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### **FROM THE PREZ CONVENTION 2003**

The convention in San Antonio was commented upon by many as the best convention we have had. The hotel combined with the city was most ideal for any convention set-up. The hotel service was excellent. We did have a couple of problems upon arrival, but these were taken care of and things like this sometimes happens when the sales staff is not there when it is late in the evening. The tour of the Alamo, Long Barracks and gardens; Mission Conception, built in 1731; and the San Antonio Shoe Factory (SAS) General Store and Antique Auto Collection was very good. Many women were delighted with the visit to the SAS and some even went back afterwards. The two tours were arranged so that all of us were at the same area for lunch at either the Menger Hotel Buffet or the River Walk Food Court. One problem was one of our couples who was on the afternoon tour mistakenly got on the morning trip bus and returned to the hotel (short trip, but a good lunch). The next day at Lackland AF Base was a trip of nostalgia for some of us and especially me. I marched

on that parade field some 60 years ago as an Aviation Cadet on my way to pilot training. We watched, from front row seats, the Airman Graduation Parade. The Base Public Affairs Officer introduced our group and told about the history of our unit. Following the parade we toured the aircraft display, including WWII aircraft, with time for picture taking. We then toured the Base Airforce Heritage Museum where I may have got Perry Watts in trouble. The curator had model planes in cabinets and had a B-17, but no B-24. I told him Perry makes a good model and he said if Perry would send him one he would replace the B-17 with it. Perry took his address. We had planned lunch at the Lackland Officer Club; however, the tour guide decided to take us to Kelly for lunch. This provided another problem as two of our group was looking at aircraft too long and saw our bus moving out. They walked to Lackland Officer's Club and we were no where to be seen. We returned to the Hotel around 2:00 P.M. and the tour guide picked them up in his car a little later and I guess all was forgiven. Saturday was our normal business and meeting day, but some of us visited the River Walk and San Antonio. The minutes of the meetings are later in the newsletter. Our



evening Banquet was very good. The National Anthem was sang by SM Sgt. Rozkydal; Chaplain Captain Gary Coburn gave the Invocation. A Mariachi Band played during dinner and our guest speaker was Colonel Al Burnett, System Program Director for Human Systems program Office of the 311<sup>th</sup> Human Systems Wing, Air Force Material command, Brooks, Texas. He was an excellent speaker and kept the interest of the group. We now have a Group Coin and these were passed out to the members and children of members. I unintentionally left the Colonel's coin in my room and had my son go for it at the end of his talk. One of our group, Brian Mahoney, by name, ran up to the head table and slammed the coin down, the idea is if you do not have a coin you by a drink for the challenger, the Colonel had a coin from his group, showed it and Brian gave him a drink ticket. A little bit of humor. During the Colonel's talk, his cell phone rang, he looked at it and aid it's my daughter and put it down. He stated that she was only supposed to call in case of emergency. A little later it rang again and the group insisted that he answer. At the end of the conversation, which was short, he said she needed to know where the brass polish was. I had several people comment on the singing of SM Sgt. Rozkydal. She was very good and sure did not need a microphone. Even one of the waiters commented on the excellent Invocation given by Chaplain Captain Coburn. As for the drawings, Flo Haenn won the TV, Joe Dzenowagis, JR won the radio/CD unit and I somehow lost the name of the lady that won the freebee drawing of \$270. Even though, I hope she joins us in Northern Kentucky. In all it was a very successful convention except for the fact that we only had 93 in attendance for the banquet which made the budget quite tight when it was planned for 150. The next convention base will be at 100, which should improve the planning.

#### **CONVENTION 2004**

The Northern Kentucky area was selected during the Business Meeting of the Group. Doris, Vincent Re and myself visited both hotels, the Radisson River front and the Drawbridge. Both hotels can accommodate our group with ease. The facilities and food of both are very good. The Radisson River Front has one very large advantage and that is the fact that it is on the riverfront and is more accessible to other events in the area. The cost of meals is about the same between the two and the rest of the amenities are about the same. In contacting a couple others regarding the hotels, We decided to go with the Radisson River Front Hotel from 3 thru 7 October. They will allow us to have our buffet dinner on the revolving restaurant, which will give everyone an excellent view of the riverfront area. The cost of this convention will be around \$275 per person. All aspects have not been finalized, but the schedule of events and the attendance forms will be in the April issue and on the web page when available.

#### **REASON FOR POOP & CONVENTION DELAY**

Shortly after our return to Beavercreek, my wife Doris suffered a severe stroke on the left side of her head. She was operated upon on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October to relieve the pressure and to stop the bleeding. Prior to

the operation I was advised to go home and get her living will and make arrangements. Thanks to a very alert surgeon, he recognized that she had her eyes open, took another look at the catscan and came into the room and stated that he should operate to relieve the pressure. Since then she has regained movement of both arms and both legs; however, the right leg is very minimal. She has now moved to a rehab nursing home and can sit up in a wheel chair. She works out each day and when moved from bed to chair, she shuffles both feet in small steps. We think that is progress. Her eating varies. She is not active and she sometimes does not want to eat. I'm with her every day to feed her as she always liked to take her time to eat. We are optimistic, keeping a positive attitude and want to get her home soon. I hope all of you can understand why some things have slipped, but I will do my best to make it up.

#### **PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION**

From all indications that I have received, this issue is now dead.

#### **DIRECT COMMUNICATION**

The use of the toll free number is doing better as I had less postage forwards this time period. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc.

#### **INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION**

Last newsletter I made this comment and then forgot to put the item in. "Further into this issue I am putting in a letter that I was asked to do so concerning the Second Air Division. I will try to explain it as I see it and I hope I make it clear. This, according to the information that I received was put into several other Bomb Group newsletters." It is in this issue.

#### **2AD VP - JACK STEVENS**

Having just been elected I can say no more than I did receive congratulations from Dick Butler and I assure every member of the 467<sup>th</sup> that I will carry your desires to the 2AD as your representative. I fell it an honor to represent you and want to prove your confidence in me.

#### **NEWS FROM ENGLAND & STATION 145.**

The rush of visitors to the 467th Marker is easing now but all your plaques are in good shape and well cared for.

This week we are delighted to have six members of the 2nd ADA over here to attend the Annual Meeting of your Memorial Trust for what is turning out to be a hectic programme. On Remembrance Sunday, Dick Butler, the President of the 2nd Air Division Association laid a wreath from the 2nd ADA at the City Hall Ceremony, the

first time that a 2nd ADA wreath has been laid and the Royal British Legion were deeply touched. Dick was accompanied by his wife Ardith and Joe Dzenowagis JR. He exercised his right of the Freedom of the City and they were welcomed by the Lord Mayor at the City Hall. After the ceremony at the War Memorial we all took part in the Cathedral Service before returning home to Salhouse for lunch. In the evening on the way back to the Hotel Nelson we took Dick and Ardith with Joe JR to see the 467th Marker and they were impressed with the floodlighting and the neatness of the garden.

Last night was another happy occasion when Dick Butler, Bud Koorndyk and Chuck Walker entertained some of the Trust Governors to dinner at Dunstan Hall. Today we have all visited the new £4.2 million Norfolk Archive Centre where all the 2nd Air Division archives, records and films are now stored under perfect conditions and what an amazing building. This evening Jean and I are delighted that all 6 of our American friends are coming to Salhouse for supper.

Wednesday is the Trust AGM when among many other items we will have the great pleasure in appointing Joe Dzenowagis JR as a Trust Governor, so the 467th are well represented.

Then on Thursday, another hectic day with a visit to Lotus Cars at Hethel followed by a tour of Wymondham College to meet some of the 1000 students on the campus and lunch with the Principal. Then back to the Forum as Dick Butler and Chuck Walker are taking part in the live BBC Radio Norfolk Roy Waller programme.

Finally, in the evening we have the first of the new Trust Biennial Lectures, being held at the University of East Anglia with Lord Carrington being the guest speaker, which will make a great start of the new Appeal to raise funds for your Memorial Library to ensure that you are never forgotten.

All our best wishes for Christmas with good health and happiness in the New Year.  
Jean and David Hastings. 467th Base Contacts.

#### **OLD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Present: R Davis / W Mundy / J Upp / V LaRussa / G Gregory / V Corvino

**REVIEWING 2004 CONVENTION** - A discussion covered the interest of the Northern Kentucky Convention Center as they sent merchandise/flyers, etc pushing for their location. We have four location to select from and a flyer was put in each package and these areas will be voted upon in the Business meeting. The remaining areas will be kept for the 2005 consideration plus any additional areas. We are having an age problem; it appears, as to the number attending. A base line of 100 will be used for the next convention instead of 150. Mundy said he talked to the 492nd suggesting joint reunions. That way we would get a larger number for a better financial base. Davis said that since they already had their reunion planned for 2004 we should consider it for the next year. It was decided to bring it up at business meeting and Mundy said to present it as a possible option, combining the 2 bomber groups. Upp agreed and asked when they have their

reunions. Mundy said they hold them in the spring of the year and Salt Lake City is their '04 selection. LaRussa said this would be no conflict as they can spin off and do their own meeting. Upp said maybe the following year 2005, see if they can join up. Davis asked Mundy to check into it. LaRussa suggested that we include them in our mailing, blending the newsletters. Davis asked Mundy to find out who writes their newsletter.

Davis started a discussion as to why the 467<sup>th</sup> has such poor attendance at the 2ADA conventions. Upp stated that it costs more. Said there was no camaraderie as one is lost among the 500 or so attending. Davis discussed the Director situation. At the present time there is one vacancy and two people have been nominated for the position, Paul Hatten and Tony Bell. Three Directors will be needed next year for the five-year Term. It was suggested that the Board agree to extending two of the terms so that only one per year would be up for election. It was suggested to extend Davis for one year and Mundy for two years. Upp made the motion and Mundy seconded it. It carried unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT** - The amount of funds in the Operating Funds for 2003 is currently \$15,922.42. The Mail Fund Received \$500 or more donation from two widows and we deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness. LaRussa suggested to bring up at the Business meeting the status of our funds and budget.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PERRY WATTS BOOK** - Gregory stated Perry Watts' book is a tremendous piece of work. Can we help him with a donation for printing and/or shipping? Davis: He should re-coup any loss. However, I will talk to Perry and see if there is any way we can help. Mundy: Mailing is small/limited. The book is written strictly for the 467<sup>th</sup>. Davis: He should do as Robin is doing, print only what orders he receives. Larussa: Perry has already printed 7 books. Davis: He left a copy for the 467th memorabilia. Perry and Robin's books have been given to the 8th AFHM. Perry volunteered to make a Model of the B-24 for Lackland Museum.

**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION** - Upp asked if there was any word on the PUC? Davis said that at the present it is dead.

**DATABASE** - Mundy asked what is the status of the 467<sup>th</sup> database? Davis: Bob, Andy, and Kevin are still working on it. Mundy: We need a progress report. Upp: Kevin needs more time. Davis: Last I heard they were working on the mission list. Still getting more data together for the data disc and have received data from the contract we had for the effort.

**GROUP DISSOLUTION** - Mundy stated we need a group plan of action. Should we fall back into the 2nd AD? We have never received any formal answer. The group should have a plan to deal with it. Memorabilia, etc, to who do we ship it to? Kevin & Andy have a lot of info. Davis: Had 5 or 6 calls from widows as to where they can send their husbands material. I suggested they contact the 8th AF in Savannah. Gregory: Suggested Penn State, Fielder Newton 2A/D, and PA historical Society. Mundy: Suggested Dayton or Barksdale.

Davis: Suggested to send out a letter with at least 3 options. Mundy: Think about where to send the items. Davis suggested he would send a letter and get their responses for taking our memorabilia and get it in writing. Valerie stated she would be willing to take any material from the veteran's family until an acceptable place to donate them is chosen.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SMITHSONIAN B-24** - Mundy said that Al Ashgrove was promoting the bronze B-24 for the Smithsonian. He is trying to get all of the B-24 groups to make a contributions in which there are several levels; Leadership at the \$10,000.00 level; Patron at the \$5,000.00 level; and Friend at the \$1000.00 level. It was commented that the Smithsonian have been lackadaisical about acquiring a B-24. He proposed that we support it at the Friend level (\$1000.00). Al at the present time wants pledges as he is trying to get the \$100,00.00 required to make the purchase. Upp said he would support it. A question was brought up as to whether the 2ADA would support it and Mundy said they gave \$25,00.00 for the other Bronze B-24. Gregory commented that the 2ADA would probably give a token pledge of \$5,000.00. Davis said he would support it at the Friend level. Mundy stated we should go for the Friend level. It was passed unanimously.

**ROLL OF HONOR** - Davis stated there were 494 names on the Honor Roll that have past away since the end of the war. There are many of lost souls and I want to know if we should enter their names on the list? Upp stated they could be in a home, with kids, etc. Larussa suggested that they should remain lost souls until confirmed. Davis said he would make a special list of lost souls.

**CONVENTIONS** - Davis stated that previously we had set a level of 100 as our break-off point to join with 2nd AD; however, seeing the results of this convention he saw nothing wrong with our level of attendance. Larussa suggested that we look at the 492<sup>nd</sup> to see if they would like to join with us as we both have something in common. Davis stated that we can support a convention with just us.

Mundy stated the convention was going well. Davis stated that as long as there is an interest in having our conventions and/or joining with the 492<sup>nd</sup>, we should look into it. Mundy/Upp: ok

**B-24 FOR THE SMITHSONIAN** - LaRussa stated that a \$1000.00 was alright and that \$2,000.00 was not out of order. Mundy stated he would vote for \$1000.00 and Larussa second it.

**GROUP COINS** - Davis wanted to get a status of issuing the coins. Should we give them to Associate Members? We have 200 coins that are numbered and we have given out 38 coins to members and 12 honorary coins that had the name engraved. Mundy stated that was a nice jester. Larussa suggested we keep it for members only at the present time except for exceptional service. Gregory suggested we add Robert Lomack in England to the list. LaRussa suggested Bob Davis, Andy, Kevin and Perry and Davis said he included those

because of their special efforts for the group. Gregory said to be careful whom you give it out to.

**CONVENTION 2004** - Davis stated there were four areas picked for the convention 2004 and the balance would be left over for 2005. Upp stated he would like Frankenmuth Included for the 2005 as possible convention Site. Davis stated the Northern Kentucky Convention. Bureau would donate up to \$600.00 back depending on attendance number. Mundy said he wants detail info on Frankenmuth MI. Larussa questioned why does the 492nd pick the spring for their conventions? Mundy said he did not know. LaRussa suggested to see if they will switch to the 467th schedule. The question was asked why we have ours in the fall and Davis said we did it to keep 6 months apart from the 2nd AD

**ADJOURNMENT** - A motion to adjourn was made by Vincent LaRussa and second by Walter Mundy.

**Signed: Valerie Corvino, Secretary**

### **BUSINESS MEETING** (42 people present)

Present: Davis, Mundy, Upp & Corvino

Not present: Malone, Re & Hatton

**TREASURY REPORT** - The Operational Balance of the Association, as of September 21, 2003 is \$15,922.42. Compared to September 20, 2002 of \$13,888.30. The Mail Fund received a strong support the last 4 months. Two widows donated \$500 or more and several others contributed well.

**AUDIT REPORT** - Mundy reported that the funds looked in good order and that the account was in accordance with the accounting rules and looked alright.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ACTION since October 2002** - Board members have been reviewing areas for the 2004 convention. Bodie Malone and Paul Hatten along with their wives attended a convention open house put on by the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, which involved 4 days and nights and most of the hotels and sights of the area. Vincent Re attended the evening dinner at the top of the Radisson hotel, which has the revolving Restaurant, and Ralph and Doris Davis attended the evening dinner and boat trip. The decision was finally made to let the members at the business meeting decide where the next convention should be scheduled.

**NOMINATIONS** - One 3-year term is open for the Board of Directors. Tony Bell (Present) and Paul Hattan (Not present) have accepted nominations. Davis asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were made. Voting paper was passed out among the members.

**STATUS OF CONVENTIONS WITH LESS THAN 100** - The membership was addressed if less than 100, are you willing to join with the 2nd A/D or go with just us? The response was unanimous to keep it the same as we have it now.

**CONVENTION 2004** - The membership was given a talking paper on the four locations and hotel accommodations and a vote is do as to where to hold the next convention. A discussion regarding the four

location resulted and a vote was taken. The first vote resulted in Northern Kentucky - 14; Sacramento - 12; New Orleans - 7 and Las Vegas - 3. Because the vote was close on Northern Kentucky and Sacramento, it was decided to have a second vote between the two location. The second vote resulted in Northern Kentucky - 22 and Sacramento - 17. Thus the next convention will be in Northern Kentucky. The three non-selected areas will be used as our base for 2005. It was requested to add Frankenmuth Michigan to the remaining three. The decision now is to select either the Drawbridge or the Radisson for 2004. Both will be reviewed for the best result for all aspects. A discussion was brought up regarding the date of the convention and was suggested that we look at Jewish Holidays, as this year our date was right in the middle of one. This will be considered from now on.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**JOINING CONVENTIONS** - Mundy brought up the possibility of the 492nd joining us at a future convention after the 2004 convention. They will have their first stand alone in Salt Lake City. They usually go with the 2nd A/D in April. The 2nd A/D will be in Philadelphia on Memorial Day. Audience response: Good, fun. Unanimous for joining. Davis said he would check feasibility of agreeing on a location. If we join, we would still have our own business meeting. F/Audience: How do we agree on location? Mundy said to send several locations and have a committee decide. Davis stated that we would have to find a way to work it out and there could be a lot to work out. A question was asked from the floor if the 466th & 458th have conventions? Mundy replied yes, they stand-alone. Kevin asked if this is where it's leading to? Joining up with other groups? The response was that this convention, even though smaller than usual was very good and a lot of comradery.

**CONTROL TOWER** - Perry Watts reported that as of February the scrap dealer no longer owns the tower. The new owner- Negotiate for the control tower to restore the tower and the intent to dedicate a room especially to the 467<sup>th</sup>. The tower is now clear and waiting for outcome of survey/architect. Things are well underway and hopefully will be restored by spring.

**MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKS** - Books added to memorial library by donations from the 467<sup>th</sup> are posted on bulletin board in the Hospitality Room.

**SELECTION OF 2ADA VICE PRESIDENT** - Because of Geoff Gregory's selection as 2ADA Executive Vice President, a replacement for him as the 467<sup>th</sup> 2ADA VP has to be selected. Jack Stevens was nominated to fill that position and it was proposed by Geoff Gregory and Seconded by Vincent LaRussa and accepted unanimously from the floor.

**ELECTION RESULTS** - Tony Bell received the most votes and is now the new Director of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made by Walter Mundy to adjourn and second by Tony Bell.

### **NEW BOARD MEETING**

Present: Davis, Mundy, Upp, Bell, LaRussa, Stevens & Corvino

### **RECOGNITION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Tony Bell

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ROLL OF HONOR** - A discussion evolved around what to do with the "Lost Souls", whether to list them as deceased or continue with the Lost Soul list. Bell suggested that we look up the social security number for those in that category to determine if they were deceased. This will be considered along with establishing a category for the "Lost Souls" in our list of Roll of Honor.

**EIGHTH AIR FORCE HERITAGE MUSEUM** - Davis brought up the current fundraiser for the Museum and it was determined to donate \$1,000 for the project. The Bronze B-24 for the Smithsonian Museum was discussed and it was determined that we would cover \$1,000 as a donation; however, we would wait to see what the overall status of the project turns out to be. Mundy said he would continue to review this situation for us and let us know when the donation was proper.

**PHOTOS BEFORE MARRIAGE** - Tony Bell suggested that we bring in photos before marriage at the next convention. It would also then be possible to put them on the web page as "Me and Her"

**MISSING COMRADE TABLE** - Davis suggested that we would put an article in the newsletter to have people send in pictures of lost ones so that we could add more to the table at the next convention. Davis said he would make a list of available pictures so as to eliminate duplication.

### **LISTING OF CONVENTIONS AND PAST PRESIDENTS**

- LaRussa suggested that a list be made of all conventions and the President or group VP at the time of the convention. This information should be available from the newsletter on file.

**COMBINING CONVENTION WITH THE 492<sup>ND</sup>** - Mundy said he would provide a progress report on the possibility of getting together with the 492<sup>nd</sup>. He said he would go on the Internet and see what he could obtain. Bell suggested that we should also consider the Carpetbaggers and it was agreed to do so.

**ELECTIONS** - Valerie Corvino was nominated for Secretary by Mundy and Bell second it with unanimous approval. Mundy nominated Marvin Ralph Davis for President and Treasurer and Upp seconded with unanimous approval. Mundy nominated Tony Bell for Vice President and Davis second with unanimous approval.

**GROUP DISCUSSION** - Several subjects were covered such as Jack Stevens position as Group VP to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division and it was suggested that if he had any questions he should consult either Ralph Davis or Walter Mundy or both. It was emphasized that we should continue to support the Memorial Library in Norwich along with the 8<sup>th</sup> AFHM, the Bronze B-24 for the Smithsonian and the Control Tower. A note of caution was expressed on the Control Tower until we get a better feel from Perry or David in England. A letter was

**Signed: Valerie Corvino, Secretary**

written to Dick Butler regarding Jack Stevens's new position. LaRussa asked if we had a legal representative since Bill McGovern passed away. Davis stated that Ed King was a lawyer and had on a couple occasions to respond to legal questions. It was suggested to contact him and see if he would act in this position? Davis said that he would contact him and since there has been very little legal action resulted in the past, the function should be mostly in name only. The state of being liable for actions taken by members at a convention was brought up, as the Directors are legally responsible. The concern is alcohol during the evenings. Since the Hotels are furnishing the drinks it is assumed that they hold the responsibility and the same goes for any accident at the hotel causing bodily injury. This would be a good question to ask Ed King and see what he thinks. There are insurance policies for such coverage; however, the cost runs around \$1000 for a 5 day period. Bill McGovern's daughter, Erin, has graciously accepted the sponsor status for our incorporation and takes care of receiving the paperwork each year. (Thank you Erin)

**STAGGERING DIRECTORS 5 YR TERMS** - By a unanimous vote of the Board, it was decided to extend two of the 5 year Director's Term to eliminate a mass election of the 5 year term Directors. It was voted to extend Ralph Davis 1 year and Mundy 2 years, thus leaving a 5-year and a 3-year term to be elected at the next three convention annual business meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Mundy moved to adjourn and Upp seconded.

**Signed: Valerie Corvino, Secretary**

### **INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION**

Over a period of time I have observed many areas of concern between some of our members regarding the direction of the Second Air Division. I know that there are some within our group that wholeheartedly support the Second Air Division as it is now oriented. In our meeting in Pooler, GA the business meeting group voted unanimously to support both the Second Air Division Memorial Library and the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage Museum. This has always been my belief and support. I read in the summer '94 issue of the 2AD Journal how the 2AD was going to support the Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum. A pledge of \$100,000 was made by the Executive Committee with \$25,000 payable when ground is broke. A committee was appointed to meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage to plan for the 1996 celebration and dedication as well as to consider other projects of mutual interest. Thus there is a fraction within the 2 AD that does support both the 8<sup>th</sup> AFHM and the Memorial Library. I have every reason to support the memory of those who gave their lives during the conflict. Our Memorial Library is an outstanding tribute to those who gave their all. In a similar manner, I wholeheartedly support the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage Museum as it depicts the total story of the 8<sup>th</sup> AF involvement in Europe of which in case some have forgotten, we were a part of the 8<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> AFHM not only memorializes those who gave their all, but it

recognizes the efforts expended by all to defeat the Nazi regime. The Chapel of Fallen Eagles has our Roll of Honor that lists all of those that died during the war as well as those of whom we have knowledge have passed away since the end of the war. This total picture is not given for the members of the Eighth Air Force anywhere else other than at the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage Museum, to my knowledge.

I regret the discontent that is being expressed within the 2AD at this time. The 2AD should remain in tact and strong and support both the Memorial Library and the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage Museum. Have some of us forgotten that within our Bomb Groups we were a part of the 2AD and the 8<sup>th</sup> AF. Rumors of some Groups thinking of withdrawing from the 2AD do not solve the problem. The 2AD should stay strong and perhaps reorganize in a manner that supports the 14 Bomb Groups and Headquarters Section. The only voting officials should be the Group VPs and a Headquarters VP. The President should cast a vote only in case of a tie vote. All the other voting privileges should be eliminated. This is merely my personal opinion and observation. I did not include this in my "FROM THE PREZ" as it is not official, merely my thoughts. I shall always support the 2AD and the 8<sup>th</sup> AFHM, as I will always be a part of the two organizations. If there is a true belief that there is a place for both then let those who force issues and those who contest issues get together and resolve their problems.

This is an introduction to the letter below which I was asked by Walter Mundy to print in our newsletter. The letter stresses some of the problems and concerns and is written by a former 2AD President, Neal Sorenson.

MEMO: ALL EXCOMM MEMBERS

FROM: Neal Sorensen, Member 2003 Nominating Committee

**The Law of Unintended Consequences**

**President: Robert L. Cash (492<sup>nd</sup> B.G.)**

**Ex. Vice Pres.: James H. Lorenz (466<sup>th</sup> B.G.)**

I had read with satisfaction the Nominating Committee Report that Felix Leeton sent to David Patterson for inclusion in the packet sent to all of us prior to the Chicago Business meeting. They were a fine pair of nominees – both on the sunny side of 80, vigorous, intelligent and strong supporters of the Second Air Division Association.

Due to my wife Pat's operation, we had canceled out, but I was anxious to congratulate Bob on his assuming the office of President, so shortly after Monday, I called his home. Bob told me that the Nominating Committee report had been superseded. Rick Rokieki read the report in Felix Leeton's absence. When President Butler asked if there were nominations from the floor, Rick moved that the incumbent President, Dick Butler, be nominated for a second term! Dick was re-elected.

Bob Cash's Non-Election Appalled and angered me! Not since Floyd Mabee had a massive heart attack prior to the 1003 Convention had the report of the Nominating

Committee been set aside and the Incumbent President gone on to a second term. (Fear of Floyd's health was the EXCOMM'S reason not the overturning of the Nominating Committee's effort.)

I called Rick to ask why he had made the motion to re-elect Dick Butler for a second term. Wasn't this an affront to the rest of the Committeemen whom he had supposedly agreed with? Didn't he realize that this motion coming immediately after the report would give the EXCOMM members present the impression that this was a corollary report and thus endorsed by the Nominating Committee? Rick said he felt that Dick should have a second term that was his motivation.

I asked Rick who had suggested the idea to him for the second term. He said it was his idea. I asked if he had given Felix Leeton the knowledge of what he was planning. He said it was nearly impossible to get through to Felix. He couldn't quite make out Felix's statement that nominations were closed. (Meaning that the Committee's work was done, probably.) I then asked why he hadn't contacted Walt Mundy or myself since we were Committee members. Rick said he thought that was not necessary.

I asked if he had called Bob Cash to ask his agreement to wait a year. He stated that he scarcely knew Bob, so why would he call him? I told Rick that in a discussion with Jordan Uttal; when I asked why no one had had the courtesy to call Bob Cash, Jordan told me that Chuck Walker was supposed to do that chore. To me this suggested that Rick was not alone in this effort to keep Bob Cash from the Presidency, but Rick stoutly denied any participation by other members of the EXCOMM.

When I finally reached Chuck Walker, who has been coming between home and hospital where his wife Maxine has been treated for the past two months, the pieces came together. Chuck said that Jordan Uttal was the prime mover for Dick's second term, with Bill Nothstein set to make the seconding of the nomination made by Rick.

So why all the words about an action that is final for the current year? Chiefly because Bob and Jim represent men with more than tunnel vision. Nearly 100% of the 2ADA membership subscribes to the concept that the Memorial Library was (and is) our primary project to support. However, the Old Guard is so paranoid that not enough money can be accumulated to perpetuate the Memorial Library that any project, be it the B-24 sculpture gracing the Air Force Academy, which fund drive they called "Unauthorized", or support for our 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum in Georgia, they deem to be blows against the Library. Actually, the more causes we give to, the more prone we are to expand our giving, but we don't like to be told that we don't have the final decision on our giving!

Bob and Jim are (and were) both anxious to promote, not only the Library, but also any worthwhile project that will honor and pay tribute to the Second Air Division veterans and the planes that they flew. I believe they exemplify the type of men that would have broadened the scope and history of WWII both in

England and the United States of America had they not been short-changed.

Was Dick Butler's second term election illegal? **No!**  
**It was the work of a determined group, all of whom were loath to admit to being a party to it. All of it was done correctly, but why then is there the faint odor of sulfur lingering in my nostrils?**

Whether accidentally or deliberately, Bob Cash and Jim Lorenz were slighted and insulted, because when everything was in place, no one would Bell the Cat and both were blind-sided by a group of men they considered **Friends**. "How sharper than a serpents tooth?"

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Operating Fund 7-21-03 to 11-28-03		
Operating Fund Balance 7-21-03	\$	15,121.90
<b>INCOME</b>		
Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	3,125.65
Patch Sales		210.25
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		239.36
Checking Account Interest		46.99
Sub-Total Income		3,621.75
Sub-Total	\$	18,743.65
<b>DISBURSEMENT2</b>		
POOP FROM GROUP 22-2	\$	1,425.53
Visa Charges (204.95-Siscom/Web)		355.26
Incorporation Fee		10.00
Web Master Fee		150.00
Sub-Total	\$	1,940.79
<b>OPERATING FUND BALANCE</b>	\$	16,802.86

## **POST EXCHANGE**

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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**MAIL MEMORIAL FUND**

There were 48 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$3,125.65, approximately \$65.12 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated and especially to two widows who donated \$500 or more to the fund. **We doubled the cost of the newsletter for this issue.** The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter averages around \$1,550 per issue. I have obtained a permit to use non-profit mailing and I intend to start with this issue. First Class mail will be used only in cases where it is expedient to get the word out to the members. As I have said before, if you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. Contributors this period were:

Abernathy, Joe	Hastings, David
Andree, Fred	Hatten, Paul
Bell, Tony	Heikkinen, Tim
Bridges, Paul	Holmes, Caper
Brittan, Tom	Jekel, Alex
Brown (Duane), Stephen	Last, Alan
Corvino, Valerie	Leister, Roger
Davis, Ralph	Lovan, Lee
Day (Phillip), Cille	O'Toole, Jim
Dupree, Al	Re, Vincent
Dye (Howard), Anne	Reynolds, LeRoy
Edwards, Bob	Russell, Charles
Elkewicz (Bill), Katherine	Samuel, Jr., Bob
Ellison, Tex	Scott, Bill
Felbinger, Norm	Shower (Al), Charlotte
Flynn, Jim	Simpson, Bill
Fox, Roger	Stevens, Jack
Galchick, Bill	Thacker, Dallas
Gamble, Jim	Upp, John
Gardner, Del	Weaver (Walt), Mary
Grennan, Jr., Larry	Wilkinson, Andy
Gummelt, Jim	Wolfe, Bob
Hamilton, Marilyn	Zalensi, Chet
Hart, Hank	Zbikowski, J. N

**ADDITIONS**

Barnes, Margot - AW (Milton), Wadesboro, NC  
Barry-AW (Learned), Margaret, Williamsburg, VA  
Bornfleth - AW (Ed), Jean M., Waukesha, WI  
Brown, Mrs. Duane - AW, Wilmington, NC  
Brown, Stephen W., Durham, NC  
Corn - AW (Arthur), Mary Lou, St. James, MO  
Crill - AF LouAnn (Rhoads), Westerville, OH  
Dill - AW, Mrs. Calvin C, Columbus, KS  
Dodin, Forrest B, Charlotte, NC  
Haller - AW (Howard), Nancy, Showlow, AZ  
Herzberg, Edna R. - AW (Allen), Austin, TX  
Izaacson, Janet - AW (Harding), New York, NY  
Knoll, Patrick, Burbondale, IA  
Louden - AW, Mrs. Alexander, Ghent, NY  
Miner, Hugh C., Gerry, NY  
Mills, David L., Pleasant Hill, MO  
Robertson - AW (Jasper) Ruth, Clarksville, TN  
Russell - AW (Dick), Marilyn L., Cashiers, NC  
Scaramuzzo- AW, Jean (Art), Arlington, TX  
Schulze, Jr., Clarence W., Blue Springs, MO  
Simpson, Bill, Seattle, WA  
Tucker - AW, Mrs. Gordon F., Ludlow, VT  
Weir - AW, Doris K. (Charles), Sidney, NE

**DELETIONS**

**LAST POST**

Crabbe, Gerry - AW (Gerald), Lima, OH  
Barnes, Jr., Milton R., Wadesboro, NC  
Barry, Learned W., Williamsburg, VA  
Brown, Duane W., Wilmington, NC  
Bornfleth, Edwin (1980), Pewaukee, WI  
Corn, Arthur A., St. James, MO  
Dill, Calvin C., Columbus, KS  
Elliott - AW (Ralph), Yvonne, Tucson, AZ  
Emick, Helen, Williamsport, PA  
Feil, George D., Lynbrook, NY  
Haller, Howard E., Showlow, AZ  
Herzberg, Allen F. Austin, TX  
Isaacson, H. Harding, New York, NY  
Johnston, James B., Burnham, IL  
Louden, Alexander, Ghent, NY  
Marcinkowski, Edwin R. - Died in 1971  
Rhoads, Louis P., Ft. Wayne, IN  
Robertson, Jasper, Clarksville, TN  
Russell, Richard O., Cashiers, NC  
Scaramuzzo, Arthur A., Arlington, TX  
Svrcek, Albert, Donora, PA  
Tucker, Gordon F., Ludlow, VT  
Weir, Charles E., Sidney, NE

**LOST SOULS**

Emmons, Lee H. Fairfield, OH  
Mundy - AF, James G., Berkeley, CA  
Nanney, Zelta - AW (Forrest), Landcaster, TX  
Perkins, John Wesley, Vicksburg, MS  
Plymale, Sterling G., Denver, CO

**REQUEST REMOVAL**

Embrey - AW (Ray), Edith, Garland, TX  
Emick, Helen, Williamsport, PA  
Johnston - AW (G.B.), Naomi, Lockney, TX  
Lanski, Edmund C., Valencia, CA  
Olson, Evert G., Lincoln, NE



**YVONNE ELLIOTT** - The wife of former Ralph Elliott a past President and 2ADA Vice President passed away November 20, 2003. She was visiting her daughter Beckey when the seriousness of her illness took over and she was care-flight home to Tucson where she shortly succumbed to the illness. Her daughter Donna Sisley ran our last convention in Tucson. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family and now that she has made her final mission may her and Ralph continue in God's grace for eternity.

**EDWARD TRAFFORD** - Edward suffered another stroke on August 24, 2003 was rushed to the hospital and he succumbed on the 25<sup>th</sup>. He was a strong supporter of the 2AD Memorial Library and the first to donate after the fire in 1994. Both he and his wife June were good friends of the 467<sup>th</sup> and many of its members. Edward's fight with cancer never stopped him from support or entertainment with his friends as David Hastings so remarked. Our thoughts go out from the 467<sup>th</sup> to his wife June and the family and may he go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

**RICHARD O. RUSSELL** - He passed away at the age of 79 July 23, 2003 at Hospice of the Palm Beach County. He attended Dartmouth College prior to joining the Army Air Corps in 1944, where he served in the 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group. He worked for Creole Petroleum in Venezuela and for 25 years was an investment counselor. Dick belonged to many clubs and was the founder of some. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, two daughters and one son. Another son predeceased his father. The sincere sympathy of the 467<sup>th</sup>, members and officers go out to Lynn and her family.

#### **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS/FRIENDS**

**JUNE TRAFFORD** - To Marvin "Ralph" Davis. Thank you all for your sympathy. Edward was very proud of his link with the 467<sup>th</sup>, which flew from this area. We are so pleased that some books have been donated to the Memorial Library in Memory of Edward. We do wish to thank all those concerned and you. We will welcome you on your return again.

**ANDY WILKINSON** - Hi Ralph! Great convention in San Antonio which was a pleasure to attend. I forgot while at the convention to give you money as I usually do towards the Mail Memorial Fund. Enclosed is a contribution. Looking forward to being with you all once again in Northern Kentucky. Best wishes. (Did you notice the "being with you all" - looks like our southern talk has wedged its way in.)

**ANNE M. DYE - AW (HOWARD)** - Dear Ralph, Please excuse the Christmas paper, it was very handy. I continue to enjoy reading the Poop from Group and all its news. Hope you have your usual great reunion. Wish I had the courage to attend alone - but not yet. (Anne, any paper you can write on is deeply appreciated by all of us. It is a shame that some of the widows can

not get together to make a group so that they all feel comfortable attending.)

**TONY BELL** - Hello Ralph. A short note to congratulate you on what was one of the better reunions despite its size. The fact that it was small lent to the closeness and camaraderie we all felt for each other. There was an unusual number of sons, daughters, widows, and friends of the attending members and that presented a good opportunity for the "youngsters" to meet, and enjoy each other. For some time after us oldsters went to bed they would sit around the pool and sip a glass of wine or have a beer and that was great to see. And oh yes, I should also mention the Grand kids, it seemed that they too were enjoying themselves. In short the whole affair was great. My invited guests, (the Scaramuccies) were greatly surprised at what they witnessed. They wanted all to know they were humbled just to be in the presence of "heroes". They are younger than most of us and were of the Korean era. They wanted me to express their appreciation for the way they were accepted by everyone, and taken care of by you in particular. I will be anxious to see how many of our original 788<sup>th</sup> Sqdn. members we can get to join our organization. Perhaps you should write an article explaining the movement on their part to join us. Enclosed you will find a check for the stamp fund. Thanks again. (Thanks for your kind words and I do believe that Mundy was going to look into the get together with the 492<sup>nd</sup> and Carpetbaggers and get a report back to us)

**CHARLOTTE SHOWER** - Dear Ralph. I was really looking forward to the 467<sup>th</sup> reunion this year. However, I'm afraid I will not be there. You see, I made arrangements to go on a cruise that same week. I hope Al will forgive me. Perhaps he will, as the cruise is with a West Point group. I hope so. Any how, I agreed to go on the trip before the 467<sup>th</sup> date. I will be thinking of all of you. Nothing but broken bones, complete senility or problems of similar ill health will prevent me from attending the 467<sup>th</sup> reunion in 04, wherever it may be. Looking forward to seeing all of you in 04. Very best wishes.

**CILLE DAY** - Dear Ralph. I have just kept letting this slip by me. You reminded us that it didn't get published unless it got paid for. Sorry I won't be able to come to this convention as I had another commitment. I shall miss coming. Do hope to make next years. Was so sorry to read about Carolyn Re's death. She always had such courage and bore her pains without complaining. Tell everyone "hello" for me. I shall miss seeing you all.

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM RALPH & DORIS**

Our best wishes go out to all of you for the season and for your good thoughts and prayers for Doris. The rehab has her using a walker at about 30 to 35 feet at a time with help. She has movement of both feet and arms; however, the right side is quite weak. Her speech is not slurred, but she says only a few words at a time and not too coherent. We do not know if this is from the stroke or from the Alzheimer. We can only hope for the best, but the whole family is thankful she is still here considering the magnitude of the stroke. God Bless You All.

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