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FROM THE PREZ

COLONEL SHOWER'S MEMORIAL

The following were contributors to Colonel Shower's Memorial. David Hastings provided the photo of the etching and its location in the Memorial Library. I am expecting a photo of the final placement at the Eighth Air Force heritage Museum and if it arrives before publication, it will be below. The names of those contributing are as follows: Tony Bell, Ken Micko, Paul Kuchinski, Henry Wedaa, L. A. Gilbertson, Geoff Gregory, Bill McGovern (2), Wayne Mountford, Ora Holter, John Thompson, Jean Weeks (Harold), Bob Spivey, Janet Isaacson (Harding), Lee Lindermuth, Charles Hartney, Arthur Wicks, Esther Tauchen, Charlotte Shower (2), Jay Shower, Margaret Shower, Katharine Tittmann (Shower), Max Hoffbauer, Lyle Prichard (2), Ed Tripold, Ed Kodish, Ken Close, Jim Gummelt, Ralph Davis, Richard Fletcher, Eugene Veverka, Walter Mundy, Paul Hatten Vincent Re, Chuck Bednarik, Milton Barnes, Perry Watts, Max Shepherd, Charles Cox, Capers Holmes (3), Floyd Pugh, Al Touchette, Betty Elsen (Tom), Ed Alexander, Jr., Anthony Smolar, Tony North, Tex Ellison, Anthony

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CONVENTION 2003

The registration forms are in this issue and the cost is as anticipated \$270.00 per person and the hotel cost per night is \$79.00, single or double occupancy. A schedule of events is contained in this issue. The cost of \$270.00 includes all activities except for Lunch on Thursday and Friday and for the Military Homecoming Tour on Friday, September 26, 2003. Because there is some walking associated with this tour, it was

determined to leave this as an optional selection. The cost is **\$20.00** per person, but does not include lunch. Lunch will be at one of the Officer Clubs and will be determined later. The tour includes the weekly Airman graduation Parade at Lackland AF Base and possibly some retirements. The Base Public Affairs Officer will introduce our reunion group and make statements about the history of our unit (which I provided). Following the parade we will tour an aircraft display, including WWII aircraft, with time for picture taking. Next we will go to the Base Airforce heritage Museum, then on to lunch on your own at an Officer Club and return to the Hotel around 2:00 P.M. Other activities are the Best of San Antonio Tours, one at 9:00 A.M. and one at 11:30 A.M. Both tours include the Alamo, Long Barracks and gardens; Mission Conception, built in 1731; and the San Antonio Shoe Factory (SAS) General Store and Antique Auto Collection. The early tour has lunch on their own at either the Menger Hotel Buffet or the River Walk Food Court at the end of their tour. The later tour starts with lunch and then travels to the rest of the tour sites. If you desire, you may spend time locally at the River Walk and return to the Hotel by trolley, a trolley brochure should be in your information package. Saturday is our normal business and meeting day and those who want to visit the River Walk can use the trolley to and from the Hotel. If addition time is desired in San Antonio, the Hotel has agreed to allow 2 or 3 days before and after at the same rate.

CONVENTION 2004

Sometime between now and the August newsletter, a decision will be made on the location of the 2004 convention. It has been several years since we held a convention on the West coast and we have a candidate this time for it. The areas under consideration are Northern Kentucky, Gulf Coast (Biloxi) and Sacramento. Of the three, the Northern Kentucky offers us the most for the money; however we were in Dayton in 2000 and should consider Biloxi or Sacramento even though the cost is higher. The Board will take all aspects in consideration and we will have that by the next newsletter. I received videos and information on Frankenmuth Michigan; however, it was too late to put into the barrel for 2004. I will see that it is added to the 2005 list along with those not selected for 2004. That way we have a heads up for 2005. The Frankenmuth videos will be at the 2003 convention for those interested to view along with the Board.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

To date I have not received any comment on Dave Swearingen's article that I forwarded to Representative Hobson. I will check with his Chief of Staff shortly to see if he has had a response.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

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

INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th now has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are updating it and want to get all of the latest information. 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. You may also e-mail them to me if you do not want to send them through the mail.

2AD GROUP VP - GEOFF GREGORY

Howdy from TEXAS. Have bee a little bit under the weather with little or no voice, but had enough to convince Ralph Davis to write this for me with a few instructions. Weather here is improving and I am looking forward to getting some vegetables out this year. The 2AD Ex Com meeting is coming up next month and Walter Mundy and I shall be in attendance. Terry and I have been putting together a couple of treats for the convention in San Antonio. We hope all of you will surprise us and attend. Texas is big enough to hold all of you and the more the merrier. The convention plans sounds like we should have another enjoyable time. Especially since we will have a little bit of Tex-Mex color. Heard that some were unhappy with my write-up in the 2AD Journal because I didn't cover the convention in Savannah enough. I will try to right this in the next issue of the Journal. Terry and I wish you all the best and hope to see all of you in San Antonio in September.

GREETINGS FROM STATION 145

~~Greetings from Rackheath and Salhouse. David~~ sent his greetings in the form of the Memorial News. The Newsletter of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division U.S.A.A.F. This was Issue No. 1, February 2003, and I hope that David will continue to send me issues and I will put them together and have them at our conventions for all to read. David wrote:

"I am delighted to introduce this first edition of the new Memorial News. This will be produced by the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust once a year, or on demand, in order to keep people on both sides of the Atlantic fully in the picture as to what is happening in the unique 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. Good communication is vital to this modern world and it will become even more important in years to come if the true value of the 2nd Air Division Memorial and the bravery, sacrifice and friendship of the 2nd Air Division is to be fully understood and appreciated by future generations. This Newsletter is just part of that information process. We in East Anglia will never forget the 2nd Air Division U.S.A.A.F, especially those of us who had the privilege of meeting you in the forties. David.J.Hastings Trust Chairman".

Other articles covered the Annual General meeting of the Trust in October 2002. It covered the Royal Openings such as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second formally opened the Forum building in Norwich. The Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the Second Air Division Memorial Library. There was news of the New Annual Lecture; the new "Roll of Honor" Film made by the Dzenowagis family, members of the 467thBG; the New

Benefactors and Donors Book which is now available for inspection in the Memorial Library; an article commenting on the links with the USAF at Mindenhall; The friends of the Memorial started in 1988 by one of the Founder Governors of the Memorial Trust, Anne Barne, when she called a meeting in Norwich to set up support organization for the memorial Library and so it was born. A reciprocal membership in the US is the heritage League. There were several other articles and you can read them at the next convention. The Memorial Web Site is www.2ndair.org.uk. We thank David for this informative newsletter.

WIDOWS COMMENTS

There are six additions to the roster this period: Marjorie Boston (Doug) 3501 SW Wesparke Ln., Topeka, KS 66614-3530; Ruth M. Gebauer (Gerald) 19978 Woodmont St., Harper Woods, MI 48225-1866; Marilyn Hamilton (John) 31 Ardmore St., Whiting, NJ 08759; Thelma Harris (Lloyd), 1211 Hillcrest Dr., Ashland, OH 44805; Ruth McEwen (Bob), 27675 Via Turina, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-2008; and Eunice Webb (Rufus), 708 W Oregon St., Seymour, TX 76380. If any of the Widows would like a roster of either the group or the widows, please let me know and I will see that you get one or both. I hope to see many of you at our next convention in San Antonio in 2003. Again, there are Last Posts that I do not have the widow name. If anyone knows his or her name, please let me know. Thank you.

CONVENTION EVENTS

Wednesday, September 24 2003

Arrival & Registration Day, memorabilia room set up
3:00 P.M. – Hotel check in
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. – Evening Buffet – Soup & Salad Bar

Thursday, September 25, 2003

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet – The All American
9:00 A.M. – Hospitality Room Open
9:00 A.M. – Morning Mission Tour – Group 1
11:30 A.M. – Afternoon Mission Tour – Group 2
12:00 P.M. – Lunch for Group 1 & 2 (On your Own)
1:00 P.M. – Group 2 starts tour
2:00 P.M. – Group 1 arrives at Hotel
4:30 P.M. – Group 2 arrives at Hotel
7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar

Friday, September 26, 2003

6:30 – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet – South of the Border
8:00 A.M. – Free Day or elective tour
Military Homecoming Tour (Elective)
Lackland AFB Base- Airman graduation parade. Base Public Affairs announce group and short history – WWII aircraft display – visit Base AF Heritage Museum
9:00 A.M. – Hospitality Room Open
12:00 P.M. – Lunch at one of AF Base Clubs (on your own)
8:00 P.M. – Texas BBQ Buffet
11:00 P.M. – Hospitality Room closes

2:00 P.M. – Military Tour returns to Hotel
7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar
7:00 – 11:00 P.M. – Music for dining & dancing
8:00 P.M. – Texas BBQ Buffet
11:00 P.M. – Hospitality Room closes

Saturday, September 27, 2003

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. - Breakfast Buffet – The All American
9:00 A.M. – Free day or attend meetings
9:00 A.M. – Hospitality Room Open
1030 A.M. Current Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 P.M. – Lunch – Soup & Salad Bar
2:00 P.M. – Membership Business Meeting
4:00 P.M. – New Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar
7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Roast Prime Rib of Beef
7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Mariachi Trio
8:30 – 9:30 P.M. – Group/Member Recognition
11:00 P.M. – Hospitality Room closes

Sunday, September 28, 2003

0630 – 900 A.M. – The River Walk Breakfast
Farewell till we meet in 2004 (not selected yet)

COLONEL SHOWER'S MEMORIALS

Thanks to David Hastings from England and Judy Walker from the Mighty Eighth Air Force heritage Museum, we have the pictures below of the Black Granite etchings as they were placed in the Memorial Library and the museum. We are hoping that sometime in the future that the Memorial Library may find a way to install the etching on the wall. It would make a much more striking display in that manner.



Colonel Shower's etching as it lies in the Memorial library between the pictures of World War Generals, which is a fitting place for our Commander to be placed. Colonel Shower was a very strong supporter of the Second Air Division and the Second Air Division Memorial Library. We of the 467th should follow his example and extend support to this very beautiful representation of our days in Europe and especially dedicated to those who made the supreme sacrifice in the war in Europe.



Colonel Shower's etching as it appears on the wall behind the 467th Memorial at the 8th AF Heritage Museum

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

All OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Ralph Davis

1143 Kenora Circle

Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1101

(937) 426-2988

GROUP & SQUADRON PATCHES:

467th

791st 790th

789th 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

Convention Registration Form – San Antonio, TX., Sep 24 -28, 2003

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. (Also Important)
Date Time

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

Car arrivals: From I – 35 take exit 155 at Durango/Frio, Hotel on right. From I-10 West, exit South Alamo, turn left and South Alamo becomes Frio Street. Hotel is on the corner of Frio and Durango. From I-10 East, merge into I-35 South. Stay on I-35 South, exit Durango/Frio. Hotel is on your right. From Airport, take 281 South, take 81 West (turns into I-35 South), exit Durango/Frio. Hotel is on your right. Address is 502 West Durango Blvd.

Air arrivals: The motel does not have a courtesy car. Taxi available for (4) persons for \$14 to 16.00.

SATRANS 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. from airport. \$9.00 one way - \$16.00 round trip

RV and Motorhome: Parking (3 spaces in rear) available at Hotel. There are NQ 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 \$ 270.00

Times Number of Persons _____ ()

Basic Convention Total \$ _____

Check here for Lackland Tour \$20.00/person \$ _____
Base tour on Friday - deposit due now

Total Cost \$ _____

Deposit Due now, \$100.00 or \$120.00 per person = \$ _____

Balance Due August 30, 2003, \$ 170.00 per person = \$ _____

Please pay by check or Money Order!

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities.
There will be a "Freebie" drawing for a one person convention package cost of \$ 270.00. The drawing will be open to all who pay in full by August 1, 2003
Make checks payable to: "467th Bombardment Group Convention 2003".
Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 or \$120.00 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 RADISSON HOTEL (SAN ANTONIO MARKET SUARE) EARLY
All rooms must be reserved by September 1, 2003 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates.
Reservation phone number: 1-210-224-7155. Check-in time: 3:00 PM.

Radisson Hotel
502 West Durango Blvd.
San Antonio, TX 78207
1-800-333-3333 (Reservation - National)(Let them know it's for the 467th Bomb Group
(912) 748-6464 - FAX (912) 748-8163. (Local numbers)

Room rates are: Single or Double \$ 79.00 + tax

When making reservations, please refer to the 467th Bomb Group Convention, Sep 24 - 28, 2003. A 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect. These rates will apply for three or four days before and after the convention. All rooms are either a single king bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included is a full size ironing board and iron; hair dryer, coffee maker and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel if handicap or non-smoking access is required.

JOHN J. "JACK" HAMILTON

Jack passed away at his home at the age of 78 in Whiting New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of 53 years; three sons and daughters-in law, John and Rosita, Wayne and Debra and Mark and Linda; a sister Viola Fillman; and five grandchildren, Scott, Kelsey, Amanda, Rebecca and Danielle. After serving with the 467th Bob Group in England during WWII, Jack was an installer at Western Electric, New Brunswick for 35 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Whiting. He lived in several towns in the area before moving to Whiting in 1980. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends and for our loss of another comrade.



MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 16 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$975.25, approximately \$60.95 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. **As you can see, we fell short of the cost of the newsletter for this issue.** The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter averages around \$1,550 per issue. We have used 1st class mail as it gets there much earlier for most; however, with this amount of mail fund response, it appears that I will have to go to non-profit mailing to cut costs. If you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. Contributors this period were:

Ament, Harry (2)	Hallman, Jack
Ball, Owen	Murphy, Jim
Bell, Tony	Pitchell, Dave
Buchanan, H. G.	Scharrschmidt, W. P.
Davis, Ralph	Steranko, Tom
Dettinger, Roy	Varkus, J. M.
Elsen, Betty	Welters, Allen

Wilds, Gordon Wilds, John Bell, Tony

BOB DORR'S AIR FORCE ONE

Air Force One is the aircraft that carries President George W. Bush. AIR FORCE ONE, published by NBI in September 2002, pushes aside the secrecy surrounding the president's plane, presidential travel, and its meaning to a nation now at war.

Before September 11, 2001, the blue and white Boeing 747-200, or VC-25A, was celebrated for its beauty and it whisked the chief executive to fundraisers and ribbon cuttings. An Air Force officer called the plane a "cruise ship," comparing it to a luxurious seafaring vessel.

The terror attacks changed everything. We learned that Air Force One is a military aircraft. The book covers the plane's zigzag path during hectic moments of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Why did officials believe that Air Force One itself was an intended target? Why did they dust off a hush-hush plan for continuity of government, designed for nuclear war?

AIR FORCE ONE is also a history of presidential air travel. We learn of Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Flying White House," a C-54 Skymaster modified with a special hoist to accommodate FDR's wheelchair. We see Harry S. Truman signing national security legislation aboard his C-118, the Independence. We follow the travels of presidents from Eisenhower to Reagan, including November 1963 when Air Force One brought the slain John F. Kennedy home from Dallas.

Author Dorr is an Air Force veteran, diplomat, and columnist for the Air Force Times. Bob's book "Air Force One" is available through bookstores such as Motorbooks International (1-800-458-0454) or through Bob Dorr (3411 Valewood Dr., Oakton, VA 22124; e-mail: RobertDorr@aol.com). Bob said he is available to talk to groups regarding the Presidential Aircraft.

LETTERS & NOTES FROM MEMBERS

ROGER LEISTER' CREW - JANET M. RUSH

Mrs. Rush contacted me about the October 18, 1944 crash site of Roger's aircraft. She writes, "On that fateful day, Roger steered the aircraft away from the houses and crashed in a nearby field. Four crewmen died in the crash; George Lifschitz, William M. Sherrill, Dariton W. Pontius and Philip A. Snyder. The memorial in the church was for those four. In 1997, I was put in touch with Roger and he, his wife and two daughters visited us. We went to the crash site, laid flowers and saluted the four that had died. In 1999 I visited a friend in Pennsylvania and met Roger there and we visited Neil Matzak, who survived the crash. In 2001 Frank Bales, the co-pilot, met us during the opening of the Memorial Library. Last year Roger returned and we held a memorial service at the crash site officiated by Reverend Christine Wheeler. The feeling was that after 59 years those boys had finally been laid to rest. " **Editor's**

Note: Janet wants help in finding the families of the four young men that died in the crash to let them know that people in England care and have done their best to

atone to the sacrifice that those young men made. I realize you are only talking siblings, but your help will be appreciated. (Mrs. J. Rush, 25 Norgate Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7BT, England)– **RALPH DAVIS**



Group at the Crash Site



Memorial in the Church

ALLEN WELTER

Several months ago, Allen wrote – At present am recovering from cancer and serious back problems and to write a letter to Poop from Group will help get the mind off pain and problems. Besides that I have decided to try to find someone connected to a crewless landing I remember one of our B-24s made in a meadow somewhere to the south of Norwich in Feb. 1945. The B-24 was Ser.# 4252623 from the 789th Sqd., formally from the 788th Sqd. The nose art was a large yellow rabbit and its name was “WABBIT”. The crew bailed out over our field and the a/c flew on. About two weeks later it was flown back to our base and the only noticeable damage was long grass pinched between nose wheel rim and tire. I would like to hear from anyone on he crew that bailed out. Wabbit went on to finish the war and then shortly after the war it crashed over he end of the SE – NW runway because of a run away supercharger.

A sad ending. Best wishes to all of you comrades, thanks for your letters and God bless all of you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 12-05-02 to 3-18-03		
Operating Fund Balance 12-05-02	\$	17,138.57
INCOME		
Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	975.25
Patch Sales		16.50
GI Memories Books		10.00
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		75.25
Checking Account Interest		38.82
Sub-Total Income		1,115.82
Sub-Total	\$	18,254.39
DISBURSEMENTS		
POOP FROM GROUP 21-2	\$	1,472.85
Visa Charges (149.58)		92.63
Convention Refund (Vernon Rigsbee)		425.00
Web Master Fee		150.00
Sub-Total	\$	2,140.48
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$	16,113.91

ADDITIONS

- Marjorie Boston – AW (Doug)- Topeka, KS
- Ruth M. Gebauer – AW (Gerald)- Harper Woods, MI
- Marilyn Hamilton – AW (John)- Whiting, NJ
- Patrick Knoll – AF- North Richland Hills, TX
- Ralph Krupp- Tuscaloosa, AL
- Fount May, Jr.- Quincy, FL
- Ruth McEwen – AW (Bob- Mission Viejo, CA
- Alicia Ann Maris – AF- Washington, DC
- Robert Pittman – AF- Columbus, GA
- Eunice Webb – AW (Rufus)- Seymour, TX

DELETIONS

LAST POST

- Douglas S. Boston- Topeka, KS
- Samuel H. Conrow- Fresno, CA
- Gerald J. Gebauer- passed away in 1994 or 1995
- Al Gerads- Elk River, MN
- James P. Guttilla- Streator, IL
- John J. Hamilton- Whiting, NJ
- Lloyd R. Harris – passed away in 1995 (Lake Alfred, FL)
- Donald D. Kaynor- Battle Creek, MI
- Clarence Lorence- Bellevue, NE
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- Rosemary Sheehan (Robert)
- Alexander Traicoff- Huron, OH
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LOST SOULS

- John Beyer- Albuquerque, NM
- George W. Eggett- Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Robert C. White- Bedford, TX

B-24 Memorial - San Diego

The committee is raising funds to build a B-24 memorial in the birthplace of the Liberator, San Diego, California. This memorial will honor those who built and flew the Consolidated B-24 Liberator and her sisters, the

PB4Y-1 & 2. We are having a bronze statue constructed with an eighteen-foot wingspan . This bronze B-24, identical to the one located at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be built by the same sculptor, Robert Henderson.

The B-24 memorial will be located in front of the Veterans Memorial Center, (VMC), in San Diego as the centerpiece of the Veterans Memorial Garden. The VMC is located in the southwest corner of San Diego's historic Balboa Park and is the former building for the old Navy Hospital Chapel.

Support for this project has come from both the City of San Diego and the State of California. The city has provided land in Balboa Park and has obtained funding for the Veterans Memorial Garden from the State of California. San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy and Governor of California Grey Davis, have both pledged their support for this project. The only part that cannot be built with public funds is the B-24 itself.

We are asking you to help us spread the word about the B-24 memorial to your members. An application form follows:

B-24 Memorial - San Diego Application Form
 Print name, rank/position, service branch or company.
 Name: _____
 Print military unit or civilian company that you wish your name to be printed under.
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 Check one of following if you wish it included after name:
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 Amount of contribution: \$ _____
 Make checks payable to: **B-24 Memorial—San Diego**
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 Please check level of donation:
 _____ \$500.00 or more: Name to be placed on B-24 Memorial; plus all below.
 _____ \$100.00 or more: Name listed on Donor Honor Roll to be placed on permanent exhibit in VMC, plus all below.
 _____ \$50.00 or more: Souvenir B-24 Data Plate and one year free membership to the (VMC) Veterans Memorial Center.
 _____ Less than \$50.00: I just can't afford to be a big contributor, but I'd like to help. One year free membership to the VMC.

NEWS FROM THE 8TH AF HERITAGE MUSEUM

I received two articles of The Mighty Eighth News to get the word out about the Mighty Eighth Foundation and the endowment. I know that many veterans care about the mission to preserve their stories. Each can be a part of the future by supporting the foundation. The 8th is fighting against time. They are trying to get 5,000

veterans to support by \$5,000 each the 8th Museum and they asked many editors to put this in their newsletters so each veteran knows of their need. I am sure that the 8th AFHM will accept any donation regardless of size as 25,000 donors of \$1,000 each would equal the same amount. The other article was the Charitable Gift Annuity program. As one of the those who bought the first one, Craig Harris, "I can't afford not to do this. It makes great sense. You support the foundation while receiving a life income stream at a higher rate than what is available commercially. You also receive a charitable deduction and support the mission of the museum".

The Mighty Eighth Foundation is proud to announce our Charitable Gift Annuity Program. LOW interest rates and roller coaster markets are causing people to think twice about their financial decisions and to consider the seven benefits of the Mighty Eighth Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuity Program.

1. Attractive Rates. When you compare our gift annuity rates with what you might receive from a certificate of deposit you will likely be pleasantly surprised. For example, the rate of a 71 year senior is 7.3 %. At 81, the rate is 9.1%. In other words, a \$10,000 CGA would provide an 81 year old person \$910 every year. Annuity rates are set by the American Council on Gift Annuities.
2. Regular Payments. It is nice to be able to count on a specific payment no matter what happens to the financial markets. Your annuity payments will remain the same every year. You have assurance that your check will be in the mail or direct deposited on every payment date for the rest of your life.
3. Fixed Income. Your payment rate will be locked in at the time you obtain your gift annuity. It will not rise or fall with the economy. Instead, it will be the same amount every year - and that can mean a lot in uncertain times.
4. Lifetime Benefit. Gift annuities are for life. No matter what your age as an annuitant or how long you live, your payments will continue right to the very end. If you have a two-life gift annuity, when one person dies, the other will continue to receive the same amount for the rest of his or her life. This benefit of on-going payments can provide security for each spouse as they enter their older years.
5. Relief from Taxes. Since a part of your contribution for a charitable gift annuity is considered a charitable gift by the IRS, you will receive an income tax charitable deduction to apply on an itemized return. During your lifetime, you will be able to claim part of the annuity payment as tax-free income.
6. Simple Process. Obtaining, a gift annuity from The Mighty Eighth Foundation is much easier than you might think. We will provide you with a tailor-made illustration so that you can see how it all works with your age and contribution amount included.
7. Personal Satisfaction. Perhaps the greatest benefit of the gift annuity is the personal satisfaction you receive by supporting the Mighty Eighth Foundation. Your gift annuity will help to grow the endowment that will ensure the future of The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

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- * One or Two Life Annuities available
- * Deferred Annuities are an option

For your personal gift illustration, please contact Judy Walker, director of development at (912) 748- 8888 ext. 123.

NOTE FROM TONY BELL

Enclosed is some "Stamp Money". Paul Hatten is in my area and we plan to go to an Indian Reservation Casino tomorrow. If I win enough, I'll send more \$ \$. If I loose, you can some of the donation back to me.

Editor's Note: Evidently Tony did not hit the "Mother Load", as I did not receive any additional donation. He must have broke even as I didn't get a request to send him back any funds. **Ralph**

NOTE FROM C. P. "LARRY" KURTZ

Here is a description of a V-2 Rocket which fell near Rackheath Air Base from Tommy Dungar. "I'm one of the few people who has seen the start and finish of a V2. I worked at A.R Taylor merchant at Wroxham. They had about 10 acres of land full of large stacks of Government controlled munitions at Public Timber Stock from Canada and the USA. They used to send 3x3 hardwood

to most of the Bases for stacking between the bombs at the dump. This timber stock came by railroad and a rail track full of timber would be shunted into Wroxham Station for us to unload and stack. During September and October 1944, the visual conditions were right looking from Wroxham Goods yard towards Gt. Yarmouth. I could see two bright golden lines going straight up when the rockets were fired and I also saw the finish. The V2 fell near Rackheath on Sept.29, 1944 at about 5.30 PM. I finished work at 5:00 PM, and rode my bicycle from Wroxham and was almost as far as the "Green Man" pub when I noticed a B-24 from a strange Group with a yellow and black tail marking trying to land and firing red flares. I stopped with one foot on the ground to watch him land. Then there was a strange rush of air. Just like a large flock of birds. I looked up and just for a fraction of a second, I saw this vivid grayish large dart shape object falling down to the earth, and a very loud explosion, and the next thing I knew; I was in the ditch with the old bike on top of me. I got up, and straightened the handlebars and rode in the direction of the bang. It landed in an area known locally as Mud Corner. Only a few people know how lucky Rackheath was that day as it was only a 1/2 of a mile away from the 467'h Bomb Dump."

EDITOR'S NOTE: - The member that wanted to cancel their newsletter, please call me again. Thanks.