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FROM THE PREZ CONVENTION 2005/2006

For those of you who planned and paid to attend the convention in New Orleans and do not intend to attend the San Diego Convention, please get in touch with me and I'll see that your deposit is returned. You can advise me by e-mail or call on the **877 Number** and let me know your desire as to whether you want to donate some of the money to either the Mail Fund, Fightin Sam at the 8th AF Heritage Museum or both with the balance returned. I know that some of you have already told me to accept some donations; however, I need you to advise me again of your desire of the funds. The cost of the San Diego Convention is the same as the New Orleans Convention, which was \$275.00 per person. **When you confirm your reservation at the Holiday Inn Select San Diego, you must identify yourself as a member of the 467th Bombardment Group to get the special rate**

of \$79.00. Complimentary Shuttle Service is available to and from the San Diego International Airport (based upon availability) by dialing **291-5720**. For those driving to the convention, complimentary parking is provided. There is RV parking available, but no hook-ups. For those who want to spend additional time in San Diego, the Hotel has agreed to honor the same rates for three days before and after the convention time. Hotel registration must be made no later than Tuesday, March 21. After this date the availability and rate may change. I need your registration forms as soon as possible to arrange bus schedules to coincide with your plans for B-24 flights, if scheduled. All planning hinges on your response to make all schedules workable. Again, as in the past, I will do my best to accommodate members on cancellation. Please make your Hotel reservations as soon as possible. The cut-off date is firm. You can cancel out of the Hotel reservations as late as 48 hours

before your scheduled arrival date, so there is no reason not to make these reservations if you have the slightest intent of attending. I believe that we will have a good time and enjoy looking at a B-24 with the Witch on the nose and those red and white tails fully visible. The following is the tentative schedule:

Thursday – April 20 – Registration and Welcome Deli

Friday – April 21 – Trips to Balboa Park Veterans

Museum and Gillispie Air Show

Saturday – April 22 – Harbor Cruise and Gillispie Air Show and Dinner / Dance with The Warbirds West Air Museum Group at Gillispie.

Sunday – April 23 – Business Meeting, Board of Directors Meetings and Banquet Dinner with B/G Robert Cardenas as guest Speaker.

B/G ROBERT CARDENAS BIO

His citation to accompany the award of the Air Commando Hall of Fame is an excellent coverage of Gen. Cardenas experience. It stated " Brigadier General Robert L. Cardenas, USAF (Ret) served many distinguished successful tours during his 34 years of active United States Air Force service. Early in his career he was shot down over Europe while flying a B-24 Bomber during World War II. He successfully evaded and escaped to Switzerland and thence to France prior to D Day from whence he was flown to England and returned to the United States. Following these harrowing events, he reported to the Flight Test Division at Wright-Patterson AFB for training as an Army Air Corps Test Pilot. General Cardenas' service with the Special Operations community began in early 1962. He led a joint Task Force of Air Force Special Air Warfare and US Army Special Forces to Kashmir, India for the purpose of evaluating and improving high altitude re-supply drops to the Indian Army in the Himalayan Mountains. Later in 1968, General Cardenas was selected to command the Special Air Warfare Center at Eglin AFB, Florida. During his tenure and through his masterful leadership, the Special Warfare Center had its greatest growth in history, expanding to two Special Operations Wings, which were comprised of 628 aircraft of 16 varieties. His broad vision and operational expertise also resulted in the activation of two tactical squadrons, a Combat Control Squadron and the detailed planning for the formation of four Special Operations Fighter Squadrons. As a tribute to the men and women serving in Special Operations, he created the "Air Commando Hall of Fame" which stands as a living monument to the achievements of those selected for enshrinement. A Warrior without peer, General Cardenas truly embodies the Air Commando spirit of "Any Time Any Place."

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

It seems that the use of the toll free number is improving as I had considerable less postal returns for change of address. The toll free number is **1-877-882-7235**. This can be used for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc. Thanks for your help.

INTERNET – WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th 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 unless you do not want them or they are duplicates. You may also e-mail them to me if you do not want to send them through the mail.

2nd ADA - JACK STEVENS

REUNION 2006 LOOKS GREAT - Reunion 2006 will be a MEMORABLE one. Our well appointed Holiday Inn - Select at 595 Hotel Circle South (immediately south of, and parallel to, Highway I- 8 is about 20 minutes . by auto, to Lindbergh Field: about 15 minutes to Balboa Park and its many museums and world famous San Diego Zoo; and about 15 minutes to The Embarcadero, where we will board the ship for a San Diego Harbor Cruise. Our cruise ship is docked next to where ocean liners tie up - and Anthony's Seafood Grotto at 1360 N. Harbor Drive, and the San Diego Maritime Museum, at 1492 N. Harbor Drive, in one direction; and the MIDWAY Aircraft Carrier Museum. at 810 N. Harbor Drive, in the other direction.

For the ladies, our hotel is about 5 minutes, by auto, to our two largest shopping centers, Fashion Valley and Mission Valley, on the north side of I-8 - for your shopping pleasure, if you can find time.

With an assist from Col. Shower's son, "Jay" Shower. Jim Ostrich, of the WAR BIRDS WEST AIR MUSEUM (WWAM), has invited us to use their Gillespie Field Hanger as a Hospitality Room during our Saturday, 22 April, visit to view Wings Over Gillespie (WOG) air show and the Collings Foundation's B-17 and B-24 (with our group's WITCHCRAFT markings) That evening the WWAM/467 Dinner Dance will be held in the WWAM hanger.

The WWAM is an association of members who restore and operate privately owned military and civilian aircraft and vehicles at air shows, parades, and other events.

Gillespie Field is about 30 to 40 minutes east on I- 8 from our hotel

Keep 'Em Flying - Jack

NEWS FROM STATION 145.

The evenings are beginning to draw out, some flowers are in bloom which is a sign that the Winter is ending. This means that shortly the Team will start work on cleaning all the 467th artifacts in the village. Also as soon as the warmer weather arrives and I can recover from my recent major surgery we will also paint the Coffey Gates at the Community Centre. The great team of youngsters at Contact Electrical on the base have come up with ideas to improve still further the Private Miney plaque and memorial garden and we owe them a great debt.

Next month the Village Fete Committee are holding a "Return of the Liberator" film evening in the Community

Centre which I am sure will be the usual "Standing room only". I will also use this opportunity to ask for some more volunteers to help the small team of workers who keep your Marker in such good order.

I have been involved with the late Roger Freeman, in helping an American author who is writing a book on what it was like to be a British youngster in Norfolk during the war and the links that were forged with the 2nd Air Division. Naturally Rackheath features and having just received the final draft to proof read I am stunned at the amazing way in which Marjorie Hodgson Parker, the author, has captured the spirit of those days. Her mother is the famous lady WASP pilot and author who only this week sent us a donation of \$1000 to your Memorial Library.

Jean and I have been asked to return to the "Friends of the Memorial" Committee which we have accepted, despite our age, as that group of local people do so much good work for all your old bases and the Memorial Library. Next Wednesday is the quarterly Trust Governors meeting and we have a very full and interesting agenda. Finally it looks as though I might continue to fly with the USAF youngsters of today as there is a rumour that I will be asked to do another tour as Honorary Commander at Mildenhall. The rides in the KC135 Flight simulator each quarter are really great for this old pilot, as well as flying in the real thing once a year.

On the Control Tower, the new owners of the site, the local firm of Aquafibre, who we know well and are based adjacent to the Tower area, are starting work and our son Roger has the contract to deliver the 2000 tons of crushed concrete to the site. We are still hopeful that the Tower will be restored and are keeping in close touch with them. At Mahoney Drive, the firm of Dyno-Rod have hung pictures of Lt. Col James Mahoney in their main Reception area which look great and causes much interest with their clients.

As always you are all in our thoughts and prayers, stay well and God Bless. We will never forget you.

Yours, David and Jean
Base Contacts.

LETTER FROM PERRY WATTS

Dear Ralph, 467th Group Veterans/Family Members and Friends,

Very little has happened in the Rackheath area since our last letter that appeared in the December 2005 edition of 'Poop From The Group' Journal. Recently visited the Control Tower and externally it would appear that no further restoration work has been carried out since my last letter, and I will endeavour to visit Mr. Ben Mackintosh (Director of Aquafibre – that owns the site and surrounding complex) within the next month to ascertain the status of the Tower restoration project.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mrs. Mary Gay, owner of the former accommodation site #5, the Gymnasium building, Ration Store building and the rusting metal remains of part of the PX/Aero Club building. Mrs. Gay informed me that should local highway

authority decide to proceed with the planned route for the Norwich northern bypass the route would pass through

part of the former site 5 and virtually take in the Gymnasium. I would add that several residents living in the Rackheath area are not in favour of the bypass route that takes in part of Rackheath.

Since my last letter in the December journal, I met up with Geoff and Terry Gregory at the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library at Norwich in about mid November, but otherwise we have not had any 467th Group Veterans/Family members visiting the area. But we are looking forward with pleasure to a visit by Dean Johnson's son Thomas towards the latter part of March.

I regret that in my last letter I omitted to mention the visit to Rackheath in mid September 2005 by Tom Taylor and his son Dave - Tom is the cousin of William Cooper, a 467th Group veteran who flew as a Gunner on Lt. Boyd L. Woodis crew #72 of the 790th Squadron. Also overlooked to mention that in the forepart of September I received with pleasure an invitation from the members of the Norwich Branch of the Royal Air Force Aircrew Members Association to give an after lunch talk on the 467th Bombardment Group, and that was not only with great pleasure but also a privilege to do so.

At long last, my book covering the 1100 days history of the Group, titled 'The 467th Bombardment Group (H) in WWII' - In Combat with the B-24 Liberator Over Europe - finally became available from Schiffer Publishing Ltd during the last week of January. The hardbound book contains 424 pages and over 400 photographs with a colored print on the cover (and also on the dust-cover) of a splendid painting of B-24s flying on a combat mission over Europe during WWII. The book should be obtainable from the larger book-stores and the price is \$59.95, it is obtainable direct from Schiffer Publishing by ordering either by letter post (Schiffer Publishing Ltd, 4880 Lower Valley Road, Atglen, PA 19310), by telephone ((610) 593 -1777) or by on-line (Info@schifferbooks.com) - Schiffer's state the book will be dispatched within 24 hours of placement of order and the price includes packing/postage to addresses in the USA.

Finally, all being well, I am looking forward to meeting up with many of you at the Group reunion at San Diego in April. At this stage I do not think Jill will be able to accompany me but hopefully our youngest son James will also be attending.

Best wishes to you all from Perry and Jill Watts.
Rackheath Base Contact and UK Based 467th Group Historian

LEGENDARY LIBERATOR CAMPAIGN

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum still requires support for the Legendary Liberator, "Fightin' Sam" exhibit. in Savannah, Georgia. This new Interactive exhibit will be the focal point of the Second Air Division's display of it's roll in the Victory of WWII.

The Legendary Liberator Gallery will be a historical and educational Exhibit here in the U.S. Over 14,000 school children visited the Museum last year and more will come this year and in the future to see the Legacy of the Second Air

Division and the proud achievement and courage of those who were a part of the greatest Air Armada ever created. Your contribution to this endeavor will help to continue our contributions for decades to come. This is a 467th, Second Air Division, Eighth Air Force legacy, here in the United States.

The 467th Bomb Group Association has already made substantial donations to support "Fightin' Sam" with donations of \$1,000 and even \$5,000. Many of you donated from your 2005 Convention Fund and that was deeply appreciated. I know that the 467th will be a leader, as always, in supporting the completion the mission.

Walter Mundy, Chairman of the 2ADA Campaign Committee, assures that every contribution will be recognized and thanks you for your quick response and generous consideration. Included is a form for your use.

To respond by sending a donation through the 467th Bomb Group, please use the form below and your contribution will be recognized with the group through one donation.

THE LEGENDARY LIBERATOR CAMPAIGN DONATION

Name _____ Bomb Gr. **467th**

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Donation \$ _____ Payable to **467th B.G.**

In Memo mark "Legendary Liberator Campaign and mail check to 467th B.G., Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Cir., Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

If you desire to submit your donation directly to the Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum, please use the form below. This form also allows you to submit your donation by credit card. Either way, you will receive credit for your donation. Thank you.

Name _____ Bomb Gr. **467th**

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Donation \$ _____ Payable to **Mighty**

Eighth Air Force Museum 2ADA Group donations.

Charge to Credit Card: Master- Visa- Discover

Card # _____ Exp Date ____/____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

If using a Credit Card, Mail Direct to:

Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum
P.O. Box 1992
Savannah, GA 31402-1992

For Direct Mail to Second Air Division, send check to:

W. E. Nothstein
1359 Harwood Lane
Macedon, NY 15402

Lapicz, Julius	25.00
Gair, Peggy Lou	100.00
Prichard, Lyle	100.00
Kraft, Bob	40.00
Wyatt, Bob	50.00
Total this period	\$ 615.00
Previous Donation	\$ 9,185.00
Total to date	\$ 9,800.00

I deeply appreciate the response that we have had on the part of the 467th. The above donation along with the initial donations we made for this project put us at a level of around \$15,000.00. Well done 467th!! If I have failed to list anyone, please give me a call and I will add it in the next issue.

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 22 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$1,690.00, approximately \$76.82 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. Three members donated funds from their 2005 Convention funds. We generally need a little over \$1,200.00 to cover the true cost of the publication and the donation this period is deeply appreciated and is definitely more than enough to keep our mail fund in good shape. It is still notable that of the some 1,350 newsletters sent out each period, 22 is still a very small response to that size distribution. The names of those donating are generally the same, if not each period, but at least during the year of publication. The 22 number is only 1.63% of the membership. Enough said, I'm deeply pleased with the response during the last two periods realizing that the members understood the situation. First Class mail will be used only in cases where it is expedient to get the word out to members or where there are areas that the mail never seems to come through. As I said before, if you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. We appreciate your support. This issue contributors were as follows:

Ament, Harry	Hamilton, Marilyn
Baumhover, David	Holdrege, Fred
Beatty, Frank	Kraft, Bob
Brown, Steve	Lehmen, Henry
Cox, Charles	Lukeman, Bob
Davis, Marvin Ralph	Roy, Gloria
DeKerf, Robert	Scharpschmidt, W. P.
Dudley, Frank	Stevens, Jack
Fesmire, Isaac	Weaver, Mary
Frazier, Ed	Williams, Betty
Gregory, Geoff	Wyatt, Bob

Cost of POOP 24-3 & 24-3a

Printing	\$ 539.00
Mailer Fee	\$ 513.87
Secretary Fee	\$ 350.00
Foreign Mail	\$ 53.70
Return to Sender Fee	\$ 44.53
TOTAL	\$ 1,501.10

LEGENDARY LIBERATOR DONATIONS

Scharpschmidt, W. P. \$ 300.00

Convention Registration Form – San Diego, CA., April 20 – 24, 2006

467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.

(Complete this form and mail along with deposit or indicate deposit from 2005 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.
Date Time

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

Car arrivals: **FROM I-5**, TAKE I-8 EAST TO THE SECOND HOTEL CIRCLE EXIT; TURN LEFT AT THE STOP SIGN; HOTEL IS ON THE RIGHT. **FROM THE EAST**, TAKE I-8 WEST TO THE HOTEL CIRCLE EXIT; TURN RIGHT AT THE STOP SIGN AND FOLLOW HOTEL CIRCLE UNDER THE OVERPASS TO THE SOUTH SIDE; HOTEL IS ON THE LEFT. **FROM 163**, TAKE THE I-8 WEST AND PROCEED AS ABOVE.

Air arrivals: A Holiday Inn courtesy vehicle may be used based upon availability. To access the courtesy vehicle, call the hotel direct from either a pay phone or their cell phone and ask that the shuttle come pick them up. The phone number is (619) 291-5720

RV and Motorhome: Parking is available in , however, there are **NO** 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 \$ 275.00

Times Number of Persons () = _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Deposit Due With Reservations, \$100.00 per person = \$ _____

Balance Due March 15, 2006, \$ 175.00 per person = \$ _____

Please pay by check or Money Order!

☐ Please use my deposit from the 2005 Convention.

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities. Because of the event selection of flying on the Collings Foundation B-24. You will have to schedule your flying time around the other activities. The flight is for 30 minutes and reservations must be made through the Collings Foundation by phoning 1-800-568-8924 by January 10, 2006 to schedule your flight for \$400.00 which is being offered to all 467th members as a special rate. After that date the cost will be \$425.00 which is the new cost for flight due to increased fuel costs. You may confirm your flight through the 800 number either before or after the cut off date of January 10th. Flights may be scheduled for April 21 afternoon (Our bus will arrive at 1320) and April 22 either morning or afternoon (Our bus will arrive at 1030am and 1315pm). The bus schedule sign up log will be at the registration desk and you can select the schedule required to meet your reservations. A maximum of eight (8) individuals may fly at one time and 5 to 6 flights will be scheduled for April 21st and 10 to 12 flights for April 22nd. Participants may explore the aircraft in flight at all positions except pilot and co-pilot. FAA requirements do not allow these positions to be occupied by other than the designated pilot and co-pilot

Selection of Events to be attended: **(Please check your selection)**

- ☐ Thursday April 20 - Welcome Reception 7-9:30PM
- ☐ Friday April 21 – Bus trip to Balboa Park to visit Bronze B-24 and Veterans Musuem, Restaurant and to Gillispie Air Park to visit “Wings Over Gillispie” and Collings Foundation B-24 (Witchcraft)
- ☐ Saturday April 22 – Bus to Cruise Ship Terminal for 2 hour harbor cruise (10:00am), snacks and drinks available, then to Gillispie Air Park (Arrive at 1315) or
- ☐ Saturday April 22 – Bus to Gillispie Air Park (Arrive at 1030) and then to Cruise Ship Terminal for 2 hour harbor cruise (3:00pm).
- ☐ Saturday April 22 - The Warbirds West Air Museum Dinner/Dance at Gillispie Air Park (6:00 – 10:00pm). See transportation schedule for early bus back to hotel.
- ☐ Sunday April 23 – Lunch at the Hotel (If you visit the local attractions you will not be at lunch)
 - ☐ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
 - ☐ Turkey Wrap Lunch
- ☐ Sunday April 23 – Banquet at Hotel
 - ☐ Shrimp Scampi
 - ☐ Prime Rib

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 March 1, 2006

Make checks payable to: “467th Bombardment Group Convention 2005”.

Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 per person (unless you still have funds remaining from the 2005 convention, mail only the form) 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 RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOLIDAY INN SAN DIEGO/ZOO AREA HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

All rooms must be **reserved** by March 21, 2006 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. After this deadline date the Hotel will accept group reservations based on availability at the established group rate.

Reservation phone number: 1-800-433-3231. Please identify yourself as a member of the 467th Bombardment Group to receive the reduced rate. Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 1:00PM.

Holiday Inn Select San Diego Hotel
595 Hotel Circle So.
San Diego, CA 92108
1-800-238-9874 (Reservation)
(619) 291-5720

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

When making reservations, please refer to the **467th Bomb Group Convention**, Sep. 25 – 29. 2005. A **48-hour** cancellation policy is in effect. Any reservation cancelled after 48 hours before arrival may be subject to a cancellation fee subject to hotel occupancy. These rates will apply for three days before and after the convention. All rooms are either a single queen bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included are a full size ironing board and iron, hair dryer, makeup mirror, voice messenger service, computer data ports and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel.

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 \$2.00 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

467th GROUP COIN (A 2003 Convention Beginning)

\$3.50 plus \$0.75 package and post

ALL OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Ralph Davis

1143 Kenora Circle

Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1101

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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.

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Paul V. Hatten

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Rock Hill, SC 29732

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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

(651) 457-0018

TREASURER'S REPORT (Update at the convention)

Operating Fund 7-19-05 to 11-17-05

Operating Fund Balance 11-17-05	\$	13,094.79
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INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	3,140.00
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Legendary Liberator Donations		3,085.00
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Patches		53.00
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Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		70.50
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Checking Account Interest		77.61
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Sub-Total Income		6,426.11
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Sub-Total	\$	19,520.90
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DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 23-2	\$	1,170.29
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Webmaster Fee		150.00
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Visa Cost (some 2006 Convention)		1,175.02
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Sub-Total	\$	2,495.31
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OPERATING FUND BALANCE		\$ 17,025.59
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A NOTE TO THOSE ATTENDING 2006 CONVENTION

Your response to the Convention Form and my knowledge of what you schedule with the Collings Foundation is very important in making the Bus Schedule meet your requirements. If you have a flight scheduled, you must make sure that it is not earlier than 1320 on Friday as Group A arrives at 1320 and Group B arrives at 1450. On Saturday Group A arrives at 1315 and Group B arrives at 1030. You will be assigned to a specific Group if you have specific requirements at Gillispie. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONS

Cason – AF, Kevin., Ashburn, VA
Ercegovac-AW (Charles), Alida, Merrill, WI

REQUEST REMOVAL

Garrett – AW (Gene), Mary Ann, Elmhurst, IL
Lee, Varis W., Clifton, AZ

LOST SOULS

Antetomase, Mario P.	Lutherville, MD
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Beyer, John	Albuquerque, NM
Brooks, Loyce	Mexico, MO
Brown, Forrest D.	Shawnee, KS
Buchanan, Henry G.	Shreveport, LA
Butti – AW (Leonard), Mary	Oakland Gdns, NY
Cothran, Lawrence	Cook Station, MO
Dining, Leslie H.	Clearwater, FL
Ellison, Larry	Rimrock, AZ
Forbes, Henry	Alton, IL
Goldberg, Maxwell	Phoenix, AZ
Halloran, Robert P.	Victorville, CA
Halpin, Horace E	Carmel, IN
Hein, Emil M.	Colorado Springs, CO
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Mohrman, Charles W.	Fargo, ND
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Simpson, Bill	Seattle, WA

LAST POST

Bienkowski, Chester J	Ridley Park, PA
Brown, Forrest D.	Shawnee, KS
Cramer, Maurice B.	Corpus Christi, TX
Ercegovac, Charles J.	Merrill, WI
Fraser, Donald W.	Livingston, MT
Hansen, Helmer L.	Staten Island, NY
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Permman – AW (Glenn), Dorothy A	Lake Oswego, OR
Re, Vincent C.	Cincinnati, OH
Wagner, Charles R.	Tulsa, OK

VINCENT C. RE

Vince will long be remembered for his love of photography. He was the official photographer for the Second Air Division, the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio where he covered the Doolittle Group, and for the 467th Bombardment Group. Vince's pictures of the

members and events of the Second Air Division and the 467th Bombardment group have been most outstanding



and appropriate for the event he was covering. Although his coverage of these two groups did not start until after 1989, he made up for it by his detailed coverage. It was a common sight to see Vince with his two wheel dolly wheeling his equipment around the rooms. His station wagon was always well loaded as he and Carolyn moved out for the next destination. Vince had trouble with his legs and was very reluctant to fly as the car was easier on him. Carolyn was precious and always very supportive of his actions. Our last association with Vince was at the Northern Kentucky Convention in 2004. As usual he covered all the events. With the cancellation of the 2005 convention in New Orleans, Vince was considering the 2006 convention in San Diego where our group would be associated with the Collings Foundation B-24 painted in the color scheme of the 790th Bomb Squadron "Witchcraft". Vince missed his wife Carolyn very much and to many his responses were not the same as they were when she was here. Vince passed away on Thursday, 15 December 2005 at the age of 80. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, in 2003 and his son, Victor, in 1993. He is survived by his daughter, Marcy Schulte, Villa Hills, KY; and a son, Michael Re of Tampa, FL; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Vince.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF VINCENT RE

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FORREST DALE BROWN

Forrest passed away January 9, 2006, at Menorah Medical Center. Mass of Christian Burial was said at 10:00a.m., Friday, January 13, 2006 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Forrest was born on September 25, 1920, in Davies County, MO. He later moved with his family to Kansas City. He graduated from Northeast High School and Junior College in 1937 and 1938 and was a graduate of the University of Iowa. During his service with the 467th Bomb Group, Forrest was a Bombardier with 29 missions. Upon return to the states, he married Patricia M. LaBrot, of Stevens Point, WI, on July 11, 1945. He retired from Business Men's Assurance Company of America, where he worked for 43 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; brother, Leon Brown; daughter, Diane Marie; son, Lawrence Dale; and twin grandsons, Jeremy Lynn and Jamie Lee Barrett. He is survived by eight children, 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. The members, officers and directors of the 467th Bombardment Group (H) express our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Forrest Dale Brown.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

FRANK BEATTY

Another year has passed and as I look at the "to do" lists that didn't get done, I realized that I didn't send anything to help publish Poop from Group. Enclosed is a small check to help out - I enjoy reading each addition. Like everyone else, I'm 84, but in pretty good health. My wife, Betty, has a number of ailments, but we are still fortunate. We travel less and less because it is too much of a hassle. We wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

CONVENTION 2006

WARBIRDS WEST AIR MUSEUM

467TH bg (H) WWII B-24 VETERAN'S to be Honored at WWAM Dinner/Dance

Jim Ostrich writes

I received a call this week from Jay Shower (a Gillespie/Safari West Tenant, Bonanza Pilot and record holder I hear, as well as local San Diego Antiquer). His father was the 467th Bomb Group (Heavy) Commander from 1943 - until the war's end in 1945.

He told me that the Collings Foundation B-24, now painted as the 467th BG's most famous plane: Witchcraft (which achieved a record 130 combat missions in the ETO), was attending the Wings over Gillispie Airshow 21-23 April.

His dad's Bomb Group was planning their reunion here in San Diego, during the WOG

airshow and potentially could have dinner here at the WWAM Dinner/Dance party at the Air show, vs eating in a hotel in town. Absolutely!

Thanks to Jay, I contacted Ralph Davis, who flew the real Witchcraft in WWII, and discussed the details. He is expecting between 40 and 60 467th WWII veteran's and their families to attend. Half the Veteran's will be attending the WOG airshow, and we welcomed them to relax in the hangar during their stay, stay out of the sun, as necessary, and have lunch there.

Later the other half taking the harbour cruise during the morning, will join up at the WWAM hangar for airshow and refreshments. The morning half will then take the bus to the cruise ship for the afternoon harbour cruise and then will return to Gillispie and the WWAM hangar to join up with the group now at the hangar for Happy Hour, Dinner, Dancing, our Raffle Prizes, and hopefully we can put on a presentation of the history of the 467th for all attendees. I contacted the USAF Historical Center at Maxwell AFB and asked for any help they can offer. Still waiting for a call back! JOIN US at the WOG WWAM/ 467th Veteran's Dinner/Dance on 22 April, 2006.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We will plan to attend their Dinner/Dance as a part of our normal evening get-together. The cost will be covered as your evening meal. The drinks will be on you to purchase as I have not been able to come up with a drink plan. At the hotel cocktails, you will be furnished a drink ticket for the two dinners per person as usual.

One feature of this event is to represent a MASH type outfit and many will be in some sort of uniform. They said we could comply or not; however, a flight jacket, the red 467th jacket or even a 467th ball cap will do. According to Jay, they have a good time and they hope we will join in and have fun with them. I have set up a bus schedule so that those who want to return to the hotel at an earlier time, this is possible. A copy of the bus schedule will be in your handout package and make sure you know the times set forth.

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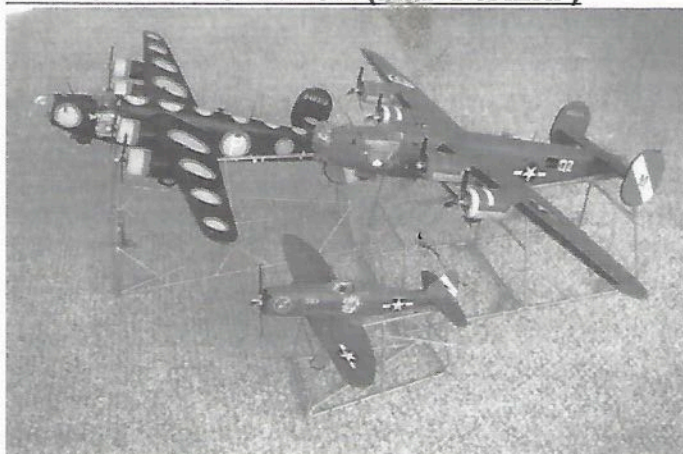
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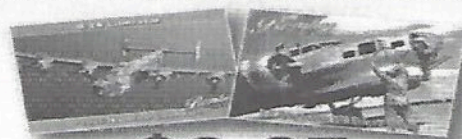


3 AIRCRAFT DONATION (BOB DeKERF)



Bob's brother-in-law built model aircraft of Pete The POM Inspector, Witchcraft and Little Pete 2 in 1:48 scale. They will be donate to the Group. Bob and his brother decided to donate Little Pete to Charlotte Shower as a memento as this was Colonel Shower's aircraft which he truly enjoyed flying.

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