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FROM THR PREZ

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (PUC)

My letter to VP Chaney ended up with his staffer and it was sent to the Dept. of the Air Force where it ended up with Lt. Col. Gibson, the one who turned back the previous submittal to President Clinton. As predicted, this was returned with the same statement. In turn I wrote to Pres. Bush asking for the same support that I requested of Pres. Clinton. My letter was crossed by another letter from Lt. Col. Gibson reiterating that we need to provide evidence that an award was submitted or provide additional substantiating evidence of achievement. My data package already contained the total performance and achievements of the 467th, which left me nothing further to submit. I then wrote an additional letter to President Bush outlining all aspects once again, referencing Lt. Col. Gibson's letter and stated to him that you, President Bush, are our last hope to achieve this award that had been recommended by the 96th Combat Wing Commander in 1945, the President of the Second Air Division and three Air Force 8th Air Force Commanders and long overdue. Since that letter, Walt Mundy got a hold of the staffers in Rep. Bill Thomas's office and I provided Walt with the same package and he had it sent along to Rep. Thomas. He is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which holds a lot of power on the money end. One never knows what will happen. We have been trying for several years. Many of you have supported the effort of Vince LaRussa and myself. If this last effort does not succeed, I'm always open for suggestions from the group.

of our convention and we have two memorial services scheduled on Friday, October 4. The Chapel will only hold

CONVENTION 2001

The count as of today is 62 attending. I have had responses with payment of the \$41.00 per person for Group Day lunch and dinner from the following: Bruce Palmer (\$164); Jack Stevens (\$205); Bill McGovern (\$41); Bob Troy (\$82); Ralph Davis (\$82); Al Touchette (\$82); Maris (82); Geoff Gregory (*)(\$82); Noden (\$82); Holmes (\$41); Walt Mundy (\$82); and Blackie Dunnam (\$41). I have not heard from Brinson, Dzenowagis, Fox, Katz, Kurtz, Morrow, Nanney, Renaud, Rothchild, Samuel, and Shower. Your planning may be such that you have not determined if you are a "GO" or "NO-GO". However, when you decide, I would appreciate your response as soon as possible. Should you decide to not go after paying, I will refund your money. **Lunch & Dinner!** The lunch at the Green Man will be soup and sandwiches. A selection of cheese, ham and tuna with a cream of homemade country vegetable soup. Dinner will be at the Salhouse Lodge and dinner selection will be from the menu. For those of you that would like to go to Barsham to see the Reid Memorial, that trip at the present will be on Saturday instead of Tuesday, the day after arrival. I need to know how many want to go to Barsham. Please respond to me on this question as our transportation to Barsham depends on your response.

CONVENTION 2002

Plans are nearly complete. Groundbreaking for the Memorial Chapel at the 8th AF Heritage Museum was on the 27th of July. The Chapel will be completed by the time

around 75 or 80 and to accommodate all, two services were necessary. Meal selection has been completed.

Transportation for Friday and Saturday is scheduled for the Museum and downtown Savannah on Saturday for the Octoberfest. Other trips are optional and a representative will be available at registration on Thursday to schedule selected tours of Savannah and the area. The current estimated cost for the convention is approximately \$225 per person and \$60.50 per night plus tax for lodging. The motel is being taken over by the Comfort Suites and a total renovation is nearly complete. Your convention cost will cover all meals from Thursday evening to Monday morning except for your lunch on Friday and Saturday. Those two meals will be on your own. The motel will have provisions for soup, sandwich and drink for both the lunch periods or you can eat at the Museum or on Saturday, eat downtown Savannah. A trip attendant will be at the registration area on Thursday to set up special trips at your discretion for boat trips and local tours. A more complete list of the offerings will be in future newsletters.

CONVENTION 2003

Still looking for suggestions. So far the greatest number of responses are to return to Dayton in 2003. I am still looking at San Antonio and should have more by next issue. I have the hotel tentatively schedule for Dayton, but not a firm commitment. It is surprising how fast the hotels are filling up for 2003 because of the 100 years of flight celebration to be held in Dayton. Also, the new hanger at the Museum will be completed. To date, I have found no one to volunteer to help on the San Antonio area. Let me hear from you.

NEW COMMUNICATION

Several of you used the TOLL FREE number to let me know of address changes and members passing away. However, I still had 22 change of addresses from the Post Office return at a cost now of \$0.60 per return for a total of \$13.20. Please use this number early enough that we can avoid the extra expense. The number is on the masthead and it is **1-877-882-7235**.

2AD GROUP VP – GEOFF GREGORY

With respect to the Executive Committee meeting in Colorado Springs last April, I will confine my report to just the 3 areas of my responsibilities. They are the Nominating Committee, the Bequest Program and our up-coming convention this November in Norwich.

The Nominating Committee- I am pleased to report that the following slate of Officers to serve your Association was approved with no objections. The Slate reads:

President- Walt Mundy - 467th

Executive VP-Richard Butler - 44th

Secretary-David Patterson - 445th

Treasurer-W.E. "Bill" Nothstein - 466th

V/P Membership-Evelyn Cohen -Hdq

Journal Editor-Ray Pytel - 445th

We all join in expressing congratulations to the nominees, and wish them well in their tour of duty. We are indeed blessed to have these dedicated people responsible for guiding our Association this coming year.

The Bequest program- the work of this program is marked by a slowly increasing number of donors and the

amounts of the bequests committed by the pledges. The need remains great! Remember that \$100,000 in bequests amounts to just \$5,000 in actual income for us. This is hardly enough to buy the services of a full time librarian, let alone another part-time employee. **FOUR-I repeat-FOUR** people from our 467th have responded to this appeal for pledges. We need at least 25 more pledges for the amount of \$1,000 each or more!

Speaking of PLEDGES! - Bud Koorndyk-former 2nd ADA representative to the Board of Governors to the Trust-made one of the most gracious and generous gestures I have ever seen. Bud made a \$20,000 pledge to the Bequest Fund. (He has given us his permission to use his name in the interest of the program) **Bud then went one step further!** He pledged to match \$1000 contributions made by each of the 14 groups plus Headquarters! Aware that it might be difficult for some groups to raise \$1000, he stipulated that personal contributions from **individuals**, or from **an individual** in a group, would be considered as meeting the requirement for that group. This has motivated considerable activity within the program! Very Encouraging! I know that the 467th will also do its part to meet this requirement- it always has. Please send your CASH contributions to me or to Walt; but continue to mail your PLEDGES to Bill Nothstein, 2ndADA Treasurer.

I am sure of one thing- the 60 + 467th people going to the Dedication of our Memorial Library will return with a new spirit of dedication, and a renewed realization of just how important our Library is.

November Norwich visit - plans are now set in stone, with only a few minor adjustments to be made. I now have from David Hastings, our Honorary Member, the final draft of the week's schedule. The detail work involved is mind-boggling! Our Base Day visit activities- planned by David Hastings and Perry Watts -constitute but a very small part of the over-all extensive planning worked out for us. Everyone and his Uncle will be there, including the U.S. Ambassador- a Texan! Several bands will be performing at various times, "Flyovers", bus tours, hotels, meals, receptions, Church services; culminating, of course, with the Dedication! Most of all this planning is the result of David's efforts. All of it being a tribute to our unique Memorial Library- the only one of its kind in the world. Speaking of Base Day; it will be a long one! "Up-and-at-um" by 7 AM because you will want a good breakfast! On the bus at AM and away we go for a daylong visit to Rackheath and Salhouse, culminating with Dinner about 6/7ish PM. Also, a reminder that some of you will be leaving for London before DAWN on the 9th - a good idea to have your bags packed on the 8th. And lastly, make sure you have your lunch and dinner money in to Ralph PRONTO.

I have one concern. There have been several cancellations from our 467th group. Some, I'm sure are health related-beyond our control of course. However, if the Hoof and Mouth disease caused anyone to cancel, I do hope you will reconsider. The disease is NOT related to HUMANS; has been virtually eliminated, and NEVER WAS FOUND IN NORFOLK. Don't let an unfounded fear

deprive you of an experience of a lifetime. There is still time! Just call Evelyn and re-book.

Pending the approval of the General Membership, we will have ANOTHER 467th member serving as President of the 2nd ADA. Walter Mundy will be the 4th man from our 467th to serve in this capacity. We all know that Walt will uphold the high traditions of service set by those who have preceded him. We thank you, Walt, for offering to serve!

To those who are "going"; see you in Norwich! To those who cannot; stay well and keep in touch!

2nd ADA EX VP – WALT MUNDY

I am writing to you today as a member of the 467th B.G. and as Executive Vice President of the Second Air Division Association to share with you the good news about the 2ADA Bequest program.

E. Bud Koomdyk, Past Member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust of the Second Air Division USAAF, has made a most generous Pledge of \$20,000.00 and has challenged the fourteen Bomb Groups and Headquarters that contribute \$1,000.00 or more to the Capital Bequest Fund. His Challenge is that he will match the first \$1,000.00 of the fourteen Bomb Groups and Headquarters, for a total of \$15,000.00 additional. The time limit of this challenge is that the fourteen Bomb Groups and Headquarters must Pledge or contribute after April 28, 2001 and before September 30, 2001.

The best part of the Bequest Program is that it will not take a penny out of our pocket while we are still living! I am pleased to report that eight of the Groups and Headquarters have already met the \$1,000.00 challenge and have pledged over and above that amount.

The 467th B.G. needs your pledge and every member that has not already pledged to insure that the Capital Fund is sufficient to provide the operation of the Memorial Library in perpetuity. Let's just do it now, while we still have our memories, our physical resources and our pride in being a part of the greatest Air Force the world will ever know.

Pledge form and Codicil is on page 8 of the April 2001 issue of POOP. Please mail just the Pledge and execute the Codicil

NEWS FROM STATION 145.

Well November is fast approaching and all your many friends in Norfolk are getting very excited about your return. The new Millennium Library building is now really looking superb and you can appreciate the beauty of the outstanding design, which will certainly be one of the finest new buildings in our City. More good news this week was that the last tenant was announced, which means all the space in the new building is now taken and secures the long-term future. This tenant is the BBC, who is moving both their radio and television studios into the building, which means that the 2nd Air Division Memorial will have media facilities on our doorstep. This is wonderful news for the City as at one point the BBC had considered relocating to Cambridge. The BBC is hoping to cover your entire visit.

On the main programme, as always it is a joy to work for Evelyn Cohen and everything looks very exciting. The

Business Meeting on the Sunday morning will be followed in the afternoon and evening by a Friends/Heritage League/2nd ADA get together to talk about the future as well as seeing the Wide screen film "The Return of the Liberator". The Service at Madingley on the Monday will as always be a thought-provoking occasion, with a choice of visiting either Duxford or Wymondham College on the way back. The Freedom of the City Civic Reception evening on the Tuesday will be so moving (The Norwich Concert Band have agreed to play for us), as will the Cathedral Service the next day followed by the Opening Ceremony. We have a top Military Band to play in the Cathedral, a Royal Air Force and USAF Guard of Honour and a Fly-Past in your honour. The youngsters from Wymondham College will be playing at the Opening Ceremony as a tribute to you and I hope that the entire day will be a memorable occasion. After all this is the only Memorial of its kind in the world as well as the finest.

On the Base Day programme Perry and I have tried to meet all the wishes of Geoff and Ralph and it should be another great day. The Rackheath Parish Council will greet you, the Service will be at Salhouse Church, Lunch at the Green Man and the supper at the Salhouse Lodge, with interesting things in between.

Finally, can I say how great it was to see Joan Coffey and her family recently when they so kindly spent a day with us. We met them off the London train, and went straight to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. Then enjoyed lunch at the Green Man before we toured the base and looked at the gates and plaque given by Jim and his crew. Then a visit to the little Rackheath Church before going to see Wroxham Broad. Finally they all came back to our house for supper which was such a joy for Jean and I. We then put them back on the London train in the late evening, but not before they had met up with Alan Last and his good lady. Thank you Joan for giving us so much happiness. See you all in November, stay well and God Bless.

Yours, Aye, David.J.Hastings.

NEW FUNERAL PROGRAM teams/military & vet groups

by Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—DoD is teaming with veteran's service organizations across the country to enhance traditional funeral ceremonies that honor the nation's military veterans. Representatives from the Office of the secretary of Defense, the military services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans service organizations, the National Cemetery Administration, the Funeral Directors Association and other groups met June 28 at American Legion headquarters here for the announcement of the Authorized Provider Partnership Program's July debut. Charles S. Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, said the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other groups will be asked to augment DoD-provided personnel at funerals by providing volunteers to serve as color guards, rifle detail members, pallbearers and buglers. "We want to provide the appropriate honors to veterans who pass away," Abell told the American Forces Information Service at the Pentagon. "The veterans organizations want to help us, and we would like to have their help. (The program) will enhance the honors that can be rendered with their performance."

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 authorizes the partnership program and also states DoD will provide at least two active, National Guard or reserve uniformed service members to fold and present a ceremonial U.S. flag to survivors at military funerals. One of the two detail members must be of the same service as the deceased. DoD also provides a military musician—if available—to play "Taps," or the music is rendered via high-quality compact disc. The CDs, recorded at Arlington National Cemetery in 1999, are part of a kit sent to licensed funeral directors working in association with DoD, veterans service organizations, and all active and reserve component military units conducting funerals.

Almost 450,000 active duty and reserve component service members participated in military funeral details in 2000, DoD officials noted. The partnered veterans groups have augmented DoD efforts and "provided enhancements" to military funerals in the past, Abell said. Such help has been historically encouraged and authorized, he said. "What we have now is a formal program where veterans service organizations can be trained by the local (military) installation commander ... (to) ensure that the quality of the honors rendered are to standard and that the funeral honors rendered in any particular place around the nation will be the same," he said.

Installation commanders will train and certify volunteers, Abell said. The volunteers, he added, are eligible for reimbursement of their travel expenses, such as gas and meals associated with their ceremonial duties. Other groups, he added, such as ROTC detachments and reserve component advisory units could also participate in the program.

This month, officials said, letters introducing the program, a 20-minute training video, and pins for presentation to participants will be mailed to military unit commanders. Letters explaining the program and training videos will also be mailed to veterans service organizations. Abell, attending the Washington meeting with John M. Molino, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, remarked that America's World War II and Korean War veterans are passing on at increased rates.

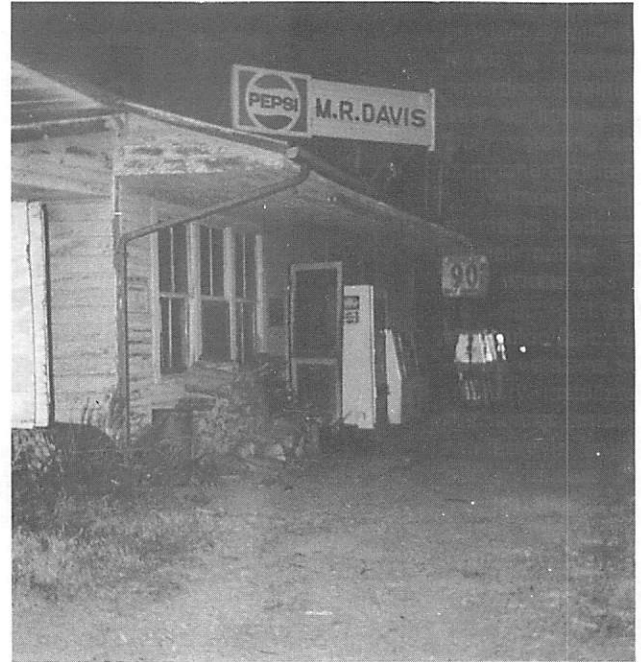
DoD officials note that 91,074 military funeral honors were performed in 2000, an 11-percent increase over the 43,277 funerals performed in 1999. All the military services report increased military funeral honors ceremonies this year. Retired Army Col. Mike Duggan, the American Legion's deputy director of national security and foreign relations, said at the meeting that he salutes DoD for mandating support for military funerals, an endeavor that in recent years has been strained by force reductions in the 1990s and an aging veteran population. Duggan, a Vietnam War infantry combat veteran, noted that World War II vets comprise about 40 percent of the Legion's membership. While the American Legion today has about 4,000 funeral detail teams, "we're losing the people who are providing the (funeral) honors as well," he said.

Military officials said additional reserve component participation is augmenting the active duty military funeral teams. However, Abell reiterated the importance of participation by organizations outside DoD. "In order to provide a more complete service, with a firing detail, color guard and pallbearers, we rely on the patriotism and volunteerism of the veterans service organizations," he said. "Any enhancements that we can provide would just make that better, but the minimum requirement will be met for any family of an authorized veteran who requests such honors."

COME ON DOWN

Somebody sent me this picture and suggested that I might be moonlighting with a secondary business. I deeply appreciate their enthusiasm in suggesting that I am

making millions with the outside work, but it is my eternal disappointment to advise that this is not my place of business. However, you might find the Post Exchange items there.



LETTERS AND NOTES FROM MEMBERS

ESTHER P. BUBB – AW (WALTER)

It has taken me a lone time to write this letter, for which I am sorry. It is time I write to you to let you know that Walter passed away August 8, 2000. He wa proud to have served with your Bombardment Group, as he was a dedicated service man. I am sure he remembered the times spent with all of you. Sorry for my delay in writing to all of you. I miss Walter each and every day and I always will. I wish each of you the very best.

GORDON A. BUCHMILLER

Enclosed is a donation to help support the "PooP" which I enjoy receiving. Unfortunately I do not know most of the people mentioned in the articles. I was at Rackheath for the last four months of its existence and although I flew 18 missions, I flew as a replacement navigator with different crews. The names of which I've long since forgotten. I did fly my last few missions on Witchcraft. Also that crew, of which I was the navigator, flew it back to the states. I think the pilot's first name was Fred. We had about twenty ground crew aboard, including Joe Ramirez and his assistant crew chief. I sadly read of their passing. The reaper is taking his toll. I am 80 years old, in very good health and very active. Are there records available of the missions that each person flew? If so, I would like a copy and would be willing to pay any expenses that would be involved. My children often inquire about my experiences during the war. (Gordon, you should have the dates you flew. Get them together and send them to Kevin Coolidge, 760 Laloma Ln., Corona, CA 92879. If he doesn't have them, I'm sure he can tell you how to obtain them. Gordon, you should

join us at our conventions and I'm sure you would find many that you know and also will make new friends.)

JOHN OAKLEY

It was with great sorrow I learned of the death of my long time friend Joe Ramirez. Joe and I went back a long way. I obviously met Joe and the rest of his crew when a boy at Rackheath, but it was in 1981 I spotted his address in a letter he wrote to 2AD Journal and I wrote him requesting some information. He replied and this started a long correspondence learning all about his life and family post-war. Joe made his one trip back to England in 1992 and my wife and I had the honor of entertaining him and Col. Shower to our home, where they managed to drink all my whiskey and enjoy my wife's cooking. I said we would try and visit him and in 1995 we made it, met his wife Josie and one of his great grandchildren. Joe loved his family. He took us down to Coronado to meet his lifetime friend George Dong. Also Jack and Lucile Stevens came over and we had a fabulous lunch at the famous Coronado Hotel before going back to George's, a day we won't forget. We also paid Joe and Josie a short visit. Last year, while passing through and although obviously not well, he was his usual exuberant and noisy self. A great man, I was proud to be classed as a friend and an honor to have known him. I will miss him. (I am sure the entire Group concurs that Joe will be and is deeply missed by all - Ralph)

KAY SMITH - AW (ELLIOTT)

Today I received the April 1, 2001 issue of the "Poop from Group". I was delighted to see Elliott's picture and the write-up. I know he is very pleased too, to be among his comrades. I would appreciate it, if it is possible, to have two (2) additional copies of this issue for our sons, Mark and Craig. Thank you for your time. (Two copies were mailed and the two sons were offered the opportunity to become associate members of the Group.)

BRUCE PALMER

Enclosed is a check towards Poop from Group. Also, a check for four to attend lunch and dinner at the Green Man for my party. My wife, daughter, a friend and I will plan to be in a Norwich Hotel 6, 7 and 8 November. Please include us in wartime base tour on November 8th. Looking forward to the gathering in Norwich

BILL GALCHICK

Sorry to hear about Joe Ramirez. Here is a copy of the original article that I cut out of the Stars and Stripes while at Rackheath. Enclosed is a check to help cover the cost of the Group paper. (The article is on page 7.)

RAY WARD

As one who values accuracy in reporting on our times I extend my concerns to an unfortunate printing of a fraudulent story on the origin of the bugle call 'Taps'. It is mushy nonsense. Brigadier General Dan Butterfield commanded a New York brigade when the Union Army was camped at Harrison's Landing. Bugle calls for his brigade, or from other brigades within earshot created confusion. Whistling to himself he practiced a simple three notes followed by a couple in triplicate, this to be played before all of his brigade calls, giving these special recognition apart from those of other buglers of nearby

encamped brigades. As stated by the worthy Bruce Catton, Civil War authority, "the boys quickly fitted a chant to it: 'Dan-Dan-Butterfield!'" When first he whistled this call to his bugler it didn't sound right when played, this to be corrected by further whistling and playing. Upon reflection Butterfield ordered his bugler to use the tune in place of the call being used for 'lights out'. Other buglers, liking it, came over to copy the notes, and it traveled through the Army of the Potomac and to the Western Armies. A descendent of the General, Fire Coordinator Bob Butterfield of nearby Candor, New York attested to me the facts as to origins of the call, but I had already met with and discussed this and other matters with Catton when he was New York State's Civil War Centennial Chairman and I was serving in parallel in behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Catton's account on the origins of Taps is included in his book *Glory Road*, printed in 1952.

As for the incidental discovery by Union Captain Ellicombe that his son was the dead Confederate on the battlefield, on this I will not pass judgement. I leave it to reason that authorization for playing of a new bugle call in an encampment, no matter what the circumstance might be, seemingly is far-fetched and most likely improbable. Attaching to this the finding of those notes for Taps on a slip of paper in the pocket of his dead son makes it all a bit too syrupy to swallow. It would be wise that the source for this revisionist tale be sent a copy of this rebuttal, if but to contain this type of damage, we as veterans having the responsibility to hew to the truth. (A copy of this note was sent to the editor of *Air Power*, The Eighth Air Force Historical Society for their assessment of the facts or their source. Personally, I kind of like the mushy one - Ralph)

LES WILLIS

Just a few lines to say thanks for "Poop from Group" received this AM. Hope this finds you and all your family in good health and enjoying life. We are keeping family well, although Betty has just been diagnosed as suffering from Coeliac disease. She has to have a "gluten-free diet". She is managing OK so far. Doctors say it could be around 6 months before improvement will show, but as we say, keep taking the tablets! I hope that all goes well for you in November of this year and that you are all able to enjoy your visit to Norwich, Rackheath and Salhouse plus anywhere else you go. Please find enclosed a few dollars towards the postage costs, etc. of your publication. I look forward to receiving it every four months. It takes me back to 1944/45. Keep up the good work. Regards to all, our thoughts are with you

LARRY GRENNAN, JR.

A small contribution for the Poop from Group publication or whatever you feel a need for, mailings, paper, etc. Just finished reading most of the information. You are certainly carrying a tremendous workload with the publication of the Poop from Group, President and Treasurers jobs. I hope you are receiving assistance with all these tasks. I noticed in a previous publication that Fred Holdrege had a home page. I may check some of the e-mail and Webb pages. Fred really impressed me at Rackheath. The report was, he was West Point and he

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looked it. Also, rumor was, he wanted to low level bomb on D-Day, I don't think so. Enough rambling, I do hope your efforts are appreciated. (Larry, I too believe Fred to be one fine gentleman and appreciate all the things he has done on his own for the 790th Squadron and the Group. Maybe Fred will own up to wanting low level bombing or then again, maybe not. - Ralph)

LARRY KURTZ

A great web site (WWW/Heavybomber.com); which allows one to access daily summaries of Bomber Missions in Europe and the Pacific. The site is now located in his **Navigation Bar**. The printout for a daily, one-month summary in Europe is 36 pages. A source reference is attached. All the 467th Bomber crews should be interested in this information. Particularly the huge numbers of all aircraft that were also flying missions over Europe and the Continent. Larry attached the Heavy Bomber Combat Chronology Frame, which stated:

Notice: Please use the navigation bar located at the top of this page to browse through the various months.

Where did this material come from? This incredible collection was apparently assembled by one Jack McKillop, USAF, who was assigned to the Airways and Air Communications Service from 1955 to 1959.

BRIAN MAHONEY - AF (JIM)

After two and one half years, Brian has completed his writing of his father's adventure during World War II. His effort cover's Jim's accounts of two Bomb Groups, the 492nd and the 467th. It is a paperbound book of 548 pages. Brian has not had a price determination to date, but advises this should be forthcoming. He has not stated whether or not the book will be available through him or if you must purchase it from online bookstores. Using the title, "Reluctant Witness, the WWII Memoirs of the late James J. Mahoney" and the ISBN# 1-5521 2-875-X when contacting bn.com (Barnes & Noble), Amazon.com or Borders.com. Look it up on the Internet. Go to <<http://www.trafford.com>> and visit the 'bookstore' area for information and to order Reluctant Witness."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 11-27-00 to 3-13-01
Operating Fund Balance 3-13-01 \$ 18,653.87

INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	1,300.00
Patch Sales		52.50
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		
Database Donations		50.00
Checking Account Interest		215.81
Mail Memorial for Joe Ramirez		20.00
Group Dinner prepay		928.00
Sub-Total Income	\$	2,698.31

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 20-1	\$	1,386.60
Visa Charges (Less Poop Mailing- 59.40))		22.42
Program Costs for Web Page		281.99
Stop Check Fee		25.00

Purchase 6 Month CD	3,000.00
Purchase 12 Month CD	3,000.00
Sub-Total Disbursements	\$ 7,716.01
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$ 13,636.17

Note: Operation Balance is actually \$14,273.62; however, \$637.45 is still owed to the POOP Printer and the Mailer. Checks are in the mail.

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

(These should be in stock soon!)

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

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

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About 10 on hand

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798th 788th

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1418 70th St. E.

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IN MEMORY Walter T. Bubb passed away on August 8, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Esther. Walter and Esther spent many pleasant years together, but were never blessed with children so they enjoyed their neighbors and their neighbor's children. Walter passed away while Esther was in the hospital for minor care and

heard the news of Walter from a visiting neighbor. Walter was born on March 24, 1916 making him over 84 years of age. He was interned in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Harrisburg, PA. Our deepest sympathy from the members of the 467th is expressed to Esther for her loss and our loss of a comrade.



Walter T. Bubb

IN MEMORY Harold Edward Weeks, born August 22, 1921, passed away the morning of May 13, 2000. He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Marjorie Jean Weeks of Normandy Park, Washington, his two sons, Gregory Alan Weeks of Ferndale, Washington, and Edward William Weeks of Boise, Idaho, his daughter, Marjorie Miller of Mossyrock, Washington, his brother, Edward Weeks of Pescadero, California, and sister, Frances Dubel of Santa Cruz, California, and his five grandchildren, Spencer and Seth Berntsen, and Tom, Adam, and Anne Weeks.

Harold Weeks was employed for twenty-nine years with Boeing as a Mechanical Engineer. He was a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and flew a B-24 Liberator for thirty-five missions over Germany. His passion for flying continued after an honorable discharge. In 1970 he built a Thorpe T-18 airplane in the basement of his house and flew it regularly. As an active and enthusiastic member of the Experimental Aviation Association, he flew over much of the United States. Harold enjoyed his family and friends. He was an avid outdoorsman and particularly enjoyed hiking and fishing.

DOROTHEA K. MARIO – AW (JOHN)

My husband John J. Mario, a member of the 467th passed away in August 1999. However, I would like to keep in touch with this fantastic and friendly group. Enclosed is a check. Please apply it to wherever it is needed. John always looked forward to attending the

group's reunions. He also enjoyed his visit to Rackheath base when we visited England in 1992. Thank you so much.



Harold E. Weeks

TIMES REFLECTION

(Written by Spencer Berntsen, grandson, after Harold's stroke)

I sit and listen to this old man
Trying hard to understand
For this kind man has always been there for me.

My mind reflects on events we've shared
Some good, some bad, but usually fun
For this old man has stories to tell
About days and years gone past.

He has been in many countries,
Triumphed through World War
He has fought many battles throughout his years-
But this new battle he does not know
And cannot comprehend.

I look at his body sitting there-
It is hard to see what this man once was and now is.
For this old man's soul has not yet been set free
Now I must realize his soul is also a part of me.

IN MEMORY – COL. FRANK R. GREEN

Frank Green retired from the Air Force after 30 years, which included two complete combat tours in the 8th Air Force during World War II. He passed away on December 31, 1998 in Fairfax County due to complications of pneumonia. Frank was born in Pennsylvania in 1918 and participated in the Civilian pilot Training Program prior to World War II. In 1941, he joined the Army, Air Corps and after aviation training was assigned to anti-submarine patrol duty. His unit was transferred to the 8th Air Force in England, where he flew

as the group formation command pilot for most of those missions with both the 492nd and 467th Bomb groups. After retiring Frank served for 10 years as deputy director of member services for the Retired Officers' Association, managing its health and life insurance programs. In 1993, he became the Dranesville representative to the Fairfax Commission on Aging. He had been a resident of Fairfax County since 1959 residing in Great Falls since 1978. Frank is survived by his wife, Anne Elizabeth, of Great Falls; two daughters, Anne G. Baughman, of Vienna, and Barbara J. Green, Ph.D., of Cohasset, Mass.; two sons-in-law, William W. Baughman, Jr., DDS, and Daniel M. Rattner and two grandsons, Stephen Reginald and Philip Winston Baughman. (Anne advised me that this was sent to us in 1999 and for some unknown reason was never printed. I apologize and hope this corrects it to your satisfaction. Frank is and will be missed by all.)

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Esther P. Bubbs – AW (Walter), 650 Georgian Place, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Anne E. Green – AW (Frank), 1109 Dapple Grey Ct., Great Falls, VA 22066

Marjorie Hine – AW (Bob), 2702 Hilltop Dr., South Bend, IN 46614

Charles Quick, Sr., 12951 Rivercrest Dr., Little Rock, AR 72212

Kay Shower Tittmann – AF, 2466 Sassafras Court, State College, PA 16803

LAST POST

Rual B. Brown, Jr.	Nederland, TX
Walter T. Bubbs	Harrisburg, PA
Frank R. Green	Great Falls, VA
Robert P. Hine	South Bend, IN
Joseph H. Monts, Jr.	Americus, GA
Duane W. Myers	Hibbing, MN
Harold L. Smith	Jackman, ME
Albert Svrcek	Donora, PA

LOST SOULS

Vernon M. Blikstad	Minneapolis, MN
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Merritt R. Clarke	North Providence, RI
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George A. Procnjar	Irvine, CA
Robert L. Yearta	Whitesburg, GA

REQUEST REMOVAL

June Ehrlich – AW (Paul) Murrieta, CA

A ONE DOLLAR BILL

Take out a one dollar bill and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, and ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks; yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning "one nation from many people." Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above

the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And for minorities: the 13th Amendment. I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this and their history teachers don't know this. Too

may veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all. Tell everyone what is on the back of the one dollar bill and what it stands for, because nobody else will.

This Witchcraft is No Jinx

By Andy Watts

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Out of the shadow of the Liberator Witchcraft which they crewed to an 8th Air Force heavy bomber maintenance record—117 consecutive missions without a turnback for mechanical reasons—came M/Sgt. Jose R. Ramirez, ground-crew chief from Los Angeles, and his four crewmen, to take the spotlight at a London press conference recently for newsmen to interview a few of the war's many unsung heroes—the GIs who keep 'em flying.

One of the original planes of the 467th Bomb Group, Witchcraft has logged 735 combat hours in 11 months, carrying 35 complete separate crews and unloading 290 tons of bombs on enemy targets, while its ground crew made 17 engine changes and replaced battered tail sections four times.

Although the bomber has been riddled with more than 300 flak holes, none of the airmen has been killed or injured.

A heterogeneous group, the five crewmen represent five nationalities. Ramirez is of Mexican stock and the assistant crew chief, S/Sgt. George Y. Dong, of Coronado, Cal., is of Chinese descent.

Sgt. Raymond A. Betcher, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Cpl. Joseph J.

Vetter, of Merrick, N.Y., are of Dutch and German parentage, respectively, while Cpl. Walter L. Elliott, of St. Louis, claims only American ancestry.

During the interview, Ramirez spoke



M/Sgt. José R. Ramirez

Spanish fluently with a Madrid journalist, and Dong chatted easily in Mandarin with a Chinese writer. Twice a recipient of the Bronze Star, Ramirez has also been commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander.

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 25 contributors to the fund during this period that gave \$1,300.00, approximately \$52.00 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. Data Base received \$50.00 and \$20.00 was donated to the Joe Ramirez fund. Contributors this period were:

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Scott, Bill

Smith – AW, Kay
Sprague, Bob
Stevens, Jack
Wicks, Arthur
Willis, Les

WIDOWS COMMENTS

There are four additions to the roster this period. Esther P. Bubb – AW (Walter), 650 Georgian Place, Harrisburg, PA 17111; Anne E. Green – AW (Frank), 1109 Dapple Grey Ct., Great Falls, VA 22066; Marjorie Hine – AW (Bob), 2702 Hilltop Dr., South Bend, IN 46614; Dorothea K. Mario – AW (John), 23122 Continental Dr., Canyon Lake, CA 92587.

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WIDOWS COMMENTS (Cont.)

June Ehrlich – AW (Paul), 22149 Lynx Court, Murrieta, CA 92562 requested to be removed from the roster and the newsletter. 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 Savannah in 2002.

YANKS MUSEUM AT CHINO AIRPORT

Bob McEwen donated many photographs and paintings to the Yanks Museum as he has to many other museums throughout the years. Bob, as most of you know, was the tail gunner on the Witchcraft from Wendover Field and completed his 26 missions on the Witch. The photos include many photos of Perry Watts, a long time friend of Bob and the 467th. Perry is now one of our two European Historians regarding the history of the 467th and the local Norwich, England area. As space permits, we will try to place some of the photos Bob has and will send to us in the newsletter and we will put a section in the 467th Web Site once we have them organized. The whole of the 467th is very proud of the Witchcraft, the crews that flew her and the ground crew that kept her in such excellent condition to make 130 flights without an abortion.

SCHEDULED ATTENDEES TO NORWICH

The following have indicated a desire to attend the

November 2001 opening of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library.

Brison, Jack & Joyce, John & Margaret
Davis, Ralph & Doris
Dunnam, Blackwell (Blackie)
Dzenowagis, Joe & Helen, Victor, Joe Jr. & Joan, Bill
Kubota & John Gulas
Fox, Roger & Marion Brocklit
Gregory, Geoff & Terry
Holmes, Capers
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