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FROM THE PREZ
CONVENTION 2005

All Plans have been completed for the convention to be held in New Orleans. A registration form and Hotel information are provided within this newsletter. A schedule of events is also provided outlining a little different format for our convention. We will be taking advantage of the Hotel in completing much of the organization of the events. The Brent House is a Hotel that was initially designed to provide families of Hospital patients a facility to stay in overnight or longer. The facility was split up using a portion to support Hospital patient's families and the other part was used as a Hotel. Several military groups have utilized the Brent House over the past few years and I hope that we find it as a accommodating as others have found it. Our Hospitality Room will be in the Atrium which is where most large groups have there memorabilia. We will spend less time at the Hotel for meals. Each morning

will start off breakfast and as usual we will have lunch on the last day, if you so select. Only one lunch will be on your own and that is the day you take the City Tour. The day we go to the D-Day Museum, we will have lunch at a near-by Restaurant which will be included in the Tour price. One evening we will eat at a local restaurant, Michaul's, and the other evening we will board the Creole Queen for a buffet dinner cruise. Each evening you will be provided one free cocktail or drink of your choice and you must have your tickets, which are provided in your convention package, to obtain the drink. **When you confirm your reservation at the Brent House, you will get a confirmation letter. Within this letter will be the necessary ticket to obtain special transportation to the Brent House. The cost is \$20.00 each way per couple and this has been discounted from the regular rate. Courtesy transportation is not provided.** For those driving to the convention, free parking has been arranged. There

is RV parking available, but no hook-ups. For those who want to spend additional time in New Orleans, the Hotel has agreed to honor the same rates for three days before and after the convention time. I also believe that if you wanted to stay longer, this could be arranged. On the day of our Business and Board Meetings, the Hotel has agreed to provide a 30 passenger bus to take members to the French Quarter area. At the present time we are looking at two trips, one at about 11 or 11:30am and the second one at 1 or 1:30pm. Those who want to return early to the Hotel can meet the bus and return from the afternoon trip, the others can be picked up at around 4:30pm and return to the Hotel. Depending upon time available, there may be other times to visit the area, but at the present this is the only planned trip the French Quarters. I need your registration forms as soon as possible. In the form you will note there are once again selections to be made and it is paramount that I have these ASAP. All planning hinges on your response as well as the overall costs. Again, as in the past, I will do my best to accommodate members on cancellation. Please make your Hotel reservations as soon as possible. The cut-off date is pretty firm. You can cancel out of the Hotel reservations as late as 48 hours before your scheduled arrival date, so there is no reason not to make these reservations if you have the slightest intent of attending. I believe that we will have a good time and that this being a little different set-up, I will enjoy your feedback on the formatting of the planned events.

THANKS FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Doris is improving day by day. She now walks, with help from me, no longer needing the walker or cane. She still is not steady enough to walk totally by herself. She started going to the therapy facility the 1st of March and should be improving more with their assistance. If all goes right, we should be able to go out for breakfast at our old regular place of eating. This will be something that I am looking forward to do. I doubt that she will be able to make the New Orleans Convention, but hopefully next year in San Diego, if that is our West Coast convention.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

The use of the toll free number should be used as much as possible. Once again I had considerable postage forwards this time period. The cost of these has now gone up to 75 cents per return. We Had 84 postal returns for members moving and some costs were because members did not let me know ahead of time that they had a different address for summer and winter. Please let me know and also the approximate time that you change your residence. The toll free number cost me 7 cents per minute. Much cheaper and I cover the cost, not the Bomb Group. Please let me know when you move. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc. I had many moving for the change of season and had the newsletter returned for "NOT CURRENTLY AT THIS ADDRESS". I made no effort to re-address the newsletter. Giving me your change of address is your responsibility, if you want the newsletter. I hope all of you enjoy the newsletter enough to call me and let me know when you change your address. Thanks for your help.

INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are still updating it and want to get all of the latest information. If you have any picture of crews or individuals that you want on the web site, please send them to me and I will scan them and return the photos to you unless you do not want them or they are duplicates. You may also e-mail them to me if you do not want to send them through the mail.

MY APPOLOGY TO THOSE ORDERING FROM PX

I deeply appreciate your patience on receiving items you have ordered. My situation with Doris being homebound because of her illness has made it difficult for me to get to the Post Office. Thankfully, she has progressed to the point that she has been declared no longer homebound. The 7th of March was her first day to report to Therapy at their facility. She has practiced car transfers and will now be able to go with me to the Post Office. So, for those of you who have been waiting, I hope to have all of the orders out the week of 14 March. If you haven't received yours by the time you read this, please let me know. Thanks.

HELP WITH THE ROSTER

My thanks to all of you that advise me of Last Posts and found Lost Souls. My special thanks to Evelyn Cohen who keeps me up on both of these factors as well as to Jack Stevens who forwards me the many changes he is apprised of.

DONATION FROM NORTHERN KENTUCKY

As promised, the Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau presented the 467th BG a donation check for the amount of \$250.00 according to our occupancy level at the Radisson which was calculated at 184 Total Rooms Used. This offer was one of the reasons that our members who visited the Northern Kentucky area made their recommendation. Not only was the convention area and facilities exceptional, but it is always nice to receive a donation based upon our participation.

2nd ADA - JACK STEVENS

Here in "sunny" Southern California, and even in San Diego, "America's Finest City", we've been experiencing a plethora of sink hole, sliding hillsides, mudslides and the resulting consequential damage to roads, beaches, and homes; all the result of a series of recent heavy rainstorms. Just since the first of January, we've had 12 inches of rain - in a region where 9 to 10 inches of the wet stuff is the (hoped for) average rainfall for an ENTIRE YEAR.

Word from President/Treasurer/Editor/Publisher and Reunion Coordinator Ralph Davis is "We've got a Go for our 467th reunion in New Orleans" And the straight poop about it is in this edition of "Poop from Group". He's really enthused about it and now, I am too, even more so. So - will see you in New Orleans come September - I hope? Out here, we had our Annual Southern California Regional Reunion, at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim, on the 26th of February with our 467th Bomb

Group/Movie and TV Director Delbert Mann as Master of Ceremonies again.

"Vi" Cowden, a WW II Women's Air Service Pilot (WASP) and as inductee to the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame, happily reminisced about her seven-month flight training program (like ours) that she and the other girls experienced and then about some of her experiences while stationed at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, ferrying various types of military aircraft in the Air Transport Command.

Our Special Guest was legendary actress, Jane Russell, the 2nd ADA's Favorite Pin-Up Girl. She spoke of her WWII work on tours with Bob Hope and her present day activities in support of our military.

George Welch, President of the Liberator Club discussed the evolution of the magazine "Bomber Legends" from the Liberator Club's "Briefing". And, while the new publication is concerned with other bombers too, he is still a B-24 devotee. He brought us up to date on the progress of an 18-foot-wingspan bronze B-24 Memorial sculpture to be installed in front of San Diego's Veteran's Center & Museum in Balboa Park. In that connection, San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy will officiate at groundbreaking ceremonies on 9 March 2005 and we local B-24 veterans have been invited to attend as special guests. (More on this event.) If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation for the San Diego B-24 memorial sculpture, send your contribution to Ralph Davis and earmark the donation as such in the memo line and he will see that it is forwarded to the Memorial. Till next time, Keep 'Em Flying.

NEWS FROM STATION 145

We thought the Spring was here but now we are back in the grip of winter with snow and icy north winds, just like the wartime years !

Shortly the Marker will have its spring clean and this year I think we will also have to re-paint the Community Gates. Last November Geoff Gregory very kindly brought over some new flags to add to our stock which was wonderful.

February 18th was a very sad occasion for Norfolk and the 467th, when Jean and I attended the final "Dining-In" night at RAF Neatishead to mark the closure of the Station which has been a vital part of our history since 1941. As the oldest Honorary Member I was asked to say a few words and did express the thanks of the 467th for all the friendship and kindness we have received. We all came home feeling we had lost something very dear to our hearts. Fortunately a Radar Head will be maintained on the site and that area will include the tree planted by Colonel Shower, so all is not lost.

March 11th sees another very sad day when we have to attend the disbanding of both No.6 and No.54 Jaguar Squadrons at RAF Coltishall, victims of yet more defence cuts.

On March 13th we have the Spring Concert at Wymondham College, which as you know is built on the site of the old USAAF Hospital at Morley Hall. These

great young musicians have put together a super programme and this year will be joined by the Wymondham Symphony Orchestra. The links with the USAF of today will be maintained as both the Mildenhall Commander and Deputy Commander will be attending.

Then on March 19th at the Community Centre in Rackheath we have another showing of "A Village Remembers", the great film by James Mahoney. As a second half feature we are also showing "Roll of Honor" that moving story of the 2001 opening of your Memorial at the Forum made by the Dzenowagis family. I am sure we will have another packed house with not a dry eye by the end of the evening.

The Rackheath Village Magazine which Jean has just finished printing - all 825 copies now due to the new houses - features a picture of the unveiling of the 467th Marker Stone, which was kind of them.

Your great 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in the Forum still goes from strength to strength with nearly 5000 visitors a month and we are now included in the Forum Visitors tour.

Finally, all our best wishes to the 467th, we will never forget you.

Yours, Jean and David.

Base Contacts.

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 26 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$1,627, approximately \$62.57 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. In the confusion of the convention, some of you may have given me cash, which is sometimes hard for me to remember. If I missed you, rest assured that the funds are in the treasury, I merely did not give you credit. That is why I prefer checks, which lessens my chances of making a mistake. The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter now averages around \$1,200 per issue using non-profit mailing. First Class mail will be used only in cases where it is expedient to get the word out to the members or where there are areas that the mail never seems to come through. As I have said before, if you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. We appreciate your support. Contributors this period were:

Ament, Harry	MacIntere, Malcolm
Anslow, James	Mills, Dave
Baker, Frank	Morris, Clarence
Beatty, Frank	Scharrschmid Bill
Bell, Tony	Shenefield, George
Corvino, Valerie	Shepherd, Max
Cox, Anna (Charles)	Sprague, Robert
Davis, Ralph	Shower, Charlotte
Fletcher, Dick	Steranko, Tom
Grennan, Larry	Stevens, Jack
Holmes, Capers	Watson, Frank
Hooten, Ed	Wilde, Gordon
Lukeman, Bob	Wilde, John
Lemmon, Henry	Willis, Les

ADDITIONS

Audette, Richard – AF, Florence, KY
Crump, Don, Greensboro, NC
Deyermond, Marilyn R., Andover, MA
Feney-AW (Leo), Carol A., Rockland, MA
Gonnello-AF, Larry, Kansas City, MO
Knoll-AF, Patrick, North Richland Hills, TX
Kuhns, Eugene J., Brunswick, OH
Love, David E., Austin, TX
Mehlum, Leverne E., Golden Valley, AZ
Swint-AW, Shirley, Fox Island, WA

DELETIONS

LOST SOULS

Audette-AW (George), Claire, Auburn, MA
Fox, Leonard C., Conneaut Lake, PA
Jacques, Wayne, Longview, WA
Knoll-AF, Patrick, North Richland Hills, TX
Kuhns, Eugene J., Brunswick, OH
Love, David E., Austin, TX
Mehlum, Leverne E., Golden Valley, AZ
Swint-AW, Shirley, Fox Island, WA

LAST POST

Belisle, Earl D., Albany, OR
Cridling-AW (Vance), Mildred C., Sun City, AZ
Deyermond, Calvin C., Salem, NH
Feney, Leo F., Rockland, MA
Flint, Jay D., Kenka Park, NY
Gesser, James P., Deland, FL
Jacquemart, Eugene A. Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Johnson, Carl W., Delray Beach, FL
Kopcho, Isador, Mt Pleasant, PA
Pryor, Arnold A., Olivette, MO
Rambosky, Ronald J., Brighton, CO
Rulli, Angelo, Saint Paul, MN
Stone, Robert M., Vincent, OH
Turpen, Joseph F., Kingswood, TX
Young, Jay S., Pen Argyl, PA

REQUEST REMOVAL

Humphreys-AW, Marcia L., Alexandria, VA
Lovelace, Margaret-AW, Clinton, MS

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 (AVAILABLE)

\$3.00 ea + \$0.50 shipping = \$3.50

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 five pins or less.

467th LAPEL PIN - 3/4 inch size

\$3.00 ea plus \$0.75 package and post for 6 or less

467th LIBERAMUS INSIGNIA BALL CAP (RED)

\$8.00 plus \$1.00 package and post

LIBERAMUS CAR or REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS

Car Magnet ea \$3.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Refrigerator Magnet ea \$1.50 plus \$0.75 package and post.

467th TAIL & ROUND TUIT

\$0.65 for two plus \$0.75 package and post

467th GROUP COIN (A 2003 Convention Beginning)

\$3.50 plus \$0.75 package and post

ALL OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Ralph Davis
1143 Kenora Circle
Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1101
(937) 426-2988

GROUP & SQUADRON PATCHES:

467th

791st

789th

790th

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
4209 Ormston Circle,
Rock Hill, SC 29732
(803) 980-6529

GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:

A 5-1/4" by 8", 25-page booklet of cartoon like scenes of enlisted personnel activities is available for \$5.00 from:

Allen J. Welters
1418 70th St. E.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
(651) 457-0018

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 11-18-04 to 3-18-05
Operating Fund Balance 11-18-05 \$ 16,877.06

INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	1,627.00
Patches		0.00
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		116.90
Checking Account Interest		46.61
Sub-Total Income		<u>1,790.51</u>
Sub-Total	\$	16,424.79

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 23-2	\$	1,199.50
Webmaster Fee (For 23-2)		150.00
Corporation Filing Fee		10.00
Bank Service Fee		5.00
Visa Charges		1,477.30
Sub-Total	\$	<u>2,841.80</u>

OPERATING FUND BALANCE \$ 13,582.99

NEWS & COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID HASTINGS

The 467th has always had the deepest respect for David and we are all pleased that he was honored for his 40 years of service to flying by being nominated for the

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Convention Registration Form – New Orleans, LA., Sept. 25 – 29, 2005

467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.

(Complete this form and mail along with deposit to Ralph Davis)
(Please fill in all the requested blanks to assist Convention Records)

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone No. () _____ - _____ e- mail address _____

First Timer Yes () No ()

Accompanied By;

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Date of Arrival and time _____ A.M.- P.M. (Very Important)
Date Time

Date of Departure and time _____ A.M.- P.M.
Date Time

Arriving via () Car / () Air line _____ Flt # _____

Car arrivals: From I – 10 East to New Orleans till reaching Metairie then turn South on Causeway Blvd. until it ends at Jefferson Highway, then turn left under the overpass for 1.6 miles past the Ochsner Clinic Foundation Buildings on your right you will come upon the Brent House Address is 1512 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA 70121; tel. 504.835.5411.

Air arrivals: A Reservation Only Service at \$20.00 (1 or 2 passengers) each way has been arranged with Ceylon Taxi Service. Mr. Anthill Pereira, owner, will return your call to confirm transportation arrangements. You must call (504) 258-6559 or 220-1229 and provide your name, arrival date, estimated time of arrival and Airline Carrier. Leave information on answering machine if no one answers. The vans will have our 467th BG logo displayed on the window. The Shuttle Coupon must be provided to the driver and upon arrival at the Brent House, the driver will be paid \$20.00 for one or 2 persons. After you acquire your luggage go to the centralized point known as Luggage Claim Carousel #8 (American Airlines) ground level to meet your transportation to the Hotel. The reverse action is required for the return trip to the Airport.

RV and Motorhome: Parking available in lot at Medical Building with shuttle transportation to Hotel. There are **NO** hookups available.

BADGE INFORMATION

Important - Complete data below for badge ID

Your Squadron/Unit _____ Your Rank and Duty _____ / _____

Your Pilot/CO _____ Arrived Rackheath _____ Departed _____

POW Yes () No () If yes, where _____ How Long _____

Cite one memory while at Rackheath that gives you a chuckle and/or of interest to the group:

CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 275.00

Times Number of Persons () = _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Deposit Due With Reservations, \$100.00 per person = \$ _____

Balance Due August 30, 1999, \$ 175.00 per person = \$ _____

Please pay by check or Money Order!

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities. Because of the event selection and advanced payment requirement, the following selections are requested:

1. Tuesday, Sept. 27 Dinner at Michaul, choice of entrée:

- Cajun Grilled or Blackened Catfish topped with Garlic & Lemon Butter and served with Jumbalaya, Coleslaw & Vegetable Du Jour or
- Chicken Michele, Baked Boneless Brest of Chicken Topped Seafood Dressing & Swiss Cheese and Served with Jumbalaya, Coleslaw & Vegetable Du Jour or
- Shrimp Etouffee, Louisiana Gulf Shrimp Smothered in Rich Poux based Sauce served with Coleslaw & Vegetable Du Jour.

The Appetizer, Boudin Bites (Battered & Fried Pieces of Traditional Cajoun Rice Dressing and the Dessert of Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce and Coffee, Tea & Sodas are the same for all.

2. Selection of Events to be attended:

- Sunday Sept. 25 - Welcome Reception 7-9:00PM
- Monday Sept 26 – Super City Tour 9:30 – 2:00PM with lunch on your own at Acme Oyster House.
- Monday Sept 26 – Creole Queen Riverboat Jazz Dinner Cruise – 5:30 – 10:00PM
- Tuesday Sept 27 – D-Day Museum Tour with lunch at Bubba Gump’s Restaurant (included)
- Tuesday Sept 27 – Dinner at Michaul’s Restaurant – 6 – 9:30PM
- Wednesday Sept 28 – Lunch at the Hotel (If you take the bus to the French Quarters, you won’t be at lunch)
- Wednesday Sept 28 – Banquet at Hotel

There will be a “Freebie” drawing for a one person convention package cost of \$ 275.00. The drawing will be open to all who pay in full by August 1, 2005

Make checks payable to: “467th Bombardment Group Convention 2005”.

Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 per person along with the Convention Registration Form to:

Ralph Davis
1143 Kenora circle
Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101
(937) 426-2988 (e-mail: (mrdavis@ameritech.net)
1-877-882-7235

HOTEL REGISTRATION

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE BRENT HOUSE HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

All rooms must be **reserved** by September 5, 2005 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. After this deadline date the Hotel will accept group reservations based on availability at the established group rate.

Reservation phone number: 1-800-535-3986. Check-in time: 4:00 PM. Check-out time is 2:30PM. Luggage storage, if needed, is free of charge.

Brent House Hotel
1512 Jefferson Highway
New Orleans, LA 70121
1-800-535-3986 (Reservation)
(504) 835-5411 - FAX 504) 842-4160.

Room rates are: Single or Double \$ 60.00 + tax = \$67.65 per night

When making reservations, please refer to the **467th Bomb Group Convention**, Sep. 25 – 29, 2005. A **48-hour** cancellation policy is in effect. Any reservation cancelled after 48 hours before arrival may be subject to a cancellation fee subject to hotel occupancy. These rates will apply for three days before and after the convention. All rooms are either a single queen bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included are a full size ironing board and iron, hair dryer, makeup mirror, voice messenger service, computer data ports and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel.

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2004 Tissander Diploma from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. This award is given to those who make significant contributions to aviation over a number of years. It was presented by HRH the Duke of York, president of and at the Royal Aero Club. The award was at a ceremony in Army Museum in London. Our best to you, David

F. C. "HAP" CHANDLER

The High Right Society of the Second Air Division has requested wide publicity for the request for funds for the "**LEGENDARY LIBERATOR SECOND TO NONE**". I have copied a letter from our own Geoff Gregory, President of the 2ADA for your information. The museum has developed a preliminary design plan as outlined in the letter. Your comments or suggestions are welcome. The objective is to make this the most outstanding exhibit at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. The letter states:

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you **Second to None: The Legendary Liberator**, a very special project at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. The Museum is now the home for the front fuselage section of the B-24 Liberator, Fightin' Sam. This exhibit is on loan from the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, England. The original Fightin' Sam was assigned to the 389th Bomb Group, Second Air Division at Hethel, England. The Museum proposes to design and build a gallery around Fightin' Sam.

The **Second to None: The Legendary Liberator Gallery** will be the focal point of the Combat Gallery of ground crews who loved the B-24. The design includes a Type T2 hangar surrounding the nose section with a large format screen displaying original B-24 combat

footage. Exhibit cases will display painted A-2 and B-15 jackets from B-24 crewmembers. Interactive elements will include a touch-screen monitor and B-24 flight simulator. Photo murals a graphics will complete the gallery. Visitors will learn the strengths of our great aircraft and what it was like to serve on B-24 crews.

The budget for this dynamic project is \$125,000. We ask you to consider your gift to the **Second to None: The Legendary Liberator Gallery** and send it to the Museum today. Your contribution is tax deductible. We have one year to raise the \$125,000. We have made this our mission for 2005. The Museum will process all donations and place them in a restricted account. The project will begin only with successful completion of the fundraising campaign. Should we fall short of our goal, the Museum will refund all donors.

"As a pioneer B-24 pilot, I flew the Liberator, aptly named by our British allies, in training and combat. With the 93rd Bomb Group, I flew the low level Ploesti mission. Lt. Col. Addison Baker and co-pilot John Jerstad received the Medal of Honor for their leadership on that mission. Their gallantry was an exemplar for all who flew the B-24. I urge you to support the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum's initiative to tell the stories of all who flew the B-24 with the new exhibit - Second to None. The Legendary Liberator."

Major General Ramsay D. Potts, USAF. Ret.

Let us rise to the occasion and showcase the B-24 by supporting the **Second to None: The Legendary Liberator Gallery**. You are invited to join General Potts and your fellow B-24 veterans in this campaign. Your gift will help us to meet our goal. Join your comrades in arms on our mission to accord the B-24 the recognition and stature it rightly deserves.

Signed: *Geoff Gregory*

TO THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE: Please send your contribution to the 467th Bomb Group, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101. I will assemble the contributions and forward them in total to the 8th AFHM. In this manner we will know the total response on this project by the 467th. We have already donated a sum for this project and I'm sure that as a Group we can really support this effort that will tell the complete story of the B-24 in its action and of the men who flew her and the men that maintained her on the ground. Thus we will have a fitting recognition of our B-24 and those of us who flew and supported her.

GLORIA ROY

Please forgive me for taking so long, after receiving the "POOP" for spring. I really meant to send this (a donation) a long time ago. I really enjoy reading through all the news and look forward to receiving it. I have been watching for the name of my husband Earl's (deceased) pilot, Arnold Pryor in the Last Post column, but I have not seen it. He passed away in 2002. Perhaps no one sent in the news. (She went on to correct me on her mailing address)

(Gloria – Arnold A. Pryor was put into the Roll of Honor which means I received word that he had passed away. However, I must have slipped up on putting his name in The "Last Post" as I could not find it either. Thank you much for bringing this up to me. Ralph)

PERRY & JILL WATTS, SALHOUSE, ENGLAND

"The Control Tower" - I had a telephone conversation on Monday March 7 With Mr. Ben McIntosh, a Director of the company (Acquafibre) that now owns the Control Tower and the immediate surrounding complex. Mr. McIntosh informed me that no restoration work has been carried out on the Tower. The surrounding site has been cleared and the windows and entrances to the Tower have been boarded to prevent vandals entering the building. There are no immediate plans to restore the Tower at this time of writing although it is one of their listed projects for some future date. Mr. McIntosh was pleased to receive the December edition of "Poop from Group" Journal and to be on the mailing list. "Perry Watts' book" - "The 1100 Days of The 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy)" - The text of the manuscript has been edited and sent to me for checking, the lay-out design incorporating some 400 plus photos is currently taking place, and the scheduled publishing and release date is late Summer/early Fall. "467th Group Family Members visiting the area" - Pleased to mention That next week (3rd week of March) Thomas Johnson (son of Dean Johnson - 789th Squadron) will be visiting the area for 3 days. Also very pleased to mention that Mrs. Nancy Bland (widow of late Melvin Bland - Radio Operator on George Reed's original crew of B-24 "Witchcraft") together with her daughter and nephew plan to visit the area in early part of May. Looking forward to seeing many of my old friends of the 467th Group at New Orleans in September and am hoping that Jill will be able to accompany me this year.

Best wishes from Jill and Perry.

HENRY P. LEMMEM

It's that time of year that I sit down and let you know

that I am still around and send you my yearly contribution to the unit's treasury. Put the money into any of the funds. We enjoyed our visit to the Cincinnati reunion and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I enjoyed watching the traffic jams on the freeway every morning and at five at night. It made me glad I was no longer in the 8 to 5 crowd any more. I also enjoyed watching the fog effects one morning coming off the river. I live in the hills and woods here so don't see that. We are either in it completely or not at all. Keep up the good work with the "Poop".

CHESTER ZALESKI

I believe you and your staff have to be congratulated for keeping "Poop From Group 467th" alive. I am a member, but frankly I'm not one to rehash old experiences, but still maintain a memory of some good times. You have done a remarkable job in perpetuating history and I wish to thank you. I am always happy to reconnect through "Poop" to friends long ago, to learn of others that have reached "Last Post" and that promotes moments of prayer and hope. Please keep doing your good job as long as you can. Keep up the mailings.

LARRY GRENNAN

Enclosed, a small donation towards mailings. The last Poop, I received two copies, one in RI and one in FL. In the future I will E-mail as to summer or winter location. I am a little confused as to membership. Are regular members those who were with the 467th? I have my 790th pin and patch and 467th pin. I am on the mailing list, but I don't know if I am a member listed with the 467th, 790th. Also, it appears that the 467th mingled with 2ADA. I can't seem to separate the two realizing the Second Air Division was top brass. Back to associate members? What is the bill to relieve the 90% requirement for veteran membership to qualify as a 501c19 organization? This issue is the first time I heard about the 467th coin, which appears will be numbered and for members. Any info appreciated. The 467th picture looked great. I would guess all squadrons. One more question. Are conventions oriented to flight crews? Some articles written didn't say much for the ground crew guys, like an outsider. Covered enough for now. Very sorry to hear about Doris' and your hospital and rehab problems. There seems to be attitude problems also. Wishing Doris and you a good and healthier New Year. Thank you for your effort. If you find time to answer any questions – quonnie1@mindspring.com. Thanks.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Larry, during our last Board of Director's meeting at the last convention, the discussion of membership was brought up. John Upp, a Director, was assigned the task to define the membership status of the various stages of members that we have. It basically boils down to two categories, members and associate members. It is the associate membership that truly needs the definition. Members are those that were part of the 467th Bombardment Group since its conception. Associate members can be family of members, historians with an interest in the 467th, friends of the 467th and possibly other categories that have come up over the years. We also have an honorary category that we give on special

occasions to special speakers at our convention and sometimes for other reasons. As you can see, John Upp has a tremendous job to straighten this aspect of our organization out. As to the inference to the 2ADA, the 467th is part of the 2ADA just the same as the 2ADA is part of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. This was a matter of command and we cannot and should not ignore it. The Bill in Congress that was supposed to relieve the 90% requirement for veteran organizations to maintain tax benefits, to my knowledge, never was brought up during the last session of Congress. I have not heard to date if it will be re-introduced, but I am checking and should have something by the next Poop. I'll have Bob put it on the web page when we hear of it. The 467th coin, which is numbered, is for veterans. Un-numbered coins are available for associate members. The coin was introduced at our convention in San Antonio for members attending. The coin is available at a cost from the Post Exchange; however, it is a policy to provide a number coin to all members who attend the conventions. The group picture was at the insistence of our Secretary Valerie Corvino. She has insisted at each of the last two conventions and I think it was a very good suggestion. I believe that there were ground crew members in the photo. The organization was and is made up of both ground and flight personnel. We all wish and want more participation by ground crew personnel. It seems that the flight crews had a more closer relationship between each other. The separation was perhaps a mistake of early planning and somehow this attitude continued on after the war. We, the 467th, has had exceptional ground crew personnel who have moved on as President of the 2ADA as well as the 467th. What we truly need is an emphasis on the part of someone to get the ground crew members to attend our conventions. Perhaps through your e-mail, you can bring them together. Hope this helps a little bit and thanks for your comments.)

FRANK WATSON

This is in response to your article in "Poop" Volume 23, No. 3, Dec. 1, 2004, Page 2 titled "Internet-Web Page of the 467th". I can't send pictures via Internet, but I would like to see the enclosed 3 pictures published. Charles H. Shinn was my original co-pilot; however, he was later given his own crew. He was a great leader and an excellent pilot. Would appreciate you letting me know when the pictures will appear on the web page. Also enclosed is my check to help on publishing expenses.

ED HOOTEN

Long time no contact! Memories continue to get a bit unreliable, but I'm pretty sure that you were a lead crew in the 789th. Be that as it may, your December issue of "Poop" inspired me to send this check. The Englishmen's testimonial was quite a tribute! We have not been very active in Group affairs – only made one reunion – at Dayton a long time ago, but we're planning to make it to New Orleans if all goes well. Don't know if you remember this guy, but Ed Cason lives only about 5 minutes away. Best Regards. (Ed I was in the 790th BS, but have I that all American face; round, fat and bald.)

ROBIN JANTON

"WANTED" A copy of the "467th" group history by

Allen Healey. Can be either new or used. Contact me ASAP – Thanks.

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LYLE & IRENE PRICHARD

Lyle, I, Cherie and Patti would like to thank you for the grand time we had at the reunion. The hotel was beautiful and the food was magnificent (Lyle's words). We all loved eating on the top floor and going around. I went to get a Tom Collins and couldn't find Lyle. He had gone about half way around. We all agree you did a great job. It was perfect. We hope your wife is feeling much better. We know she has a wonderful nurse.

VALERIE CORVINO

Valerie took the picture that was on the last page of the December issue. She does not have all of the names of the individuals and would like anyone who knows all of them or even some of them to please contact her with the names. Her e-mail address is "vrose1023@msn.com"

ANN COX

I'm a little late in the year getting this to you (a contribution): we've had a busy time of it in 2004. Things weren't too bad 'til June when Charles decided he would finally get his bad hip replaced. Pre-op chest x-rays showed a mass in his left lower lobe. Subsequent biopsies determined it was a malignant: however his whole left lung collapsed and he spent 5 days in the hospital. On 26 July the lower lobe and about 1/3 of the upper lobe were removed. Lungs collapsed again, he got pneumonia and Staph infection, spent 3 days in I.C.U. and 6 more on surgical floor. We were quite disappointed not to get to the reunion, but are hoping for better times next year. Hope Doris is doing better and that you all enjoyed Christmas. His hip surgery is scheduled for 6 January 2005.

CAROL FEENEY

A note of sadness to report to you. My husband Leo F. Feeny, Ret, S/Sgt of the Army Air Force during world War II, passed away October 26, 2004. Leo had Alzheimer disease and other medical problems. He retained his sense of humor and his love of people. It was my honor to become his wife two years after his beloved Betty passed away. We had a short but wonderful six years together. Leo passed away in his own home with family around him at the age of seventy nine. You may dis-continue sending the Poop, but know Leo enjoyed reading it.

JAMES ANSLOW

Enclosed is a check to cover the pins and for the Mail Fund. I was a member of the 788th squadron that had to bail out over Holland on April 29, 1944. I escaped capture and returned to England four and one half months later. Major Salzarulo and Bill More were piloting the aircraft on this mission. My description of my escape is on file at the 8th AFH Museum as well as mementos I was able to save. I still get requests to tell of my exploits to school children studying World War II. Hope to see you at a future reunion.

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THE WITCH IS HONORED!

The Collings Foundation's B-24 is the only restored B-24 flying today. It has been representative of the 15th AF with the paint scheme of the All American, then the Pacific arena by the paint scheme of the Dragon and His Tail, and now the Colling's Foundation has selected the Mighty Eighth Air Force and all WWII veterans who served in England and the European Theater of Operation to honor and has selected the paint scheme of the 790th Bombardment Squadron, 467th Bombardment Group's "WITCHCRAFT". The Witch compiled the amazing record of 130 combat missions without an abortion nor any crew member casualties. It is an olive drab aircraft with red and white nose bowls, red with white diagonal stripes on the rudders, the markings of the 467th Bombardment Group. Their article goes on to explain that the nose art is a cartoonish witch flying a broom with the 130 bomb markings designating the number of combat missions flown. The article stated that all the names of the Dedicated Crew, Lead Crew, Plane Sponsors and DFC Members will be proudly displayed on the co-pilot's side of the aircraft. Honor Crew and aircraft names will continue to be on the bomb bay doors. One additional thing that may come to pass, the Collings Foundation has been invited to bring their B-24 aircraft to England in July 2005 to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII. During the celebration, the B-24 would do a flyover Buckingham Palace. This requires an estimated \$300,000 to accomplish this feat. Since the Witch was on of Ford Motor Company's production at Willow Run, perhaps they would give consideration to sponsoring this trip which would be greatly appreciated by all. A paint scheme aircraft copy of the Witch, identified as "Witchcraft I" was on display under the Eiffel Tower in Paris after the war was over.

