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FROM THE PREZ

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (PUC)

Many thanks to all of you that responded to your congress personnel. I have made all responses known up the line and most recently with a total package to the Bush/Chaney White House. I had the opportunity to speak with VP Chaney when he was in Dayton prior to the election and I gave him a copy of the letter to President Clinton at that time. In my recent letter I explained how we were ignored, leaving action to the Air Force with not intervention on the part of the President or his staff. Bob Shuler, his lead man during the race indicated that VP Chaney would be interested in pursuing such an effort. We will see. Some of you expressed a sincere displeasure to having the former President signing the document, so I guess those have lucked out.

CONVENTION 2001

It seems that we will have 50 plus attending the trip to England. For those of you going, we are planning to pay in one lump sum, the cost of lunch and dinner. For that I need you to send me \$41.00 to cover the cost of the two meals. The treasury fund will cover several English friends to the Group Day dinner at the Green Man. We plan to go on Tuesday, as a separate trip, to Barsham to visit with the locals and view the memorial they erected to the Reid crew. Thus I need to know if you plan to attend this trip. The decision is whether to hire a small bus or to go over in a few cars. Please respond to both by at least the first of August to facilitate planning.

CONVENTION 2002

The convention will be held from 3 thru 7 October. As in 1996, the Octoberfest will be going on in Savannah. We will have shuttles to the Museum on Friday and Shuttles to both the Museum and Savannah on Saturday. There will be outside trips and a tour group will be in the Hospitality Room to allow your selection. I should have a selection of sorts by next newsletter. This way the outside trips does not run the cost up for everybody, only those who want to go. Also, the tour groups provide the necessary transportation. The room rate to \$60.50 per night, single or double and with a small addition fee covers. I will be going to Savannah in May and hope to get most of the arrangements set up for 2002.

CONVENTION 2003

Only received two responses to my request last issue. One said they enjoyed Dayton so much that they would like to return. The other one suggested San Antonio. I will do some checking on San Antonio and see what I can find out. My biggest problem is to have someone in the immediate area that can help and do some checking for me. I do know of another group that had their convention there and may be able to play copycat with their program. Dayton would be a push over since all the work is done. We could do a different routine in the area and the Museum is always something that most can never get enough of or see it all in one trip. I'd like some response this time, so please let me know.

NEW COMMUNICATION

During the many issues of the newsletter, the cost of covering members moving and not advising me of the

change of address has run expenses up. I contacted my telephone service and they have given me a toll free number that you can access for that purpose as well as urgent messages or notifications. The number is 1-877-882-7235. I have a "Privacy Manager" on my phone to avoid solicitation calls and it works nice. For you to avoid this feature, as soon as it answers dial 467 and your call will go right through. We'll try this to see how it works and if it will be of benefit to the membership. The cost per minute is \$0.06 per minute and it is broken down into 10th, I believe, so it should be a lot cheaper than the \$0.50 I pay the post office for the forwarding address of the moved members.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ACTION

The Board of Directors during this period acted on five items:

(1) Because the 467th is not having a 2001 convention there will be no annual meeting so it was decided that the officers and directors would be extended for an additional year and have the election in 2001. All approved.

(2) The Board approved the purchasing of Group Day dinners for a selected group of English friends at the 2001 2ADA convention in England.

(3) The Board approved any necessary expense to visit the Barsham Memorial to the Reid crew that the town people erected last year. We need to show our respect and appreciation.

(4) The Board approved the 800 number access for the membership.

(5) The Board approved designating the plaque on the tree at the 467th monument area at the Eighth Air force heritage Museum in honor of Joe Ramirez with the following inscription:

**JOE RAMIREZ 467 BG (H)
WITCHCRAFT CREWCHIEF**

2 ADA VP - GEOFF GREGORY

Howdy From Texas. Allow me a moment of your time to pay tribute to a Lady of Class, who died in February, at the age of 95. I speak of Anne Barne, an original member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust USAAF. A tower of strength & wisdom, she will be missed. The rest of this article will be devoted to our November visit to Norwich by 60+ members of the 467th.

With the extensive help of our honorary member, David Hastings and Perry Watts, we now have a finalized schedule for the Base-day visit. There will be 2 or 3 hotels housing the 467~ contingent. Hotel details will be forthcoming from Evelyn Cohen. On Base-day the busses will depart the first hotel at 9AM SHARP, arriving at Holy Trinity Church/Community Center for coffee, tea, "biscuits", and social time with the Villagers. The Chairman of the Rackheath County Council will give a brief talk; followed by a few remarks from Ralph Davis, 467th President. Time will be reserved for Col. Shower to also speak. We pray for his recovery from a fall, which

resulted in a broken femur. We re-board busses for a short ride to Salhouse Church (All Saints) promptly at 11:20. We will be seated for a special service, officiated by Rev. Gordon Howells. There will be a collection plate available as you leave for anyone wishing to donate to the up-keep of the Church. At 12:30 PROMPTLY, we re-board busses for the trip to the Green Man Pub for lunch till 2:00PM. Board busses promptly, for Base Tour till 4:15 PM. Time permitting, we will endeavor to visit the following sites:

All Saints Church Rackheath
Remaining runway section
Control Tower
Remaining T-2 Hanger (somewhat altered)
Plaque to Daniel Miney
Old de-briefing building
Golden Gates & Rackheath Hall-external view only

Board busses 4:15, return to Rackheath Community Center for hot coffee and PTT STOP. On again at 6 00 for Green Man and Dinner. Depart at 8:35 to view the 467th Memorial Marker with the FLAG FLYING UNDER THE LIGHTS! A beautiful sight. We then head for our hotels! DAY OVER!

Now lets talk dinner and lunch. Total charge for both meals per person is \$41.00. BEER & DRINKS ARE NOT INCLUDED BUT 15 % GRATUITY IS included. If you invite special British friends to join you for any meal, YOU must pay for them. Other British guests who wish to join us will be required to pay for themselves. Please send your payment to Ralph Davis ASAP- we request that ALL payments be made by September 1st, 2001. English Friends will remit to Perry Watts in Salhouse. I will submit an article to the Rackheath & Salhouse Publications, explaining all of the above. All these plans are set in "wet" concrete, & are subject to slight modification, but you will be kept informed.

One last very special bit of "INFO"- We have been given a VERY HIGH HONOR, by the city of Norwich. It is called the "Freedom of the City". It is infrequently bestowed, very special, ~ includes special privileges. One of the interesting terms of the award of "Freedom of the City" is the right - by law- to drive a herd of sheep down Princess St. I have my herd, so please find your own. Have a great time and don't get lost. (NO BO PEEP AVAILABLE!)

1999/2000 BOOK ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

Please find details of books purchased for the 467th Bomb Group with the interest from its endowment.
JONES, Wilbur D Jr. - Arming the Eagle: A History of the US Weapons Acquisition Since 1775
MORTENSEN, Daniel (Ed) - Air Power and Ground Armies: Essays on the Evolution of Anglo-American Air Doctrine 1940-1943
ROBINSON, Charles M - Hurricane of Fire: The Union Assault on Fort Fisher WATKINS, T H - The Hungry Years: America in the Age of Crisis 1929-39
BRYSON, Bill - I'm a Stranger Here Myself
CHUDACOFF, Howard P - The Age of the Batchelor: Creating an American Subculture

KESSLER, Ronald - The Season: Inside Palm Beach and America's Richest Society

KRIENDLER, H Peter and

JEFFERS, H Paul - "ZI": Every Day Was New Years Eve: Memoirs of a Saloon Keeper

GRANHOLM, Jackson - The Day We Bombed Switzerland - Flying With the Eighth Army Air Force in WWI

All books are selected in accordance with our stock selection policy, which we seek to update and validate on a regular basis. We concentrate on representative materials about American life and culture, which are useful to our East Anglian patrons. This year I shall be reviewing the policy in collaboration with the new 2ADA Fulbright Librarian, Carson Holloway.

2nd ADA EX VP - WALT MUNDY

The construction of the main library is scheduled to be complete in August. The interior design plans are nearly complete. Chuck Walker reports that it will be outstanding and will be ready for our dedication the first of November. The 2ADA have three major missions in progress: (1) the bequest program. All of you who have not yet completed your bequest are strongly urged to complete the pledge and codicil (Forms are contained within this newsletter); (2) We are progressing, however slowly, to create the 2ADA Military Electronic Database. Sadly, funding from foundation grants has not been available. However, we are in advance planning to obtain funding to cover the cost of compiling and verifying the group records and biographical data of the 14 Bomb Groups and Headquarters. Following Excom review in April, we will solicit sponsors. The 44th and 467th BGs have invested their own funds and their databases are approximately 95% and 25% complete, respectively; and (3) We will continue to support the 2ADA memorial Trust and the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum. The 2ADA, thru direct donations and thru individual groups, have invested over \$500,000 in the Heritage Museum.

Although our ranks are thinning, we are still the greatest generation and we can complete the missions if we keep our formations tight. Just as we won the battles for freedom in the skies over Europe, we can press on to complete our legacy and record of all who served, with the knowledge that we gave our best to honor those that gave their all.

NEWS FROM STATION 145

Here on March 1st it is snowing hard at Rackheath, but everyone is very excited about your return in November. The New Millennium Library is really looking superb now and the roof is on. Inside you can appreciate the beauty of this magnificent new building and the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. Life is hectic with the Design and Finance Sub-Committees of the Trust meeting at regular intervals as the final planning and building details are now at a very exciting stage.

The programme for the November Convention in Norwich is now finalized and as always it is fun working for Evelyn. The programme has been planned as a relaxed one and you will be glad to know that both the Airports (Gatwick & Heathrow) as well as British Airways have promised us every help to make the arrival as easy as possible. I will have 4 Couriers at each Airport to welcome you! The first high spot of the week will be the Heritage League and Friends get together on the Sunday, which should be fun. Next is the Presentation of the Freedom of the City on the Tuesday and we have a nice surprise for you that evening in St. Andrews Hall. Wednesday is of course the main day and it will all be so memorable. The Cathedral and the Lord Bishop of Norwich preaching (he recently flew a sortie in a Jaguar from RAF Coltishall). Then the procession with the Roll of Honour from St. Peter Mancroft to the new 2nd Air Division Memorial complete with Fly-Past and a Guard of Honour. The opening and the fanfare played by the massed youngsters from Wymondham College and in the evening your Banquet at the Norwich Sport Village, with I hope another surprise for you.

Thursday is the BASE DAY and Perry Watts and myself have been working on the programme you suggested. The Green Man will have their new Dining Room completed by November so that should be fun, the Salhouse Church is booked and our Vicar will take the Service and as always RAF Neatishead have promised a colour party at the Church in tribute to you. Adrian Loades, the Chairman of the Rackheath Parish Council is looking forward to welcoming you and the Community Centre team under Len Wells has everything well organized. All we need now is some fine and mild weather. With best wishes to you all from your Norfolk Friends. Yours, Aye, David.

THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

I thought you would like to know that I have just returned home from the City Hall in Norwich after having been invited by the Leader of The Council to attend the meeting at which the Freedom of the City was awarded to the 2nd Air Division USAAF Association and it was a very moving occasion that I will always remember.

The Lord Mayor was very gracious in his greeting, as were the many other Councillors with whom I had worked during my two years as Chairman of the neighbouring Authority in Broadland.

Your Award was the first item on the Agenda and Nick Williams the Leader of the Council made a deeply moving proposal. This was seconded by Councillor Ian Couzens, the Leader of the Liberal Democrats, who again made a very impressive speech. He was then followed by Councillor Martin Verran who spoke at length about your bravery and sacrifice and the great friendship that had been formed in the Forties and continued to the present day. The great debt that the City and County owe to the 2nd Air Division USAAF was stressed as was the appreciation for your wonderful gift of the unique 2nd Air Division Memorial Library and the

huge support given to the Library by the 2nd Air Division Association over many years. Also the joy of the Council that you will be returning to Norwich in November.

The proposal was then formally moved by The Lord Mayor and carried unanimously with acclamation. After the meeting ended all the Councillors I spoke to expressed their delight at the award and how they look forward to meeting you later this year and their intention to make it a memorable visit. Brenda Ferris (The Lord Mayor at the VE Day Parade in 1995) in particular asked me to send you her best wishes and congratulations.

So the dream that we began in 1995, when we first discussed the possibility of obtaining the Freedom of the City for you at a VE Parade Committee Meeting at the City Hall has now become a reality this evening and you will receive the Scroll in November at the Civic Reception on the Tuesday evening.

Well Done, you all deserve this rare award. Indeed you are the only members of the 8th Air Force to receive such a high honour. We are all so proud of you. Best wishes for the New Year.

David J. Hastings, Vice Chairman.

FROM A LOVING GRANDSON

Joe R. Ramirez past away 3 1/2 hours ago at 9:30 p.m. PST on 01/29/01. He was 85. He had high blood pressure Monday morning and the paramedics rushed him to intensive care at the Whittier Hospital where he remained conscious and semi-alert. It was later learned that he had suffered yet another mild stroke and had a kidney infection that was adding to his ailments. I came to visit him at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. We spoke briefly about the Superbowl and I thanked him for everything he had done for me, I also told him he was like a father to me. Before I left him I said to him "Don't go anywhere, all right?" he responded, "Oh no, I'm not going anywhere!" My grandma and mother came to visit him a couple of hours late and left around 8 p.m.

I returned to see him at 9:25 p.m. There was a nurse drawing some blood and when I walked in my grandpa was happy that I returned. I asked him if he wanted another blanket, he declined and said, "I'm O.K." Within a matter of minutes, he was having a little trouble breathing, we were holding hands at the time, I called for a nurse, she came in and tried to help him breathe, she hit the "Code Blue" button and called for support staff, and in an instant, he had slipped away. Doctors and nurses tried vigorously for 20 minutes to revive him. His heart had stopped. It was surreal. I think he waited for me to return to say good-bye. I am so glad he wasn't alone when he left.

My grandpa Joe was the strongest man I ever knew. For the last decade he has struggled to stay alive. He was an honest man. A straight shooter. A just man. A fair man. He would always help someone in need. He was a God fearing man and he loved his wife and his family. He will be sorely missed. We rejoice in his 85 years of life on this planet, we look with fond memory of all his successes, his accomplishments and his friends. Thank you Fred and all of you who knew him, for being

his friend. Your prayers are appreciated. With my warmest personal regards,
Fred Salas, Grandson
(This e-mail was sent to Fred Holdrege who passed it on to me. I hope my grandson has the same feeling for me)



IN MEMORY: Joe R. Ramirez, 85, past away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2001. Joe was known by all of the 467th as the crew chief of the aircraft, "Witchcraft". He had high blood pressure Monday morning and the paramedics rushed him to intensive care at the Whittier Hospital, where he died later that evening. His wife of 65 years, Josephine; son, Don Ramirez; daughter, Barbara Salas; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild survives him. After the war, Ramirez went on to become a noted leader in Santa Fe Springs, serving on the City Council and Los Nietos School District school board. Jack Stevens represented the 467th at the service. The 467th and the Memorial Trust and his English friends sent a floral arrangement. The members of the 467th extend to Josephine and the family our sincere sympathy on the loss of a family man, friend and comrade.

IN MEMORY: RICHARD G. BANNISTER

Monday, 22 January 2001, my Dad passed away early this morning. He is survived by his loving wife Virginia and four proud children, Susan, Curtis, Bryan and me. We want very much to honor his memory with donations in lieu of flowers. (On Saturday, December 30, 2000, I received the following message from Doug – "My father, Richard G. Bannister served with the group as a Bombardier. He had 35 missions or more. I visited with him over Christmas. He is very ill, but still a proud

member. He may be reached at ginny213@leol.net. Please send a note. He may not be with us much longer". I responded with an e-mail to those on the list and the response was good. I received thanks from Doug to pass on to the Group of the satisfaction and feeling that his father had for the response our members made to him. Doug said his father was very proud of his service and enjoyed the newsletter. My thanks to all of you. - Ralph)

LETTERS AND NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Air Force Museum Receives Donation—Cille Day

State representative Billy Montgomery and area businesses gave the 8th Air Force Museum Association at Barksdale Air Force Base a \$15,000 donation Wednesday. The donation came during a ceremony at the museum to support the restoration effort of the museum's rare B-24 "Liberator." The B-24 was the most produced American aircraft of World War II. Nearly 18,000 B-24s were built, but only 12 exist today. The contribution will pay for the last major exterior component—the engine cowling, which helps protect and streamline the airplane's engine.

Others who contributed to the donation were the area's five casinos, the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, BellSouth, AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company, and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. The Liberator will be restored this year and unveiled during ceremonies in October for the 44th Bomb Group Association reunion.

TEX & MARY ELLISON

You asked for suggestions in the Poop from the Group as to future reunions. Didn't we get one suggestion recommending San Antonio? That is a beautiful city and has the Alamo, the river walk and military bases all around it. Also, there is the Air Force Retirement Village there. We have also suggested Laughlin, Nevada too, in the past. Places we haven't had previous reunions already. Enclosed is a contribution toward Poop from Group. (I will be looking into San Antonio)

PAUL HATTEN

Needless to say we have had a long 4 months, Utah, California, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia Beach and South Carolina. We moved into our new house last Monday, hopefully for a long time (4209 Ormston Circle, Rock Hill, SC 29732). We hope you & your family are doing fine. Did you receive my info for the Poop? Drop me a line with the latest news? "E-Mail" copies would be fine. Just a small joke. (Paul does not have a computer, I've been bugging him to get one). Take Care.

JOE HUBEN

On reading Poop from Group I was reminded of the Mail Memorial Fund. It was good of you to publish the

reminder. While I'm retired now, I'm so busy doing nothing that I forget to do what I should, unless reminded. May I recommend that you publish the reminder regularly. Since contributions are voluntary, it won't seem that you are dunning folks. A nice friendly reminder will benefit all. May I thank you and the staff of "Poop from Group" for all your efforts over the years. I'm in close contact with some of my crew and regularly hear references to "Poop from Group". Thanks for making it possible to keep knowledgeable of our Group and its members.

ARTHUR & IRENE PRICHARD

Lyle and I and our two nieces enjoyed the Sept. 28 to Oct. 3 reunion in Dayton so very much. The hotel was beautiful and the food delicious. It was prepared so pretty. The four of us are planning on attending the reunion in Savannah in 2002. We believe Dayton is a great choice for the 2003 reunion. You and your family did a wonderful job in Dayton! (The sins of doing a good job???)

ANNA & ANDY KAPI

Thank you and the 467th Group for the lovely gift for Andy, so thoughtful of you and Holdrege. We sure miss all the reunions, but Andy is a sick man. I'm worrying what will happen, but we shall take it day by day. Our best wishes to you and the group. A Happy New Year to all. I shall write to Holdrege when I find his address. Hope and pray for the best. God Bless All. (Fred Holdrege had me send Andy one of the Aviator Bears from the 2000 convention. Fred has a way of remembering. Thanks Fred)

TONY BELL

Enclosed you will find two checks. They are marked as to their disposition. I was jolted by Joe Ramirez' passing. Even though I knew he was in very bad shape, and had not been to one of our re-unions since San Diego I still thought of him as an important part of our outfit! A very rough casualty for our organization to be sure. I have often said that life is one long combat tour and no one survives. We all get shot down sooner or later and we all expect it. But there are some we feel closer to even though we did not serve with then, or were not even in the same squadron overseas. As far as I am concerned the two highest-ranking men on our association are and always will be the Col. and Joe in that order. Joe's unique contribution to our record and to our fame (if we have any), dwarfs the 36 missions I flew over there. May he rest in peace, and may his family know somehow how much we respect him and yes in our older years learned to love him. There will be no past tense in this note of how I feel about Joe, because he will never be "past tense on the mind's and hearts of all of us. I hope he and George Dong are enjoying each other, wherever they are. (Like the picture – Ralph)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 11-27-00 to 3-13-01
Operating Fund Balance 11-27-00 \$ 17,624.40

INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	1,705.00
Bear, Pin, Roster Addendum & Errata Sales		279.85
Patch Sales		45.25
Database Donations		300.00
Checking Account Interest		319.09
Mail Memorial for Joe Ramirez		255.00
Final Deposit from Convention 2000		<u>3,560.69</u>
Sub-Total Income	\$	6,464.79

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 19-3	\$	1,436.13
8 th AFHM Bal. on Walk, Bench & Tree		3,600.00
Print & Mail Addendums		34.65
Purchase Printing Paper		30.73
Mail Packages, Ltrs & Stamps(8/14-2/2)		333.81
Sub-Total Disbursements	\$	5,435.32
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$	18,653.87

WIDOW'S COMMENTS

There are six additions to the roster this period. They are: Virginia Banister, 8546 Lynmar Ct., Girard, PA 16467; Kathleen T. Giblin – AF (Roger), 33096 Tradewind Ct., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675; Lucille Howe – AW (Jack), 13900 E. Schuett Rd., Chaffee, NY 14030; Josephine Ramirez, 13727 Cornish Crest Rd., Whittier, CA 90605; Kay Smith, 317 Valera Ct., Winter Park, FL 32789; Helen Storey – AW (Jim), 7642 Pineridge Ln., Fair Oaks, CA 95628; and Mrs. Birdie S. White – AW (Emitte), 5445 Government St., Apt. 103, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

PLEDGE LETTER

An open letter to all who have served in the 2nd Air Division during World War II

I'm writing to you concerning the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich England. It is directed to you whether or not you have participated in the 2nd Air Division Association. The Memorial belongs to all of us. the War's end many of you were asked to donate money to provide for a Memorial to honor ALL those 6700+ men of the 2nd Air Division who did not return. At that time, you probably thought you were donating to a USUAL Memorial, constructed of brick, marble or stone as was the normal approach. In fact, you may not even remember that you contributed at all. Nevertheless, in time, the decision was made to construct an entirely new type of Memorial—a LIVING tribute in the form of a Library. This Living Memorial has become, to our knowledge, the only one of its kind in the world! If we take care of our Memorial Library, it will shine like a beacon down through the years - a fitting tribute, indeed, to those men who gave their lives.

Although the money to construct the Library was left in Trust, the money required to OPERATE the Library

was not provided. Our English friends appealed to the 2nd Air Division Association for help, and help it did! The 2nd ADA has provided almost all of the operating funds for over 30 years! The Capital Fund of the Memorial Trust is presently over 700,000 pounds. To be sure, this is a great deal of money, but we operate the Library on the INTEREST & DIVIDENDS accruing to the Capital Fund. The result is that about 5% of this 700,000 pounds provides for the day-to-day expenses, including salaries. If we are to provide for the Memorial Library in PERPETUITY, we must now provide the necessary funding! Virtually every day you are asked to reach in your pocket for a contribution to a myriad of monuments, markers, plaques, busts, B-24 models, et al. We acknowledge that all are indeed worth your attention. We are also asking for your financial help. BUT OUR APPROACH IS DIFFERENT!

You DO NOT need to reach in your pocket for your checkbook! We ARE asking you for a BEQUEST! IT IS A SIMPLE EASY AND PAINLESS WAY OF GIVING! Simply make a CODICIL to your Will & let your Executor take care of your donation. You will find Pledge & Codicil forms attached. Make a pledge in any amount you can afford. We are hoping for \$1,000/\$2,000. This amount should not materially affect the average Estate. However, we will be pleased to receive ANY amount from you.

I expect that at some future time, the names of those pledging will be published. HOWEVER, the AMOUNT of the pledge will NEVER be divulged! Remember that the Memorial in Norwich belongs to ALL that served in the 2nd Air Division! It belongs to our sons, daughters & grandchildren- present & yet to come. It belongs to our Norwich friends who have given so much help all these years! Most importantly, it belongs to and honors those 6,700+ members of the 2nd AD w ho gave THEIR lives for their country - OUR COUNTRY!

A beautiful new Memorial Library is presently rising out of the ashes of the old one. If YOU GIVE, it will remain beautiful for the next 50/100 years or more.

WONT YOU PLEASE MAKE A PLEDGE? Sit down & DO IT TODAY! NOW! Send it to - E. W. "Bill" Nothstein - 40 Meadow Dr. - Spencerport. NY14559
Fraternally, Geoff Gregory—Chairman for the Bequest Committee **(Codicil & Pledge on Page 8)**

EDITOR'S NOTE

As Geoff stated, this idea of supporting our museums and libraries is a way in which little or no impact is experienced to the giver at this time. The 8th Air Force Heritage Museum is also considering this type of donation.



IN MEMORY G. Elliott Smith passed away last November 13, 2000 after eleven months of hospitalization following a food choking accident at a dinner dance celebrating the millennium, December 31, 1999. Because of lack of oxygen to his brain, he suffered neurological injuries, which made it impossible for him to walk, talk, swallow, etc. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, educated in New York schools and a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology in 1940. At the outbreak of war he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and then became a part of the 467th. After the war his career included many prestigious positions and his interest and skills crossed over many fields. His widow Kay said, "he was an avid reader of the newsletter and that there was never any doubt that part of his heart always belonged to the 467th Bomb Group. He sometimes spoke happily and then sadly about his life at Rackheath, his comrades, missions, etc. He had the greatest admiration for Col. Shower and often talked of his leadership, his character and the example he set for all. Throughout his life he carried what he learned from Col. Shower and touched the life of this young Lieutenant with a lifelong impression". His wife of 52 years and two sons, Mark and Craig survived Elliott. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to his wife Kay, his sons and the surviving family.



BOB McEWEN's PRIDE

Bob sent a picture of his favorite license plate frame. He wanted all to note the "Witchcraft" and the "467th Bomb Group (H)".

Bob is holding his own, but his health is not too good. E-mail or a note would sure be appreciated. (Ralph)



TWO VERY GOOD FRIENDS

Thanks to Vince Re, I was able to put this picture in the newsletter for all to see. I am sure that this will remind many of the happy days gone by.



MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 36 contributors to the fund during this period that gave \$1,655.00, approximately \$45.97 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. Contributors this period were:

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| Anderson, Ralph | Elsen, Betty |
| Anslow, James | Huben, Joe |
| Appleby, Joe | Hudlow, Fred |
| Baumhover, David | Johnston, James |
| Bell, Tony | Lemmen, Henry |
| Bridges, Paul | Logan, John |
| Brown, Eleanor | McGovern, Bill |
| Daudelin, Steve | Nelson, Tom |
| Davis, Marvin Ralph | Patterson, David |
| Day, Cille | Re, Vincent |
| Ellison, Henry | Scharrschmidt, Bill |

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To The Last Will & Testament
Of

The purpose of this Codicil is to bequest to The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF, the following \$_____ amount from the proceeds of my estate/trust; with the understanding that this bequest will cause no undue hardship on my heirs or beneficiaries; & will be available after all debts, taxes and obligations have been satisfied.

The executor of my estate is directed to send the indicated amount to:
THE MEMORIAL TRUST OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION USAAF
CARE OF THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2nd AD)
NORWICH CENTRAL LIBRARY
NORWICH, ENGLAND NRI 3AD

Signed _____
Date _____

Witness _____
Date _____

Notary



BEQUEST PLEDGE

The undersigned member, associate, family or friend of the Second Air Division Association, or member, associate or friend of the Second Air Division, USAAF, has executed a codicil or provision to my will or trust, providing for a tax free donation to be made upon my demise. The purpose to insure that the operation of the Second Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich continues in perpetuity.

(1) I have read & understand the proposed codicil & have executed a document similar, and have attached it to my will/trust. Accordingly, this pledge is to inform the 2nd ADA that my bequest will be in the amount of \$_____.

(2) I am now notifying you that I have previously executed a bequest in favor of the 2nd AD Memorial Trust USAAF in the amount of \$_____.

I understand the 2nd ADA Treasurer will retain this pledge. It will be held in the strictest confidence. No release of this pledge or the codicil pertaining there-to will be made except by the written consent of the undersigned.

Signed _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Note:
This signed pledge should be mailed to the treasurer of the 2nd ADA, currently, Elwood "Bill" Nothstein, at the following address: 40 Meadow Dr.---Spencerport, N.Y. 14559-1142 for purpose of clarity-the CODICIL should not be confused with the PLEDGE. You should forward the PLEDGE to the 2nd ADA Treasurer, as stated above. The CODICIL empowers your executor to forward the stipulated amount of money to the Memorial Trust of the Second Air Division USAAF, in care of The Norwich Central Library, Norwich, England as stated in the Codicil form.

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Gannett, Don	Sefca, Milan & Lucille
Giblin, Kathleen	Sheldrick, William
Gilbertson, Lloyd	Sheppard, Max
Hapsas, Nick	Smith, Catherine (In memory of her husband Elliott)
Hart, Hank	Spencer, Lowrey
Harvey, Mack	Wilds, Gordon
Holdrege, Fred	Wilds, John
Holmes, Capers	

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. (In the process of ordering.)

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

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, \$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.

St. George, UT 84790

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

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 donator's discretion. Until we get to the level of \$15,000, please keep the donations coming.

MY APOLIGY TO A MEMBER'S FAMILY

Earlier this year, a family contacted me with data on a member, which included specifics on him and pictures, I believe. We contacted by e-mail and I was asked if I had the information. I thought that Bob or I had it and advised that I would get back to them. Unfortunately I had a data dump and lost my e-mail and their address. If you will trust me with the information once again, I will see that it is copied and scanned into the newsletter disk. Too soon we grow old, too late we grow smart!

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Madden W. Ayers, 6 Nicholas Blvd, N., Ft. Myers FL 33903

Virginia Banister - AW (Dick), 8546 Lynmar Ct., Girard, PA 16467

Kathleen T. Giblin - AF (Roger), 33096 Tradewind Ct., San Juan Capistrano CA 92675

Henry Hart - AF, 9124 State Route 700, Windham, OH 44288

Lucille Howe - AW (Jack), 13900 E. Schuett Rd., Chaffee, NY 14030

Ms Sue Ladley - AF (Hampp), 3284 Main St., Pifford, NY 14533

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G. Elliott Smith

Henry J. Storey (12-4-95)

Emitte E. White, Jr.

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Chaffee, NY

Visalia, CA

Whitter, CA

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Fair Oaks, CA

Baton Rouge, LA

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Laura J. Radosevich

George A Proconiar

Richard O. Russell

Fr, Cornelius Sharbaugh

Hollis Suzanne Smyer - AF

Billie Taylor - AW (Charles)

If you recognize any of the names, please contact me and I will see that they are returned to the roster.

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467th Bombardment Group (Heavy)
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Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101

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TAPS

We have all heard the haunting song, "TAPS." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually creates tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be pleased to find out about its humble beginnings:

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only

partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals, was born.

Day is done	Fading light	Thanks and praise
Gone the sun	Dims the sight	For our days
From the Lakes	And a star	Neath the sun,
From the hills	Gems the sky,	Neath the stars
From the sky	Gleaming bright	Neath the moon
Allis well	From afar,	As we go
Safely rest	Drawing nigh,	This we know
God is nigh	Falls the night	God is nigh

For many year I have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" and find that it brings a tear. I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I got permission from the General James H. Doolittle Chapter of the 8th AHHS to reprint. (Ralph)