FROM STATION 145

Greetings from Rackheath and Salhouse as we recover from one of the worst storms in living memory. On Sunday morning we had winds of up to 90mph which meant in Salhouse a disaster as two oak trees brought down the power lines and phone cables. We have had three days without power, in fact it was rather like the "black-out" days of the war with darkened houses. Still the electricity came back on late last night but still no telephone. No damage to the Marker stone other than frayed flags I am glad to say.

The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division was held on October 24th and everyone was deeply appreciative of the support from the 467th BG with the Book Endowment fund in memory of Colonel Shower, the cheque from Joyce Brinson in memory of Colonel Shower, James Mahoney, Philip Day, Ralph Elliot and Joe Ramirez who were all such true friends of the Memorial Library and the black granite plaque of Colonel Shower.

Your 2nd Air Division Memorial Library has had a very successful first year in our new home in the magnificent Forum building with a threefold increase in visitors (over 10,000 Memorial leaflets used this year already). We can never thank you enough for your vision in 1945, when you decided that as well as the graves and the Wall of the Missing at Madingley, you wanted to leave a Living Memorial as well, to all those 7000 friends of yours who lost their lives in the defence of the freedom that we all enjoy today. There can surely be no better Memorial than a Living Library. Early next year the Trust Governors will launch the second part of "The Last Mission Appeal" to raise the £500,000 needed to safeguard the long term growth of your unique Memorial down the ages. The 2nd ADA have already given \$50,000 at Baltimore and a local Norwich Charity, the Town Close Estates has now given \$80,000, so we have made a flying start,



Walter Mundy at Monument & Col. Shower's etching

Your new 2nd Air Division Fulbright Scholar Librarian, Tahitia Orr has arrived and is well settled in already, proving to be yet another outstanding librarian as well as a wonderful ambassador for you, The Memorial and the United States. Also so pleased to see Al Touchette and his family over for the unveiling of the repositioned Private Miney Plaque on a superb new office block development,

thanks to the great support by the new young owners. We also had the pleasure of seeing Mike Caputo in the Library - Mike as you know made the superb model of "Witchcraft" that hangs in the entrance.

Norfolk now eagerly awaits the UK premiere of the latest Dzenowagis film "The Roll of Honor" and I am planning to have at least three nights at the Origins Theatre in the Forum before we take this stunning production out to all the old base villages. We can never thank this family enough.

Finally, we have just opened our superb new Village Hall in Salhouse and I am hoping that they will display the "Witchcraft Painting" in the main room.

With best wishes to you all for Christmas the New Year.

David.J.Hastings

Trust Chairman and 467th Base contact.

OLD BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was brought to order by President Ralph Davis. Attending was Vincent La Russa, Vincent Re, John Upp, Paul Hatten, Walt Mundy and Ralph Davis.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A discussion arose regarding the vacancy left by the death of Bill McGovern. Valerie Corvino name was brought up as she has been attending most of the conventions and has been very active in the PUC discussions. I was requested to contact her.

2. Bob McEwen's memorial funds was discussed and most thought that he would like it donated to the Yank Museum at Chino. I was requested to contact Ruth McEwen.

3. PUC was discussed and we collectively decided that we had done about all we could to have it approved. One last try would be for me to send the article that Dave Sweringen wrote for the 2AD Journal.

4. Database was discussed with respect to what Arlo Bartsch had accomplished to date. The opinion was for us to look to Kevin Coolidge, Bob Davis and Andy Wilkinson to put together the necessary data for the CD. The latest disk that Arlo sent to us to view did not have all the data that Kevin was sure he had accumulated. Thus I will contact him for an up-dated dick of what we have available. The 2AD database contact is R. F. (Dick) Gelvin, 448 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206, (480) 654-9249, displeaseDDog@att.net.

5. The Bombardier display that we sponsored still has B-17s pictures in it and we will request that these be removed and that the title is on the backside for identification.

6. The donation to the 8th AFHM was discussed to support the B-24 nose section coming from Duxford Museum. All donations should be made to the 8th identifying that you are part of the 467th and specifically identify the nose section of the B-24 as the purpose of the donation. If you desire, you may send donations to Ralph Davis and he will send them on to the 8thAFHM. Walt Mundy will contact other Groups within the 2ADA to get them on board with donations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The 2004 convention was discussed and two additional areas were added for consideration. We now have Las Vegas, Northern Kentucky, Sacramento, and Mississippi Gulf area (Gulfport). Once all data is in the board will receive the necessary data to make a decision on location.

2. An award was discussed to be given to someone that has been very thoughtful to both the 467th and the 2ADA. Efforts will be made to provide this award at the convention in San Antonio. The name will be announced then.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. The business meeting was brought to order by President Ralph Davis. Approximately 70 to 75 members, associates and friends were in attendance. It was our extreme pleasure to have Andrew and Andrea Hawker in attendance. Andrew is the newest member of the Board of Governors of the 2AD Memorial Library. Also in attendance from England were the Watts, Jill, Perry, James and Patrick, and Andy Wilkinson.

2. The first order of business was to select a new board member. Tony Bell was one nomination and Bodie Malone was nominated from the floor.

3. The election proceeded by a show of hands and Bodie Malone was elected for the new three-year term Director.

4. The site for the 2004 convention was brought up. At present we have two areas, one being Las Vegas and the other the Northern Kentucky area. Three other areas were suggested, Biloxi MS, Frankenmuth, MI, and Sacramento, CA.

5. Brian Mahoney stated that he had been made the Communication VP of the Heritage League. His task was to make it more lively and to pick-up education. He would also work closely with the Friends of the Trust in England. Walt Mundy mentioned that he had made an effort to bring together the Heritage League and the 2ADA by attending the Heritage League meeting in Scottsdale, AZ meeting to basically enhance relationships between the 2ADA and the Heritage League. To his knowledge, he was the first 2ADA President to attend their meetings.

6. Ralph Davis brought up the fact that the Board and the 2 AD VPs have in the past voted their own conscience when it came to actions effecting the 467th. A situation evolved during the last Executive meeting at the Baltimore 2ADA convention which supported the Memorial Library, but denied support to the 8th AFHM to assist in bringing the B-24 nose section over from Duxford. A discussion resulted from the membership and finally a show of hands vote was taken as to what support the membership expected. The vote was unanimous that the 467th membership wanted support to both the 8th AFHM and the Memorial Library. Additional discussion resulted in which;

a. Andrew Hawker was asked and he requested to address the members. He said he was most happy to have met the families of Gregory, Touchette and Stevens in England. He extended the greetings to the group from David Hastings. They all attended the relocation of the Miney plaque on the new building. He said both the Miney plaque and our monument were in great shape. The dedication of the B-24 at Duxford has been completed and

the B-24 is now in the Museum. It is my understanding that it took quite a maneuver to get it in because of its size and other aircraft within the museum. Andrew said he had a most enjoyable chat with C. J. Roberts, CEO and President of the 8th AFHM. He invited him to Norwich if he has time during his visit to England next year. He said he enjoyed the museum very much and made several visits to it during his stay. The new Fulbright Scholar Librarian, Tahitia Orr has arrived and in place. In a discussion of the funds required to keep the Memorial Library functioning, he said that they need to raise \$750,000.00 to insure that it is operating in the manor we conceived back in 1945. There have been 1.2 million visitors with a variance of 100,000 to 500,000 visitors to the library each week. There are 6,700 fallen eagles noted within the memorial section. It is dedicated friends like Andrew Hawkins, David Hastings and too many others to mention that keeps the memory and function of our 2AD Memorial Library alive and well. Those of us who were there will always remember what we and those who didn't returned shared at a crucial time period in our lives.

b. Walter Mundy spoke up in support of the 8th AFHM and the 2AD Memorial Library. A discussion evolved regarding the concerns of the support to the 8th AFHM and the 2AD Memorial Library,

c. Geoff Gregory stated that this discussion was resulting from his vote at the Executive meeting in Baltimore and gave his comments regarding his vote at the 2AD meeting regarding support to the 8th AFHM and the 2AD Memorial Library. Geoff made the comment that no one told him how to vote as 2AD VP representing the 467th BG.

d. Vince LaRussa stated how much the 467th had given to the 2AD and that we need to support both the Memorial Library and the 8th AFHM. A comment was made of just how much was required to keep the Library functioning.

e. Andrew Hawker stated that the current drive for \$750,000.00 would be sufficient to support the Library as proposed for perpetuity.

f. Bodie Malone made a motion that the members should identify what they want the board and the 2AD VP to support in all occasions whether as the 467th or at the 2ADA.

g. Paul Hatten stated he agreed with Vince LaRussa

h. Walter Mundy made a statement that he was the first to donate with his will and Geoff Gregory agreed that he beat him to it.

i. Bodie Malone reminded the group that a motion was made that the Board and 2AD VP do what the membership of the 467th want regarding all future actions. A vote was taken again and it again was unanimous to support both the Memorial Library and the 8th AFHM, Jack Stevens seconded it.

j. Jack Stevens also made a recommendation that became a motion that this type data should be sent out to the membership by e-mail and through the newsletter and that the Board should handle it as it

now knows the desire of the membership. Geoff Gregory seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

k. A discussion resulted regarding the advantage of having Geoff Gregory in as 2AD VP since Walter Mundy has a vote as Past President for the next three years. With Geoff on board, it gives the 467th two votes in the 2 AD Executive meeting. Tony Maris made the motion that Geoff be put back as the 467th 2AD VP. It was second by Vincent LaRussa and the motion passed unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Walter Mundy that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Vincent LaRussa, and the next meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas at the Radisson Hotel.

NEW BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was brought to order by President Ralph Davis. Attending was Vincent La Russa, Vincent Re, John Upp, Paul Hatten, Walt Mundy, Bodie Malone and Ralph Davis.

1. The new board recognized Bodie Malone, the newly elected member for a three-year term.

2. The responsibility of the 2 AD VP was discussed as a result of the membership voting in the business meeting and to keep the group apprised of 2AD actions. A letter will be sent to Dick Butler, 2ADA president putting Geoff Gregory in as 467th 2AD VP until Walter Mundy's Past President period runs out. This gives the 467th two votes on 2AD matters.

3. The discussion of officers came up. Bodie Malone made a motion to have Paul Hatten continue as Vice President. John Upp second the motion and all agreed.

4. It was discussed to contact Tony Bell to see if he would run for the Director at the next convention.

5. The liability for convention period was discussed. It was determined that we should look into liability coverage or have our incorporation moved to a state that limits the liability of the officers and the board.

6. It was suggested that we contact Ed King on legal matters since the death of Bill McGovern. Ralph Davis will contact Ed to see if he agrees and will support us.

7. A motion was made to have Valerie Corvino accept the position of Secretary. The motion was made by John Upp and seconded by Vincent Re.

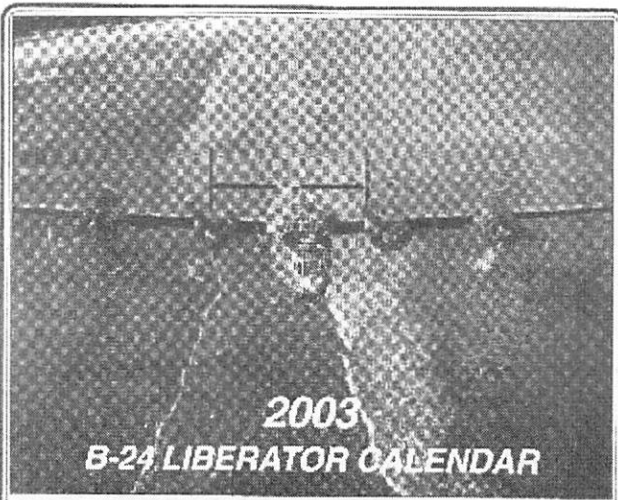
8. Bodie Malone brought up the Gulf Coast Area of Mississippi as a possible place for the 2004 convention. He said Biloxi MS was good. Near there was Keesler AFB, hotels on dry land and casinos on the water. He will send data for review and distribution to the board.

9. The board agreed unanimously to have Kevin Coolidge, Bob Davis and Andy Wilkinson do the CD for the 467th Bomb Group.

10. The board unanimously agreed to have Ralph Davis write a letter regarding the accommodations of the motel for this convention.

11. The board unanimously agreed to write a letter of thanks to Ann and Danny Russell and their crew for the excellent service we received under what was very adverse conditions.

12. A motion was made by Vincent Re to adjourn and it was second by Geoff Gregory.



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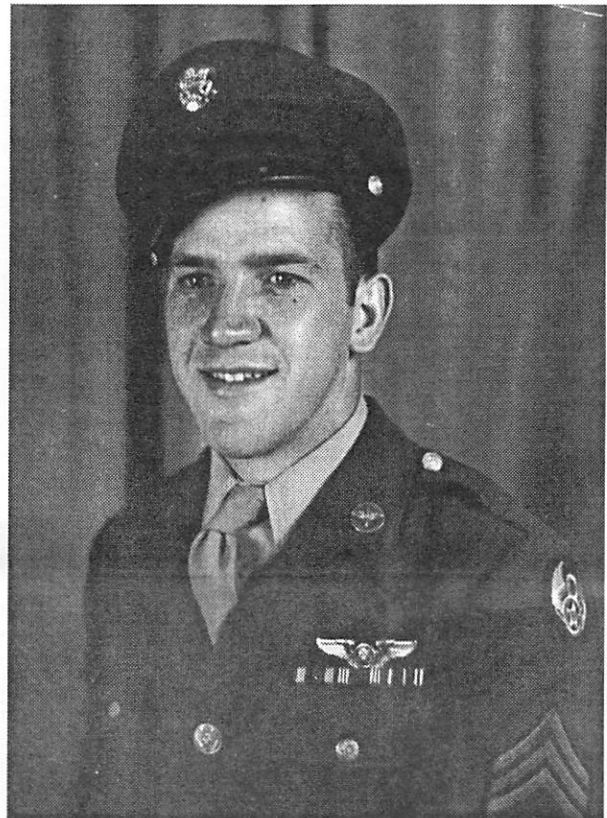
The 467th will receive a donation to our mail fund for every calendar that is purchased and the purchaser identifies themselves as a member of the 467th.

RUSSELL I. ELY



Russ passed away last July after a long illness. His wife Catherine, two daughters, Donna Daily and Sandra Wheeler, a son, Daniel and a brother, Donald survives him. He had eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Russ was my flight engineer and he flew with me till I completed my missions. The 467th, myself and the remainder of our crew express our sincere sympathy to Catherine and the family at the loss of a husband, a father and to us, a comrade and friend.

HAROLD C. GREENMAN



Harold passed away last May. His wife Bea passed away just six weeks after Harold following a long battle with cancer. His son Harold C. Greenman, JR, survives him. Harold was a tail gunner. The 467th expresses their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our comrade Harold. I'll request a more current picture of Harold so we can put it on the web site.

POST EXCHANGE

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 7-23-02 to 12-05-02

Operating Fund Balance 7-23-02 \$ 21,286.43

INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	2,143.50
Patch Sales		31.50
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		0.00
Convention Payback		1,567.50
Transfer from Convention Funds		30.00
Contributions to Col. Shower/Bob McEwen		2,220.00
Convention Income (inc. Pins & Patches)		2,435.04
Checking Account Interest		108.70
Sub-Total Income		<u>8,536.24</u>
Sub-Total	\$	29,822.67

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 21-2	\$	1,520.58
Cost of Printing Rosters		9.50
Colonel Shower's Memorial		6,200.00
Col. Shower's Etching – AFHM		1,905.00
Col. Shower's Etching – England		1,043.00
Col. Shower's Etching Balance – England		337.67
Bob McEwen's Memorial		500.00
Bob Davis & Kevin Coolidge Conv. Chg.		300.00
Visa Charges		852.43
Cost of mailing packages		3.82
Cost of Mail Forwarding		2.10
Bank Check Charge		10.00
Sub-Total	\$	<u>12,684.10</u>
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$	17,138.57

LAST POST

Charles W. Boisse

Russell I. Ely

Donald G. Estes

Hobart G. Ferree

Charles W. Grace

Kenneth Krakauer

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ADDITIONS

William Alford

Catherine M. Ely – AW (Russ)

Anna Ferree – AW (Hobart)

Andrew J. Hawker

Jane Krakauer-AW (Kenneth)

Mary Ellen Sablotny-AW (Elbert)

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WIDOW'S COMMENTS

There are five additions to the roster this period: Catherine M. Ely – AW (Russ), 5 Scott Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611; Anna Ferree – AW (Hobart), 546 Flamevine Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963; Jane Krakauer-AW (Kenneth), 1013 W. 67th St., Kansas City, MO 64113; Mary Ellen Sablotny-AW (Elbert), 5370 Holly Rd., Bedford Hts., OH 44146; and Terry Vetter – AW (Joe), 43 Oakwood Hills Dr., E. Islip, NY 11730. If any of the Widows would like a roster of either the group or the widows, please let me know and I will see that you get one or both. I hope to see many of you at our next convention in San Antonio in 2003. Again, there are Last Posts that I do not have the widow name. If anyone knows their name, please let me know. Thank you.

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 40 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$2,118.50, approximately \$52.96 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter averages around \$1,550 per issue. We have used 1st class mail as it gets there much earlier for most; however, I still intend to go to non-profit mailing to cut costs where time allows. If you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. Donations for Colonel Shower's Memorial Fund are indicated by a (*), Bob McEwen by a (**), and the mail fund by (M) where the two previous are indicated. Contributions for both have ended and a

report will be given the next newsletter. Contributors this period were:

Abernathy, Joe	LaRussa, Vincent
Betcher, Ray (*) (**)	Lemmen, Henry
Bickel, Ray (*)	Mahoney, Family of Jim (*)
Brinson, Jr., Jack (M) (*) (**)	May, Beth & Fount
Brown, Merle	McKenzie, Bob
Buettner, Frank (M) (*)	Milbourn, Bill
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Davis, Ralph	Muftoletto, Sr., Richard (*)
Dekle, H. H.	Occhiuzzo, Albert (*)
Ellison, Tex (M) (M) (*)	Sablotny, Mary (Elbert) (*)
Epting, Jr., Carl	Samuel, Bob
Ferree, Anna (Hobart)	Schutta, Len (*)
Fesmire, Isaac	Scott, Bill (M) (*)
Gannett, Don (M) (*)	Scott, William (M) (*)
Giglio, Vincent	Segalla, Jim
Hannafey, Paul (M) (*)	Sherrard, Jim (*)
Hawker, Andrew & Andrea	Shower, Charlotte (*)
Heikkinen, Tim (M) (*)	Shower, Jay (M) (*)
Herzberg, Allen (*)	Smolar, Tony (*)
Holdrege, Fred	Stevens, Jack (3) (*)
Holmes, Caper (M) (*) (*)	Torretti, Paul (M) (M)
Honea, Eugene (M) (*)	Wagner, Carl
Jeckel, Alex (*)	Watts, Perry
Kurtz, Larry	Wilkinson, Andy
	Willis, Les (M) (M) (*)

NEWS FROM YOUR MEMORIAL

The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Trust was held in the Council Chamber at County Hall on Thursday 24th October and we were delighted to welcome Vicki Brooks Warning from the USA, our US Cultural Attache Dennis Wolf from London and Keith Thomas from France. Andrew Hawker was also welcomed as a new Trust Governor.

Our new Auditors, Lovewell Blake presented a very clear report for last year which included the forecast deficit of £5000 due to the opening costs of the new Memorial Library. Next year with the steps taken to reduce the operating costs we should see a "Break-even" situation, despite the huge number of visitors still pouring into your unique Memorial. (to give you an idea we have just re-ordered another 10,000 leaflets).

The Library staff, led by Derek Hills are performing miracles and we are fortunate to have such a team. Work on the Benefactors Books is almost complete and these should be on display by next week - we can never thank all those who have supported your Memorial enough and their names are now recorded for everyone to see. Can we thank Jordan Uttal for all his hard work on updating the lists.

The Trust Governors were also deeply appreciative of all the cheques and greetings received at the Baltimore Convention as well as the B.24 Paintings which I brought back for various local organizations as thanks for their support with the opening of your Memorial last November.

Your new 2nd Air Division Fulbright Scholar Librarian, Tahitia Orr has settled in extremely well and there is no doubt that we have another outstanding

Librarian. This weekend she visits Wymondham College for the Founders Day service and then the following week will be with us at Lyng for the big B.24 Liberator film evening.

Work on the new Trust Brochure is proceeding on schedule with a publication date planned for early 2003.

We were delighted to see Al Touchette in Norwich for the resiting of the Private Miney plaque at Rackheath, and also Mike Caputo of the 467th who made the stunning B.24 model in the Memorial Library.

Also the Board of Governors was delighted to receive a copy of the letter from your President Dick Butler to the Australian Prime Minister after the terrorist attack in Bali - a true greeting from "friends across the ocean".

Everyone in Norfolk is now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the latest Dzenowagis film "The Roll of Honor" which I hope we can premiere in the Origins Theatre at the Forum before we take it on tour around the villages.

Finally, the Friends Thanksgiving Dinner is the usual sell-out and we will all be thinking of you on that very special evening.

Stay well and God Bless.

David.J.Hastings

Memorial Trust Chairman.

A NOTE FROM PERRY & JILL WATTS

Dear Ralph, we thank you as President of the 467th Bombardment group Association, your Officers, and the Members for organizing the recently held convention/reunion at Savannah. As usual Jill and I enjoyed the honor of being in your company and having such a wonderful time. We also must include the comment that both my (Perry's) brother Patrick and our youngest son, James, immensley enjoyed attending their first 467th Bomb Group Association reunion, and also their first visit to your beautiful country, and without doubt, similar to us, they will be visiting in the future.

Again many thanks and looking forward to seeing you all at the next reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

Best wishes,

Perry and Jill Watts

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It seemed that everyone had a good time at the Savannah convention this October. I do not know how many know the problems that existed, but I'm sure many did. The success was due to several people, but mainly to Danny and Ann Russel who took care of the food and beverages for us. The other lady, whom I am deeply in debt to is Susan Steinhouser, the Director for the Chamber of Commerce of Pooler. She is the one that put me in touch with the Russell's. I am sure that things will work out better for San Antonio as all of the meals, transportation and visit to the missions have been completed. What we need is a good turn out for a taste of TEXAS.

Doris and I wish all of you the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years ever. From our family to yours, "The very best wishes to celebrate the holidays in your own way and manner". God Bless!

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