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### FROM THE PREZ

It is with deep regret that I must advise the members of the passing of one of our Past Presidents. Geoffrey Gregory passed away on January 13, 2008. Geoff was a most active member for the 467th and the 2nd ADA where he served on two occasions as President. Geoff was a strong supporter of the Memorial Library and visited there on many occasions for joint American and English functions. I personally treasured his friendship and that of his lovely wife, Terry. One of Geoff's pet services was that of providing flags for the Marker. I have advised David Hastings that we will continue that effort and see that suitable flags are provided as needed. Geoff's dignified and impressive personal appearance will be missed at our functions and I hope Terry will be able to continue attendance in the future. We are experiencing so many members passing on or experiencing health problems, which has significantly

reduced our attendance at our annual convention. It is hoped that our younger associate members will take over and keep things going. If I have neglected to identify any passing member, please let me know and I will do that in the next newsletter.

### CONVENTION 2008

The following is the outline for the Convention in St. Louis from October 9 thru October 13. Breakfast is complimentary at the Hotel and so is the open bar each night. This was considered in the cost and allowed us to keep the Convention cost at our usual low rate.

**Thursday, Oct 9:** - Welcome Reception - 7:30-9:30 pm (meat/cheese/condiment trays with house salad and ice cream/sherbet)

### Friday, Oct 10:

10:00 – Depart Hotel for Arch

12:30 – Depart Arch for Cherokee Antique Row - six block area of antique shops – many categories (clothing

,radio and related items, furniture, woodwind instruments, tools) and several places to eat lunch on your own.

2:30 – Bus ride back to hotel for those who wish to go.

3:00 – Depart Cherokee Antique Row for free tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery – home of the famous Clydesdales!

4:30 – Depart Anheuser-Busch for hotel.

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**Friday Oct 10:**

Dinner at the hotel – 7:30- 9:30

meat/cheese/condiment trays with house salad and chicken sandwiches and burgers and ice cream/sherbet.

**Saturday, Oct 11:**

9:45 am - Depart hotel for The Lewis and Clark Lock and Dam Cruise. This is a five hour cruise aboard a paddlewheel boat that features a buffet lunch, entertainment by a Dixieland duo, passage through an actual Lock, and a Captain's narration. CASH BAR.

3:30 pm - Depart Riverboat for hotel

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**Saturday, Oct 11:**

Dinner/Dance – 7:00 – 11:00 – music provided by DJ "Bobby D" (our own Bob Davis)!

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm, a buffet consisting of Chicken Parmigianino and Roast Beef Au Jus with au gratin potatoes, carrots and brownies or cheesecake for dessert.

**Sunday, Oct 12:**

Meetings and/or free time.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm - Lunch at hotel unless you are out on your own.

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm - BANQUET:

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm will be either an 8 ounce Filet Mignon or

Chicken Florentine (boneless chicken breast stuffed with spinach, mozzarella cheese, grilled Portobello mushrooms and shallots & topped with tomato basil cream sauce with either Cheesecake with Strawberries or Chocolate Suicide Cake.

The free bar in the hotel is open from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Dinner both Thurs and Fri is at 7:30pm. As for Saturday and Sunday, the free bar closes at 7:00pm. That is when our bartender shows up in our banquet room. He will be there until 11 both nights. Dinner will be served at 8:00pm both nights.

**DIRECT COMMUNICATION**

I changed telephone service and the toll free number has not been started up as yet... It should be up within the next two weeks. 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 467<sup>th</sup>**

The 467<sup>th</sup> 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. When you e-mail Bob please use

his e-mail address that is in the mast head which is [whataboutbob@woh.rr.com](mailto:whataboutbob@woh.rr.com).

This item was not included in the last Poop because of space limitations, but here it is for your information.

**A Great Day for the 467th Bomb Group and Rackheath**

Monday October 1st 2007 was a great day for the 467th Bomb Group and the village of Rackheath when the restored Control Tower on the airfield was opened by Charlotte Shower. For nearly thirty years the village has tried to answer the original call made by Colonel Shower at a dinner in the Maids Head Hotel in Norwich when he said "Get my Tower restored". Luckily for us a well known local company, Tilia Properties Limited, who are part of the Aquafibre Group who have been based on the airfield since the very beginning of the Industrial Estate, bought the entire site and realising the history of the Control Tower have restored the building to its original wartime look on the outside, while converting the inside rooms to luxury office accommodation. Even the modern double-glazed windows have been produced to their wartime shape and the Watch Office has been built on the roof, with the balcony restored and strengthened. We can never thank Tilia Properties enough for all their hard work and the large amount of money that they have spent on restoring all the wartime details.

The day was fine and just before 12 Noon the guests assembled in a marquee just outside the Tower to be greeted by Martin Broom, the Chairman of the parent company, Aquafibre Limited. Then Nick Hovey, the Managing Director of Tilia Properties, took over and explained why they were so keen to restore the history of the building before he then handed over to Charlotte Shower to formally unveil the plaque and open the the Tower.

We were all deeply touched by her words as well as the fact that she had flown all the way from Los Angeles to be with us on this unique occasion in the history of the 467th and the airfield. Then Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, who was representing the Royal Air Force, gave a moving address describing how he had first met the Eighth Air Force as a youngster and then his vital part in the flight of "Diamond Lil" across the Atlantic in 1992. He was followed by Colonel Dwight Dorau of the USAF100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall, who are the only wing in the United States Air Force of today still allowed to carry their wartime tail colours on their KC135 tankers and he reminded us of how important are the links of friendship that were first started by the 2nd Air Division USAAF in the Forties. Finally it was the turn of a Trust Governor, David Hastings on behalf of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF in Norwich, the 467th Bomb Group Association in the USA and the village of Rackheath, to thank Tilia Properties for their outstanding restoration work, kindness and friendship. He also presented Jill Hollis-Graves of Tilia Properties with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of all her hard work since the project began and especially all her planning of the Opening Day.

The guests were then invited to tour the Tower and enjoy drinks and a buffet lunch in the old Watch Office on the first floor and it was a joy to hear the building echoing to happy voices and people remembering old times. The local Eastern Daily Press were there (great picture of Charlotte in the paper today) as was the BBC Television who filmed a whole range of interesting interviews. Among the guests were many supporters of the 467th including June Trafford, Air Vice Marshal John Howe and his wife Annabelle, Philip Basey who provided a Standard Bearer, Jim Campbell, Mr Bagshaw the original owner of the tower, Squadron Leader and Mrs Williams, Mr Metcalfe and his daughter, Roger Hastings, Steve Stavridis Chairman of the Rackheath Parish Council and David Teager of Broadland District Council to name but a few, as well as all the Tilia Properties Directors and team.

The 2nd Air Division Association 2001 Convention standards were on show and the Stars and Stripes proudly flew from the new mast and weather vane which incorporates a B.24 Liberator painted as "Witchcraft", another proof of the detail that has been built in by Tilia. Everyone was deeply impressed by the high standard of restoration including the Watch office on the roof and the impressive quality of the furnishings, doors and carpets on the inside. All the rooms had been labelled with their wartime function and many photographs were on display. In the end, everyone was sad to leave, but thanks to Tilia Properties and especially Jill Hollis-Graves it was a truly superb occasion that will always be remembered.

With the Control Tower, the Marker, the Private Miney Plaque, the original bronze plaque and seat under the village sign, the new Coffey Crew Gates at the Church and the many 467th road names including Albert Shower Road, Mahoney Green and Witchcraft Way, the 467th Bomb Group will never be forgotten.

### **Another wonderful occasion for the 467th BG and the village of Rackheath.**

Sunday January 27th 2008 will long be remembered in the Village as the dedication of the new Coffey Crew Gates was such a happy occasion. The sun shone from a blue sky, the Rackheath church was packed and it was a joy to see so many of the old friends of the 467th there as well as David and Pearl Neale, the Chairman of the Friends of the Memorial. We all felt very humbled that three of the Coffey family, Jim's son Mark and his wife Jean, together with Jim's daughter Carolyn, had flown over specially just for the weekend, to pay a tribute to the Coffey Crew and the 467th Bomb Group. We were also deeply touched by the two really beautiful plaques that had been sent by Andy DeBiasse and Albert Muller for the Church to tell the story of the gates and the crew. The idea of the Church Council to combine the dedication of the gates with a Confirmation and Communion Service was wonderful and we were privileged to have Bishop David, the Bishop of Thetford take the service. The Norfolk Military Vehicle Group also paid us a great honour by having three wartime jeeps and a US Staff Car parked in the front of the church which really added to the atmosphere of the occasion.

Our vicar, Richard Sutton welcomed everyone to the Church and we then enjoyed the very moving service, including prayers for Geoff

Gregory. Mark Coffey made a most inspiring tribute to the Crew and the 467th and then Andy DeBiasse had asked me to read out his message on the plaque which touched everyone deeply. On behalf of the Memorial Trust and the 467thBG

I also expressed our thanks to everyone involved, especially Len Wells our Church Warden and to those who had donated funds for the new gates. The two wonderful laminated plaques sent by Andy were displayed in front of the altar during the service being greatly admired and reminding us all once again, especially those of us who knew you in the war, of the bravery, sacrifice and friendship of the 467th Bomb Group. Our vicar then read out another very wonderful letter from your President, Ralph Davis.

Nearing the end of the service we moved outside to witness Bishop David dedicate the new gates in a most moving address. When it was all over the congregation enjoyed meeting the Coffey family and talking over a cup of tea and we all agreed what a superb morning it had been.

Then, thanks to Jill at Tilia Properties and the new tenant at the Tower, the Coffey family were driven by the Norfolk Military Vehicle Group in style to Witchcraft Way and the restored Control Tower. Will Minns, the Managing Director of the company now renting the tower, made them extremely welcome and they enjoyed a tour to see the superb restoration made by Tilia with the 467th memorabilia now proudly displayed in the reception area. We then toured the base looking at all your many markers, plaques and road names before coming back to our house for lunch with a chance for the Coffey family to meet David and Pearl Neale and learn about the vital role that "The Friends" play in the Memorial and all the old bases. We also enjoyed seeing the film of the original gates being unveiled by Jim Coffey and Colonel Shower over 21 years ago. The day ended with a tour of our Norfolk Broads (lakes) and then a great evening at the Rackheath Green Man.

On the previous day we had the great pleasure of taking the Coffey family to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, the City and then evensong in our Cathedral, before they had supper with all our family at Salhouse and then watched the superb Dzenowagis film "Roll of Honor".

We can never thank the Coffey family enough for flying all the way across the Atlantic to be with us and all the kindness we received from Andy DeBiasse, Albert Muller, Joan Coffey, Ralph Davis and the 467th Bomb Group Association. The new gates at the Church look really splendid and will be a constant reminder to everyone who visits Rackheath of the debt that we owe to you.

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.**

David Hastings

Trust Governor, 467th Base contact and Honorary Member.





**Bishop David dedicating the new Coffey Gates**

### **LETTER FROM PERRY WATTS**

**Dear Ralph, Committee Officers, Group Veterans, Family Members and Friends.**

Very little in the way of news has happened over here since the publication of the December edition of the 'Poop From The Group' Journal apart from the Dedication Ceremony of the new Coffey Crew Gates at the entrance to the Holy Trinity Church, Rackheath which unfortunately I was unable to attend but I am given to understand was very well attended and indeed went very well and probably a report on the Ceremony will appear elsewhere in this journal.

I am pleased to inform you that the wonderful painting of the B-24 'Witchcraft' by Mike Bailey that was initially destined for display in the restored Control Tower at Rackheath but due to unforeseen circumstances the decision was made at the last 467th Convention that the painting be shipped to The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum at Pooler and where it is now on display. But it is important to mention the very very kind generosity of Mr. Ben Banks who has paid all the costs relating to that painting to honor his Uncle the late Lt. George W. Read (who as the original pilot and with his crew flew 'Witchcraft' from the Wendover, Utah to Rackheath, England and went on to fly 26 of his 30 combat missions on that 'plane'). I am sure you all appreciate, as I most certainly do, that very kind gesture of Mr. Ben Banks. Good to know that the painting along with other artifacts will support and be seen by many and thereby the memory of the 467th Bombardment Group and all who served with the Group will be ongoing for many future decades.

During the latter part of March we are looking forward to our friends Tom Johnson ('Doc' Dean Johnson's son) and Andy Wilkinson visiting us and having a look around the Rackheath and Norwich area.

During the latter part of April or early May we will have the pleasure of a visit to the Rackheath area by Ray Betcher (one of the two surviving members of the late Joe Ramirez's 'Witchcraft' ground crew team) and also Norman Felbinger (pilot who served with the 788th

Squadron at Rackheath in 1944/45). Pleased that Ray will be accompanied by his daughter Janice and son-in-law Jim Bates and similarly Norman will be accompanied by his daughter Norma. It is planned that both Ray and Norman will jointly Honor the 467th Bombardment Group Veterans by presenting the more recent painting by Mike Bailey of 'Witchcraft' - another fantastic painting - and which will be on permanent display in the restored Control Tower at Rackheath. A very special thank you to all Veterans, their Family Members, Enthusiasts and Friends who kindly made a donation towards the cost of this fabulous piece of aviation art. I have been in contact with the local press with a view of a good coverage of this 'special ceremony'. Obviously it is intended a full report on that will appear in the August edition of 'The Poop' Journal.

I recently received a telephone call enquiring if I could help trace a former 467th Group family friend by the name of Tony (possibly) Louis Cruz - I was given to understand that he was a cook in one of the messes but the person who contacted me did not know which Squadron he served with. If anyone knows of him, please contact me. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the next 467th Group Convention at St. Louis.

**With best wishes to you all from Jill, James and Perry.**

### **MEMORIAL FUND**

There were 22 contributions to the mail fund this period which totaled \$1,041.00, approximately \$47.32 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated but for this period, once again it did not meet the cost of the newsletter publication. The 22 number is only 0.016 of the membership. If you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. Let's have some contributions from members other than the usual that contribute all the time. Any amount is deeply appreciated. We welcome your support. Contributors for this issue were as follows:

Alford, W. T.	Macintyre, Malcolm
Beatty, Frank	Rainwater, Ray
Bekertis, Stanley	Scott, William
Condry, Mary	Shower, Charlotte
Cox, Charles	Speiser, Marvin
Davis, Marvin Ralph	Spencer, Lowrey
Epting, Carl	Varkas, J. M.
Gore, Ed	Weyler, John
Holmes, Capers	Willis, Les
Kraft, Robert	Wilds, Gordon & John
Lemmen, Henry	Young, Brenda (Malone)

### **Cost of POOP 26-3**

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Mailer Fee	\$ 265.00
Secretary Fee	\$ 350.00
Foreign Mail	\$ 72.00
Return to Sender Fee	\$ 28.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,180.65</b>

**Convention Registration Form – ST LOUIS, MISSOURI – OCTOBER 9-12, 2008**

**467<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.**

(Complete this form and mail along with deposit to Bob Davis)  
(Please fill in all 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM NORTH:** I-55 S toward St Louis, take the KANSAS CITY/MEMORIAL DR exit onto **S MEMORIAL DR** toward #251B/ARCH-RIVERFRONT/CONVENTION CTR - go 0.5 mi, turn left on **MARKET ST** - go 0.2 mi. Turn Left on **S BROADWAY**. Turn Left on **WALNUT ST**. Turn Left on **S 4TH ST**. Arrive at 2 **S 4TH ST**, ST LOUIS, on the Right

**FROM SOUTH:** I-55 N toward St Louis. Take Left exit #209B/I-70 W onto **S MEMORIAL DR** toward #251C/DOWNTOWN/ARCH STADIUM/ARCH/STADIUM - go 0.5 mi. Turn Left on **MARKET ST** - go 0.2 mi. Turn Left on **S BROADWAY**. Turn Left on **WALNUT ST**. Turn Left on **S 4TH ST**. Arrive at 2 **S 4TH ST**, ST LOUIS, on the Right

**FROM EAST:** I-64 W to I-55 toward St. Louis. Take the KANSAS CITY/MEMORIAL DR exit onto **S MEMORIAL DR** toward #251B/ARCH-RIVERFRONT/CONVENTION CTR - go 0.5 mi. Turn Left on **MARKET ST** - go 0.2 mi. Turn Left on **S BROADWAY**. Turn Left on **WALNUT ST**. Turn Left on **S 4TH ST**. Arrive at 2 **S 4TH ST**, ST LOUIS, on the Right

**FROM WEST:** I-70E. Take exit #250B/MEMORIAL DR/DOWNTOWN/ARCH-RIVERFRONT/PINE ST onto **N MEMORIAL DR** - go 0.3 mi. Turn Right on **MARKET ST** - go 0.1 mi. Turn Left on **S BROADWAY**. Turn Left on **WALNUT ST**. Turn Left on **S 4TH ST**. Arrive at 2 **S 4TH ST**, ST LOUIS, on the Right

**AIR ARRIVALS:** TRANS-EXPRESS - Official Shuttle Service of St. Louis City. Service is available every 20 minutes between Lambert International Airport and every hotel in the downtown area. (Ours is the Drury Plaza Downtown).

**Airport to Hotel Transfers: 6:45 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. – no reservations required.**

**Rates: \$25 per person** (round trip – airport to hotel, then back to airport).

**Airport:** Depart the concourse and proceed to Baggage Claim area of the Main Terminal. Our Main Counter is located near exit MT-12. For Southwest Airlines we are located in the East Terminal lower level near Information booth. (For assistance proceed to any of the Hotel/Motel Reservation boards, pick up courtesy phone and dial 91)

**To Return to Airport from Hotel:** Return departure reservation will be required for all transfers between 5:45am – 10:00pm. (Return service every 20 minutes from downtown). To schedule, call at least 4 hours prior to your desired departure time. Remember, airlines recommend you arrive 2 hours before your flight. Call (314) 427-3311 and a customer service associate will schedule a departure reservation per your request.

**RV & Motorhome:** There is no RV parking 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 260.00  
Times Number of Persons ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit Due With Reservations, \$100.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance Due September 15, 2007, \$ 165.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by check or Money Order!

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities.

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

- ☐ Thursday Oct 9 - Welcome Reception 7:30-9:30PM
- ☐ Friday Oct 10 – 10:00 – Depart Hotel for Arch, Cherokee Antique Row and lunch on your own.  
2:30 – Bus ride back to hotel for those who wish to go.  
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Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm  
Dinner at 8:00 pm
- ☐ Sunday Oct 12 – Lunch at the Hotel (If you visit the local attractions you will not be at lunch) Selection will be meat/cheese/condiment trays with house salad and ice cream/sherbet.
- ☐ Sunday Oct 12 – 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm - Cash Bar  
8:00 pm – Dinner - Please select one of the following:  
☐ 8 ounce Filet Mignon - or –  
☐ Chicken Florentine (boneless chicken breast stuffed with spinach, mozzarella cheese, grilled Portobello mushrooms and shallots & topped with tomato basil cream sauce)  
Also, please select a dessert:  
☐ Cheesecake with strawberries - or -  
☐ Chocolate Suicide Cake

There will be a “Freebie” drawing for a one person convention package cost of \$ 260.00. The drawing will be open to all who pay in full by September 1, 2008.

**Make checks payable to: “467th Bombardment Group Convention 2008”.**

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

Bob Davis  
4908 Timberview Drive  
Dayton OH 45424  
(937) 239-8413  
(e-mail: [whataboutbob@woh.rr.com](mailto:whataboutbob@woh.rr.com))

## HOTEL REGISTRATION

Reservation phone number: 1-800-325-0720. Please specify the Drury Plaza Downtown, St. Louis, and identify yourself as a member of the 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group to receive the reduced rate. All rooms must be reserved by September 22, 2008 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. **After this deadline, the hotel will accept group reservations based on availability at the hotel's prevailing rate (\$135 + tax).**

Drury Plaza Hotel  
2 South Fourth Street  
St Louis MO 63102  
Phone: 314-231-3003  
Fax: 314-231-2952

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. The room rates will apply for three days before and after the convention. Public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Checkout time is 11:00 am. Guarantee with credit card to ensure reservation is not cancelled at 6:00 pm.

Room rates (single or double) are \$85 a night plus tax. Cancellation policy is 6:00 day of arrival. The \$85 plus tax room rate will apply for three days before and after the convention.

Parking at the hotel is \$10 per night. Tried to have this waived but the hotel rents the garage (downtown St Louis is quite congested) and has no control over the price. The lower price of the package will help to negate this charge, for those of you planning to drive.

This hotel is spotless and lovely – it was refurbished as the Drury Inn in 1999 in what was once the largest fur trading auction floor in the world, built in 1919. Amenities include microwaves & refrigerators, free long distance for one hour each night, ironing boards, hairdryers, indoor pool and whirlpool. High speed internet in every room.

**Free** hot breakfast in the lobby each morning from 6:00 – 9:30 am weekdays and 7:00 – 10:00 am weekends. Includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, hot & cold cereals, toast, pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, milk, etc. **Free** happy hour in the lobby each evening from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Includes hot snacks and three free drinks – soft drinks, beer, wine, liquor – including top shelf.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Currently, the balance is \$22,332.78 and there are no checks outstanding. The cost of the Witchcraft painting for the Control Tower will come out of this and once the new version book of Healy is in production, the \$2,700.00 will be replaced plus any additional revenue received. No funds will be required from the treasury to support the 2008 convention. The amount has a significant increase because Mr. Stephen W. Brown, son of Duane W. Brown, graciously presented us with the up front money for the new published Healy book and we will refund the money as sales are made.

### **POST EXCHANGE**

#### Current Membership Roster

(Alpha & Zip available) . . . . . \$3.00 ea, including shipping.

#### Addendum & Errata Book & Group Roster

Addendum & Errata Book: . . . . . \$5.00 including shipping

Group Roster: . . . . . \$7.00 including shipping

Both for . . . . . \$10.00 including shipping

GROUP WINDOW DECAL . . . . . \$3.00 ea + \$0.75 shipping

#### GROUP & SQUADRON PINS (Not many left)

Note: Call before ordering pins, not all available:

467<sup>th</sup> 789<sup>th</sup>

791<sup>st</sup> 788<sup>th</sup>

790<sup>th</sup> 470<sup>th</sup> Sub Depot (not available)

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

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All 5 pins set (less 470<sup>th</sup>), \$20.00 plus \$1.00 package and post  
Package and post is \$1.00 for five pins or less.

467<sup>th</sup> LAPEL PIN - 3/4 inch size

\$3.00 ea plus \$0.75 package and post for 6 or less

467<sup>th</sup> LIBERAMUS INSIGNIA BALL CAP (White)(available)

\$10.00 plus \$2.00 package and post

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### **ALAN HEALY'S BOOK ON THE 467TH**

The book is in publication and will be ready for distribution by the time you read this issue. You will be surprised at the quality of the print and pictures and many of you who were not in the first book will be happy to find your name now listed with the 467<sup>th</sup>. I was one of them. This issue is a complete write of all available data associated with the group. The cost is \$39.95 plus shipping and handling (\$2.81 for all US) for the soft cover and we expect the hard cover to be out in about 2 or 3 months. It is estimated that the hard cover will cost \$10.00 to \$15.00 more. The same picture cover will be on both books. To order this issue go on line at [www.467book.org](http://www.467book.org) and if you do not have internet or access through a library, make your check out to Vincent LaRussa and send it to:

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The 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group is deeply indebted to Stephen W. Brown, the son of Duane, who provided us with the up-front money necessary to have the book printed. We are also deeply indebted to the grandson, Colin LaRussa, of Vincent LaRussa for the tedious and time consuming completion of this rewrite and updated clarified pictures. His task exceeded many thousand hours. The members of the 467<sup>th</sup> will always be indebted to Colin for his dedicated effort.

### **GEOFFREY G. GREGORY**

Geoffrey G. Gregory of Garland, Texas was born August 24, 1923 in Rhode Island, and passed away January 13, 2008 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 84. He is survived by his loving wife, M Teresa Gregory; son, Ken Gregory and wife, Marta; grandsons, Christopher and Andrew Gregory; sister, Julia Gregory and many nieces and nephews. Graveside Services was held at DFW National Cemetery. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 6:00 p.m. Monday in Williams Memorial Chapel. Visitation followed afterwards until 8:00 p.m. at Williams Funeral Directors. Any wishing to honor Geoff may contribute to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Association Memorial Library by sending your contribution to Bill Nothstein4, 1339 Harwood Lane, Macedon, New York 14502. Geoff was a very dedicated member of the 467<sup>th</sup>, served as President and was always available for consultation or discussions. He was also extremely dedicated to the Memorial Library and through his efforts much of the existing Library stands today. His friendly large stature, sense of humor and deep greeting will be sincerely missed, but I'm sure that where he has gone he will get things organized and be waiting for the rest of us. God bless and accept this dear gentle friend of ours.

### **DR. LLOYD A. DAVIES**

Lloyd died peacefully on January 6, surrounded by his family. He would have been 88 the next day. We were able to sing Christmas carols to him, quote Scripture to him, the grandchildren kissed him and drew pictures for him. He recovered from bouts of pneumonia, starting on November 16, but did not the last time.

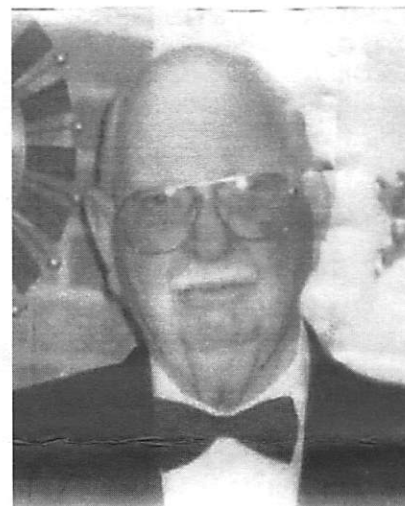
Lloyd shared many life/death experiences with some of you when you were overseas. Going to reunions with you all was a highlight of our lives. I am so glad he talked me into going to Colorado Springs in 1973, the first one we attended. We never got tired of hearing the war stories. God brought us through that war, victoriously.

It was a thrill to attend the reunion in Norwich in 1975 with our 3 teenage sons. They heard stories from Lloyd's

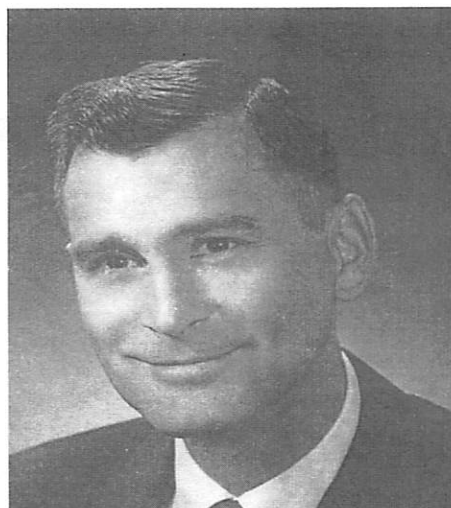
buddies, first hand, the stirring patriotic speech from Jimmy Stewart and our English brothers, and came back with a deeper understanding of what World war II was like. Our last conference was 2006, San Diego, and we had a great time. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into a conference.

Lloyd's services were very comforting and beautiful, because of his deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He lived his Christian life as easily and naturally as breathing. He encouraged me so much, and I miss him terribly, his love, his humor, his joy in simple pleasures, his wise counsel, his beautiful smile.

**Editor's Note:** A loving wife's expression could not be more positive than Rae's comments, especially her last sentence.



**GEOFFREY G. GREGORY**



**DR. LLOYD A. DAVIES**



## **ADDITIONS**

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## **LAST POST**

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## **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP**

I put the questionnaire in the last Poop requesting that our membership let me know where you would like to attend the 2009 Convention. The cities listed were San Francisco, Las Vegas, Savannah, or your write-in choice. Including my vote, I received 8 responses. It is 2 each for San Francisco and Las Vegas and 4 for Savannah. It is a very small sample, but that was a membership vote, so we will plan on Savannah, Georgia for 2009. A lot depends on how many we have responding to St. Louis for 2008

## **LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

### **GORDON WILDS**

Please accept enclosed dollars for Poop from Group mail fund. I hope you are well and everything is going O. K. for you. Best wishes and God Bless the 467<sup>th</sup>.

### **JOHN R. WEYLER**

First, let me join with so many others in thanking you for the many years you have dedicated to maintaining the 467<sup>th</sup> Group association. We greatly appreciate your fine work. I was a first pilot under Major Seiler in the 789<sup>th</sup> as element lead. Then Col. Shower had me transferred to the 791<sup>st</sup> for lead training. The European war ended before I actually led. I was ever after a real fan of the Colonel, a brave and great leader.

I have just finished reading the December 1, 2007 Poop and believe it appropriate to help all of you with some small contribution. Thank you for your attention and Happy New Year.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** John I haven't forgotten your order, I have had problems with Doris in Hospital and Nursing Home plus my own problems and I will get you order out to you in the near future. Thanks for your understanding.

### **BRENDA MALONE YOUNG**

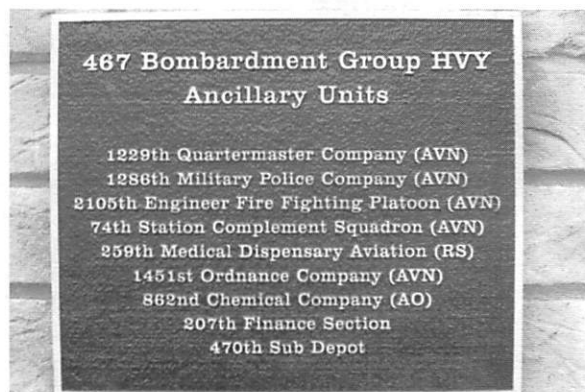
Thank you so much for continuing to send "Poop from Group" to me. My dad was M. L. "Bodie" Malone who passed away in 2004, and being a part of this association meant so much to him. My mother, Virgil Malone passed away this year (2007). It is nice to read about the activities and plans that you have. I am enclosing a check to help with the cost of mailing, etc..

### **LES WILLIS**

Well here we are again, another year has gone by and the start of another one. Lets hope that 2008 is an improvement over 2007 for all of us. I hope that you had, as far as possible, an enjoyable holiday period and wish you and yours a very happy New Year. My Christmas was very quiet this year, granddaughter came after me on the 25<sup>th</sup> and I spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening with her and her family. Don't recall if I mentioned it before, but she had her 3<sup>rd</sup> son on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 07, just 4 days after Betty (his wife) died. He is doing great I've seen Perry (Watts) a couple of times just lately and he contacts me by phone at least twice a week to keep me up to date with all the news. Please find enclosed a small contribution towards the cost of Poop from Group. About all for now, take care of yourselves, my thoughts are with all of you.

### **CONTACT ELECTRICAL (NORWICH) LTD**

Thank you for sending us the 467<sup>th</sup> BG Poop from Group which we found most interesting. Please find enclosed photographs showing the two new memorial plaques placed either side of the original one for Daniel Miney. We hope these reach you intact and are of some interest to you and Poop from Group. **Ed Note:** They are.



**One of the new Plaques**

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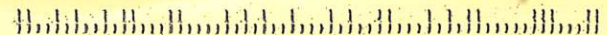


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The new plaques on either side of the original Plaque for Daniel Miney