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### **FROM THE PREZ** **CONVENTION 2004**

The Northern Kentucky area was selected during the Business Meeting of the Group during Convention 2003. The Radisson River Front was selected as the hotel of choice. Everything is still the same, we will have our buffet dinner at the revolving restaurant on Monday evening, which will give everyone an excellent view of the riverfront area. The cost of this convention is \$275 per person. All aspects have been finalized and a schedule of events is in this newsletter. On the reservation form you will find a couple of selections. I would appreciate it a lot if you would kindly select what you want as that will allow me to plan the participation. The cost of all events is included in the convention fee. Lunch is on your own for Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday evening we will have a DJ for listening and dancing. Wednesday night we will have the Fortunenets, a barbershop quartet for during the dinnertime, and for a guest speaker we have Mr.

Thomas Griffin, the navigator on ship #9 of the Doolittle Raiders. He is a most interesting speaker. There are trips to the Aquarium, a trip to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton and a Cities area tour combined with a tour of the Cincinnati Museum in the Union Terminal, some of these you have to select one or the other. Schedule of Events is as follows:

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2004**

Registration and Arrival Day

7:00 - 9:30 PM - Welcoming reception for a Taste of Cincinnati buffet

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004**

7:00 - 9:00 AM - The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.

9:00 AM - The Bus will depart for the Air Force Museum.

9:30 AM - The Bus will depart for the Cities Area Tour.

11:30 AM - Tour bus will return to Hotel to drop off Tour Guide and stop for lunch.

12:30 AM - Tour bus will depart for the Cincinnati Museum Center.

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Cocktails in the Riverview Revolving Restaurant at the top of the hotel. (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks - pay as you go).

8:00 - 9:30 PM - Enjoy the Diner Buffet at the Riverview Revolving Restaurant

9:00 - 11:00 PM - Hospitality Room Open.

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004**

7:00 - 9:00 AM - The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.

10:00 AM - First bus departs for the Newport Aquarium Tour.

10:45 AM - Second bus departs for the Newport Aquarium Tour. Across from the Newport Aquarium are several eating areas that will satisfy your hunger for lunch.

1:00 PM - First bus will return from the Aquarium area.

2:00 PM - Second bus will return from the Aquarium area.

3:00 PM - Third bus will return from the Aquarium area. Anyone missing the last bus can return to the hotel via the Southbank Shuttle Tank, which stops at the Radisson hotel. (Fee \$0.50 as a Senior Citizen showing your Medicare card).

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Cocktails in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms set for dinner seating (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks - pay as you go). Background music by Chuck Drake DJ.

8:00 - 9:00 PM - Enjoy the Chicken Cordon Blue or Pork Loin Crusted with Rosemary in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms. Background music by Chuck Drake DJ.

9:00 - 11:00 PM - 1940 - 1960 music for your Listening or Dancing, as you wish with Chuck Drake DJ. Recognition of air and ground crew members, first timers, foreign visitors and family attendees of members will be covered

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004**

7:00 - 9:00 AM - The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.

9:30 - 10:30 AM - Board Meeting for current board members in Ralph Davis room. (See room number on the Easel in the Hospitality Room to confirm).

10:45 - 11:45 AM - Membership Business Meeting in the Keeneland room.

12:00 - 2:00 PM - Lunch (Soup & Sandwich Buffet) in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms.

2:30 - 3:30 PM - Newly elected board meeting in Ralph Davis Room. (See room number on the Easel in the Hospitality Room to confirm).

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Cocktails in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms for conversation and seating. (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks - pay as you go).

8:00 - 9:00 PM - Reverend Gary Griesser will give the Invocation and sing The National Anthem. Enjoy the Roast Prime Rib of Beef in the Thoroughbred and

Keeneland rooms! The Fournunenets will walk around the tables during the meal for your enjoyment.

9:00 - 10:30 PM - Mr. Thomas Griffin, a Navigator in ship #9 of the Doolittle Raiders will be the guest speaker..

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004**

6:00 - 9:00 AM - The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms.

9:00 - 12:00 AM - Memorabilia Room will be open for those who have items to take back with them. Please see that everything is removed by 12:00 noon.

#### **CONVENTION 2005**

The memorial for the B-24 anniversary in San Diego has been postponed to 2006, thus the area we considered earlier will be discussed and votes upon at the business meeting in Northern Kentucky. A list of the different areas will be handed out for review and discussion.

#### **DIRECT COMMUNICATION**

The use of the toll free number is doing better, but I had considerable postage forwards this time period. Please let me know when you move. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc.

#### **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.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> ADA - JACK STEVENS**

A Legacy - Not Just a Memorial

At the Ex-Com meeting in Philadelphia 25-26 May 2004, the 2nd AD Memorial was reviewed. It has been well received by the people in the Norwich area. Contributions announced at the meeting indicate that the goal of perpetual funding for the Memorial and its Fullbright American Librarian is in sight.

Shortly before WW II ended in Europe, three senior 2nd AD officers proposed to General Kepner a memorial "to and from those who survived to honor those who gave their lives while serving in the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, USAAF, in England during WW II." General Kepner approved the proposal and issued a challenge to make the memorial a "living tribute."

Members of the 2nd AD's fourteen bomb groups, five fighter groups and their assigned and attached units contributed the equivalent of more than \$80,000 which was used to establish a memorial trust, with a Board of Governors of English friends. Over the years, the Trust Governors and the elected officers of the 2nd ADA have stayed in close communication concerning the Memorial, its operations, and its condition.

The 2nd AD Memorial in the Central Library consists of a reading and reference room with an illuminated Roll of Honor of the dead, the 2nd AD flags, unit memorabilia, and a library of American books and

periodicals. It has become a focus of study, research and of mutual respect, admiration, and friendship for people in England and the United States.

Now, after the devastating in 1994, that gutted the Central Library building, a magnificent Forum building has risen, housing an even finer Memorial Library with new state-of-the-art computer equipment which our American Fulbright Librarian has used to help elderly Norwich citizens record their wartime memories and experiences and to maybe bridge a technological gap between them and their children and to communicate with families and with American friends they met during WW II or at 2nd ADA reunions in Norwich and/or cities in the U.S. Like the butterfly, the most beautiful of all insects, which passes through several stages in its life (egg, larva, and pupa) before the beauty of its final adult stager, the 2nd AD Memorial has passed from an idea for a memorial, a tribute to life, and a bonding device for Americans and Friends of the 2nd AD in England - a legacy for future Americans and English.

### **NEWS FROM STATION 145**

We thought the Summer had arrived, the new flags have been hoisted on the Marker but suddenly we are back to gales, rain and the cold again.

Can we thank the 2nd ADA and the 467th for all your kindness to us at the 2nd ADA Convention in Philadelphia, another truly great occasion and how proud we felt to see Geoff Gregory of the 467th elected President of the 2nd ADA. This year saw the largest attendance ever of Brits which was so good.

What an amazing film by the Dzenowagis family on the Kassel Raid, another masterpiece. Their previous film "Roll of Honor" is still showing here to packed houses and each time the audience ends in tears after the story of your 2001 visit to open your new Memorial. We can never thank the Dzenowagis family enough.

The huge donations for your wonderful Memorial Library touched us all deeply as did the support for your 2nd ADA Fulbright Librarian. There is no doubt that your living Memorial to those 7000 friends of yours who lost their lives for Freedom, as well as you who survived, will always be remembered down the ages when people from all over the world visit the Forum in Norwich and the beautiful 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, the only one of its kind.

The Appeal is also going well here in the UK and I know you will be pleased to learn that Bernard Matthews, the owner of one of our leading Norfolk Companies who has always supported the 2nd ADA, has just given £100,000 to your Library - you will never be forgotten.

Had a main Trust Board meeting this week with a very full agenda and the number of visitors just goes on rising. A refurbishment programme starts shortly with completion by November of this year.

At Rackeath the Marker looks fine, the Private Miney Plaque is well cared for as is the bronze plaque under the village sign. I think that the "Coffey Gates" at the Community Centre will need a repaint this year. On the Flags for the Marker we could do with your help. We

have funds for these but the ones we purchase here in the UK are very inferior quality to those made in the USA and are soon blown out. We use 5ft by 3ft and could do with four of each, the Stars & Stripes and the Union Jack - Can anyone help please.

We have just read the draft of the new book by our famous author Flt.Lt John Nichol on the story of Bomber Command in World War.2 both day and night. This is due to be published in November and it one of the best books I have ever read on what it was really like to fly those missions. My thanks to the 2nd ADA for providing John with so much material.

This year the Edwards family organised a "Forties Night" in the Community Centre which featured James Mahoney's unique colour film. It was so heavily oversold that we are having another in the autumn again featuring James Mahoney's film plus the "Roll of Honor".

Finally on Wednesday I was sworn in for my third tour at USAF Mildenhall as Honorary Group Commander and it is so wonderful to have these links with the US Air Force men and women of today.

All our love to the 467th - we will never forget you.

Yours, Jean and David. (467<sup>th</sup> Base Contacts).

### **REPORT AND UPDATE by PERRY WATTS**

Regarding the mentioning by Jack Stevens in the April edition (Spring 2004) of the Second Air Division Association Journal that I make a model B-24 for display in the Air Museum at Lackland Air Base. By the end of this week a 1/144th scale model of B-24J - 1 FO 42-50675 "Bold Venture III" - that served with the 788th Squadron of the 467th B/Group will be air mailed over to the museum and will be accompanied by a brief history on the aircraft. I wish it could have been a 1/72nd scale model but I very much doubt whether such a larger scale model would survive the postal transportation and arrive complete!

Further news on my book on the history of the 467th Bombardment Group. The manuscript and a large number of photographs were shipped over to The Schiffer Publishing Company at Atglen, Pennsylvania early last March and I recently received a communication from the editor stating that the book should hopefully be printed and become available sometime in December.

Updated news on the Control Tower at Rackheath. On the 21 June I had a very interesting meeting with Mr. Ben MacIntosh, a director with the company that are now the owners of the Control Tower building and surrounding site. Mr. MacIntosh informed me that to date Aqua Fibre (the company that purchased the Tower from the scrap metal merchant Mr. Bagshaw) has completely cleared the site and completely emptied the building of all junk. Additionally the company has installed drainage, electricity and laid on mains water supply to the site. A new metal fencing about seven feet high has also been erected around the Tower area. The original and damaged asbestos rainwater guttering and downpipes that were fitted to the Tower when it was built in 1942/43 have been replaced by new plastic material guttering and pipes. Mr. MacIntosh informed me having carried



out this work some vandalism recently occurred and one of the drainage downpipes has been smashed and part of the metal fencing pulled down, also the vandals entered the Tower and ripped out and bent or twisted several of the original "Crittall" metal window frames - albeit the window frames were rusted through and corroded to the stage of being beyond repair or restoration for reuse, but by ripping some of the frames out could or may have caused some further damage to the brickwork surrounding the window openings. Mr. MacIntosh also emphasized that the Tower restoration cost will amount to a substantial sum of money and I gathered that the company are not over anxious to freely spend a lot of money on the building without having some immediate use for it - and may possibly become the Aqua Fibre company office at some point in the future. When I enquired if he could give some indication as to an approximate date when the restoration of the Tower was likely to be completed I was informed that it would not be before the end of the year 2005, unless Aqua Fibre were approached by a company who wished to lease the building in the reasonably near future as an office or suchlike and then under those circumstances the restoration of the building would certainly be speeded up. I informed Mr. MacIntosh that when the Tower is fully restored I am willing to personally donate a number of copy photographs and paintings relating to the 467th Group for display in one small room in the Tower set aside for such purpose and dedicated to the 467th Group. Finally, Mr. MacIntosh did ask me if there are any establishments/organizations such as heritage funding that could provide some financial grant towards the cost of restoring the Control Tower.

Finally my best wishes to you all and hoping to see many of you at the 467th Group Convention at Northern Kentucky in October.

### **ADDITIONS**

Dallon, Joseph - AH	Methuen	MA
Dekle, H. H.	Thomasville	GA
Dunn - AF (Rubendall), Judy	Baldwin City	KS
Huckleberry, Malcome E.	Hideaway Lake	TX
Murphy, Terry	St. Paul	MN
Rood-AW, Mrs. Vernon J.	Tucson	AZ
Ruby - AW (Clare), Reva I.	Lady Lake	FL
Shamburg - AF, Carl R.	Erie	PA
Shaughnessy, Thomas V.	Maple Grove	MN
Thompson, Arnold R.	Laguna Woods	CA
Trout-AW (Charles), Mary E.	Westfield	PA
Bohnenstiehl, Andrew -AF	Brandon	FL
Ronesi, Jim - AF (McMeel)	Forestdale	MA
Barry - AW (Learned), Margaret	Williamsburg	VA
Kubacek, The Family of Henry	Dallas	TX

### **LOST SOULS**

Brier, Pete	Steubenville	OH
Iwamoto, George	Honolulu	HI
Peterson, Osmon N.	Glastonbury	CT
Reed, George W.	Winter Park	FL

Rulli, Angelo	Saint Paul	MN
Simpson, Bill	Seattle	WA
Tucker - AW, Mrs. Gordon F.	Ludlow	VT
Ayers - AW (Paul), Madeleine W.	N Ft Myers	FL
Benham, James E.	Portland	OR
Breckel, William A.	Cincinnati	OH
Collins, Edgar S.	Pawleys Isl	SC
Crehan, Jack R.	Auburn	NY
Dettinger, Roy M.	Washington Boro	PA
Kuhns, Eugene J.	Medina	OH
Shaughnessy, Thomas V.	Maple Grove	MN
Simpson, Bill	Seattle	WA
Skilton, James C.	Willingboro	NJ
Smolar, Anthony R.	Melbourne	FL
Winslow, Veloyce G.	Mesa	AZ

### **LAST POST**

Belanger, Lawrence R.	Camden	TN
Hanks, Roscoe	Lake Ozark	MO
Holum, Edward T.	Lockport	IL
Maris, Anthony J.	Sacramento	CA
McCormack, Edward J.	Melbourne	FL
Murphy, Robert E.	Minneapolis	MN
Rider, Richard L.	Pittsburgh	KS
Rood, Vernon J.	Tucson	AZ
Ruby, Clare F.	Lady Lake	FL
Trout, Charles M.	Westfield	PA
Barry, Learned W.	Williamsburg	VA
Belisle, Earl D.	Albany	NY
Bodor, Stephen J.	S. Hadley	MA
Burstyn, Harris M.	Mahwah	NJ
Elliott-AW(Ralph), Yvonne	Tucson	AZ
Hensley, Baxter W.	Stanton	CA
Kubacek, Henry W.	Dallas	TX
Love, Ruby - AW (Clarence)	Waverly	IL
McMeel, James P.	Forestdale	MA
Smoth, Virgil E.	Manhattan	KS
Smith - AW (Harold)	Jackman	ME
Sprouse, Donald W.	Bakersfield	CA
Walker, Ion S.	Mobile	AL

### **REQUEST REMOVAL**

Randazzo, James E.	Massapequa Park	NY
Weinrib, Seymore	Flushing	NY
Callen-AW (dick), Cleo E.	Akron	OH
Parvin, Donald L.	Merchantville	NJ
Weigle, Lyman B.	Rogers	AR

**Convention Registration Form – Northern KY., Oct. 3 -7, 2004**

**467<sup>th</sup> 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 – 75 take exit 192 on to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Hotel on North side. Address is 668 West Fifth Street.

Air arrivals: The hotel has complimentary airport transportation.

Vehicle Parking: The hotel has complimentary parking and in room coffee maker, iron, ironing board and hair dryer. Some rooms have refrigerators. There is an indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi with retractable dome roof. Also available is a fitness center with a tanning salon and outdoor sports court.

RV and Motorhome: Parking available at hotel. There are **NO** hookups available.

**BADGE INFORMATION**

Important - Complete data below for badge ID

Your Squadron/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Your Duty Function \_\_\_\_\_

Your Pilot/CO \_\_\_\_\_ Arrived Rackheath \_\_\_\_\_ Departed \_\_\_\_\_

POW Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

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

### CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 275.00

Times Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

**Total Cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Due now, \$100.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due August 30, 2003, \$ 175.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Freebee Drawing legibility to be in by August 1, 2004

**Please select one of the below as the two trips are planned for the same day.**

☐ Select to attend trip to US Air Force Museum in Dayton (Limited to 47, first come).

☐ Select to attend Cities Tour & Cincinnati WWII Museum (Limited to 47, first come).

**Please select your choice of entree for Tuesday night dinner:** ☐ Rosemary Crusted Porkloin  
☐ Chicken Cordon Bleu

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 \$ 275.00. The drawing will be open to all who **pay in full by August 1, 2004**

**Make checks payable to: "467th Bombardment Group Convention 2004".**

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

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

### HOTEL REGISTRATION

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT) -EARLY** All rooms must be **reserved** by September 2, 2004 and held with a first night deposit or major credit card in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. Please contact:

Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront  
668 West Fifth Street  
Covington, KY 41011  
1-800-333-3333 (Reservation - National) (Let them know it's for the 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group  
Local: (859) 491-1200 - FAX (859) 491-0326.

Room rates are: Single or Double \$ 75.00 + tax

When making reservations, please refer to the **467th Bomb Group Convention**, Oct3 - 7, 2004. 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.

## **GEOFF GREGORY - 2ADA PRESIDENT**

Congratulation Geoff on assuming your new duties as president of the Second air Division. I received the following note from him to place in the Poop.

As you know, I have been engaged in what will probably be the final funding drive to provide for the future of our unique Memorial / Library, and of the 2nd ADA/ Fulbright scholars. Each Bomb Group in the 2nd ADA has been assigned wall space on which to list the names of those who have donated \$1,000 or more to the respective funds. I am pleased and proud to inform you that most of 467th designated space is occupied - in fact, of the 14 groups comprising the 2nd ADA, we rank 2nd in number of group members making a donation of \$1,000 or more as required for name placement. I wish to personally commend and thank EVERY 467th member who donated, regardless of the amount. This reflects the fact that our Memorial is very meaningful to so many of our members Ralph, please make my thanks known to the 467th membership. Chairman, Bequest Committee 2nd ADA.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

DR. RICHARD L. RIDER passed away November 17, 2003 at his home in Pittsburg, Kansas. He was born on August 9, 1915 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1937. He served in the Iowa and Nebraska Army National Guard from 1934 through 1938. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon completion of ROTC training and graduation from the Univ. of Nebraska. He joined the Active Army in October 1940 and attended flight school in February 1941.

He flew many types of aircraft and was stationed in Puerto Rico with the 4h Observation Sqd, at Wendover Field, Utah with the 789th Bomb Squadron; and as Squadron Commander at Mt. Home AAB, Idaho and Orlando, Florida with the 467~ Bomb Group (Heavy). In 1944 he was transferred to the European Theater and was assigned to the 461~ Bomb Group as an Air Inspector and Operations Officer. He flew many combat missions over Europe. These included missions over Rome, Arno, the Balkans, the Po Valley, Northern and Southern France, Normandy, North Apennines, and Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps on 1 December 1945 with the rank of Major.

After service in World War II he returned to further his education and received his Masters and Doctorate Degrees. He worked as a University Professor and Department Chairman at many school including the University of Illinois; University of Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia; University of Papua New Guinea; and the University of Hawaii. He also spent some time with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Lagos, Nigeria. In retirement he continued as a part-time Professor for Community Colleges and with the U.S. Navy's PACE Program.

His wife of over 50-years, MRS. ADA W. RIDER, died 5 weeks after her husband on December 24, 2003 in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dr. And Mrs. Rider are survived by their children: Mrs. Josephine Garcia of Florida; Dr. Virginia Rider-Swofford of Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr. Ward Rider of Kailua, Hawaii; Mr. Richard L. Rider, Jr. of Kansas City, Missouri; and three grand children.

Even in death Dr. and Mrs. Rider continue to contribute to education. Both of them donated their bodies to the School of Medicine, University of Missouri, Kansas City.

## **WIDOW REPORT**

There are four additions ti the roster this period: Rood-AW, Mrs. Vernon J., 6832 E. Calle De Oro, Tucson, AZ 85715; Ruby (Clare), Reva I., 624 San Marino Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159-9260; Trout (Charles), Mary E., 10 Hancock Hollow Rd., Westfield, PA 13950-1418; and Barry (Learned), Margaret 201 Ellinson Court, Williamsburg, VA 23185-8225. During this period we had two widows listed as Lost Souls: Tucker , Mrs. Gordon F., P.O. Box 85, Ludlow, VT 05149; and Ayers (Paul), Madeleine W., 6 Nicklaus Blvd., N Ft Myers, FL 33903. Three widows were listed on the Last Post: Elliott (Ralph), Yvonne, 1550 E. River Rd Apt 3, Tucson, AZ 85718; Love (Clarence), Ruby, 271 E Prarie, Waverly, IL 62692; and Smith (Harold), P.O. Box 207, Jackman, ME 04945. One widow requested removal from the newsletter roster: Callen (Dick), Cleo E., 935 Austin Ave., Akron, OH 44306. Should any of you want a copy of the Widow Roster or the Group Roster, please let me know. I hope to see you in Northern Kentucky at the 2004 Convention in October. If I have missed anyone that you know of, ~~please~~ advise me. Thank you.

## **COST OF POOP 23-1**

Printing	\$ 472.50
Mailer Fee	\$ 271.17
Secretary Fee	\$ 350.00
Foreign Mail	\$ 53.70
Return to Sender Fee (27)	\$ 20.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,177.59</b>

Note that the cost of the newsletter is a lot less than before. Still using the Non-Profit mailing along with the new printer that charges me less.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Operating Fund 3-17-04 to 7-15-04	
Operating Fund Balance 3-17-04	<b>17,359.03</b>

### **INCOME**

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ 965.00
Patches	45.00
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales	114.22
Checking Account Interest	49.49
<b>Sub-Total Income</b>	<b>1,173.71</b>
Sub-Total	\$ 18,532.74

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

POOP FROM GROUP 23-1	\$ 1,177.59
Return-to-Sender Fee	20.22
Webmaster Fee (150 not cleared Bank)	0.00
Visa Charges	457.87
Sub-Total	\$ 1,655.68

<b><u>OPERATING FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<b>\$ 16,877.06</b>
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appreciated. The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter now averages around \$1,200 per issue using non-profit mailing. First Class mail will be used only in cases where it is expedient to get the word out to the members or where there are areas that the mail never seems to come through. As I have said before, if you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. We fell a little short this issue, but I'm sure you will make up the difference the next time. We appreciate your support. Contributors this period were:

Bell, Tony  
Bomber Legends  
Dastrup, Evan  
Davis, Ralph  
Frazier, Ed  
Giglio, Vincent  
Hallman, Jack  
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## **COMMENTS FROM MEMEMBERS & FRIENDS**

**David Jones - Lay Minister for "St.Peters" Melton Park; "All Saints" Briston and "St.Georges" Hindolveston.**

### **My Dear American Friends,**

I sit here in a country cottage deep in the heart of Norfolk, its in a deer park holding around 200 deer, from Red deer to Roe, a lovely peaceful place and wonderful to live in, such peace and quiet. On one the walls in the cottage is a photograph taken inside Salhouse Church with the 467th Veterans attending the Church Service on the 50th Anniversary of V.E Day and on the return of Our Beloved Friends from the 467th Bomb Group, 2nd Air Division and dated Monday May 8th 1995. It is a photograph I will always treasure, a picture of the Brave Aircrews who returned to the air base here at Rackheath - "They came as Friends, they are Our Friends, and we will never forget what they gave to us - Peace, Friendship, and many gave their lives so that England could be FREE!. It was a honor to lead the Church Service for them and afterwards to Bless the Memorial Marker on the Airfield. The photograph was sent to me by one of the crew, it will always be part of me and my Family for the rest of our lives.

God Bless You All my dear Friends, and once again Thank-You for what you did for us way back in those days of 1943 -1945 when we needed that great help and support You All gave to my Country.

### **We will Never Forget You.**

(Ralph - I think the photograph David is referring to is one of those taken by Vince Re, which pictures David taking the Church Service and the Veterans seated in the Church - I too have that photo - Perry.)



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## **ANNE PUGH**

Have absconded with some of Puffs stationery as I wanted to include a note with the enclosed donation to the mail Fund. Enjoyed the last "POOP" and grateful for the update on Doris. We think of you both often. I lost my mom to Alzheimer's so know well what you are going through. Do hope you have some good help as you have a tiring task. Puff has not been up to par for several months. His "old ticker" just isn't able to keep him going at the pace he would like = no more golf, but does get a short walk daily. He truly hates the medications, but they are a necessary for maintenance. He is realizing some shortness of breath which limits activity. The doctors are calling it congestive heart failure. Being an RN (our oldest daughter is too) we agree to a point = a good all-encompassing diagnosis, I guess. Whether or not we can make it in October remains to be seen. A bit early right now to plan. We send our very best. You are on our prayer list

**Editors Note:** Many of you have asked about Puff and I thought this note from Anne was the best way to let you know about him and possibly why they have not been to recent conventions. Speaking of Puff, I also had the following note as a memory from Lyle Prichard which had me laughing all the way through.

## **LYLE PRICHARD**

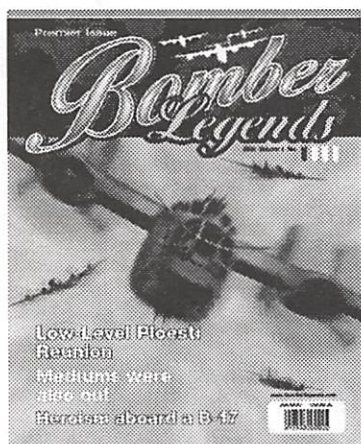
After we were done flying we had to give up our place in our hut to move to one a couple hundred yards away next to the "ground pounders" area. Nice fellows, but we didn't have all that much in common. Lt. Delbert T. Been's cot was on the left side of the rear door and mine was on the right side. I kept my 45 caliber pistol hanging on a peg and his was in his foot locker which he slid under his cot. Floyd J. (Puff) Pugh came to visit as he was through flying and had to move near us. Been had been in the Cavalry before and was always expounding the virtues of the Cavalry, also what a good shot he was. Puff and I told him he was blowing smoke and he couldn't hit a bull in the rearend with a banjo. Been sat humming the WWII song "Paper Doll" as he slowly slid his footlocker from under his cot, opened the top and took out a vanilla envelope. This contained paper doll cutouts and clothes which he would dress as he hummed the tune. He very methodically put the dolls and envelope back and slid his 45 out of the holster, cocked a round into the chamber, pointed it out the rear door of our hut and squeezed off three rounds into the chimney of the hut next door. These chimneys consisted of a cast iron pipe that came up through the roof from that infernal coke stove inside. It was enveloped on the outside by a galvanized pipe with a little rain cap on the top of it. These 45 caliber slugs went through the outside pipe hit the cast iron pipe, putting a hole in it, they ricocheted around inside breaking more holes until the cast iron ~~pipe~~ broke off and fell over inside with a thump. Between the sound of the gun going off and the bullets breaking the cast iron pipe and it falling on the cement floor inside it, the occupants of the hut were greatly disturbed and beat a hasty retreat outside! The one we saw was a rather chubby short man who was an Intelligence Officer of the Group. These men worked a lot during the night time hours preparing the briefings and slept quite a lot during the day. He was awakened by the ensuing commotion and bolted out the rear door of his hut hair flying, bug-eyed, hand over one ear and bellowing like a gut shot dog! I might also say he was dressed only in a pair of socks and his G.I. shorts and was slightly bow legged. Been had hastily stowed his 45 back in the holster, closed the lid of the foot locker and slid it back under his cot. When this guy got near our hut he hallored "did you hear all that shooting?" Of course the three of us sat there asking "What shooting?" We said that we hadn't heard a thing even though the air was permeated with the smell of cordite. Nothing ever came of this episode.

**Editor's Note:** Thought Puff would get a special kick out of this memory.

**DORIS STATUS** Doris is progressing a little bit each day; however it seems it will take a long time to get her any way near the same condition she was before the stroke. Thanks for your concern. Ralph

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