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Newsletter of the 467th Bomb Group Association

February 2019



## ***The 467th Return to HARTFORD***

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### **“HOMECOMING”**

**SEVENTY-FOUR** years ago marked the end of the War in Europe and commencement to return personnel and equipment back to the U.S. in Operation “Home Run”. At Rackheath the 467th BG(H) readied 72 B-24s comprising of aircrews, passengers made up from senior staff and ground crews, destination Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. All 72 crews safely completed the journey during the summer months of June/July 1945 in a joyful homecoming. We commemorate their homecoming at the location they first set foot on home soil and remember those comrades who sadly never made the same return journey.

***“Homecoming 2019 467th & 492nd BG Convention”***  
**2-6 May, Hartford CT.**

**\*\*\* Full Details, Schedule, Hotel, Registration \*\*\***

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The 467th  
Bombardment Group  
The Rackheath Aggies



# President's Message

By Brian Mahoney  
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In the run-up to our joint-reunion in Hartford (with the 492nd) it would be hard to imagine much more excitement! Between the two groups, we are set to have at least 5 vets on hand, and still hope that number will go up. It bears repeating here and now: veterans will be our *guests*, only paying for their room, travel, and meals not included in 'the package.' We stand ready to pair vets with travel escorts and to help with travel and hotel bills if it will make the difference. The New England location will have us finally meeting many who we have only know in correspondence for many years.

Just over the horizon will be our 2020 return to Norwich, straddling VE-Day (plus 75 years!). Andy and I have enlisted the able help of James Watts, who does his late father, Perry, very proud. The enthusiasm and acumen he brings to welcoming 'invading Yanks' is both familiar and remarkable. You should experience it! Details forthcoming in Hartford and the next 'POOP.'

VP Peter Horn continues to amaze his Director colleagues with his initiative and creative ways of honoring and remembering our authentic Rackheath Aggies. We are on track to have a 467th memorial at the Wendover Museum in coming years, calling out men lost there at the 467th's last training assignment. We will soon announce a campaign in which we invite your participation. Peter's ongoing refinement of the new official group website ([467bg.com](http://467bg.com)) is a thing of practical beauty, and the historical information he presents has generated a steady stream of inquiries and one or two 'missing puzzle pieces' as well.

Your continuing support—in terms of contributions, suggestions and participation—is what keeps our efforts to preserve stories fresh and available to a wide audience, three-quarters of a century after the citizen-soldiers of the Greatest Generation secured freedom and a very long peace. Thank you, and 'see you in Hartford.'

Brian Mahoney  
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# News From Station 145

*From David Hastings MBE*

Not a vast amount to report this winter but the Marker is looking good after the Salhouse Scouts helped us with a good clean and have replaced the bark cover so the site looks very neat and tidy once more and ready for the visits in 2019 by several veterans and their families.

We enjoyed a great supper at the Maids Head with Joe and Joan Dzenowagis, Beverly and Doug Tomb, and our great 389th veteran Allan Hallett and his family. What a jolt it was to just yarn about not only the war years but also the very many happy times since then with the 2nd Air Division USAAF. We will never be able to thank our American friends enough for enriching our lives and for the Dzenowagis family for giving us all their great films so we can remember those times and our children can understand why the friendship is so unique. Once again this year we are being asked to show the films in the villages. We were also so pleased to be with them at the Memorial Trust AGM and also meet and welcome Oria Kennelly the new Trust Librarian.

On a personal note Jean and I are in the middle of cataract operations and the amazing improvement it brings and as a real sign of old age I have just received my "Blue Badge" disabled sticker!

Finally when we were up at the Marker this week it reminded us as always of the bravery and sacrifice of the 2nd Air Division USAAF which we must never forget.

With all our best wishes for 2019

Jean, David, and Roger Hastings (Base Contacts).

*2nd Air Division USAAF Veterans at RAF Coltishall, Norfolk - What memories!*





# Notes from the Editor



This issue brings you full details, schedule and Registration for our forthcoming 2019 Reunion which sees us visit the Northeast, a location the Association has not ventured in recent years yet is home to many 467th and family. We've adopted the theme "Homecoming 2019" to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the return of the aircrews and senior personnel from Europe and Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, (the present Hartford International Airport) was the destination of those long flights

originating from Rackheath, England. An invitation has been extended to our special friends from the 492nd BG to join with us and we look forward to having their company once more. As ever, we warmly welcome our esteemed veterans whom we celebrate and are blessed by their presence each passing year. The Board are delighted to announce that attending veterans will not pay the Registration fee, we are so honored you can be with us. Do make every effort to come and join the fun and experience the unique camaraderie in what promises to be another memorable occasion. See you all in Hartford this May!

**TREASURY NOTES:** Our Treasurer, **Valerie Corvino**, reports the Association has a total operating balance of **\$8,002** as of 20 January 2019. The cost of producing printed issues of POOP for the November 2018 issue was **\$620** and remains the major regular financial outlay for the Association. Other major disbursements since the last issue was a deposit for the Marriott Hotel in Hartford, and a sum of **\$739** for a Director's purchase of Challenge Coins for the 2018 Tucson Reunion. We continue to look for ways to reduce costs and urge members to take the free digital "ePOOP" or pdf file version sent via email if they can. Contact **Brian Mahoney** if you can make the change. Incidentally our long term printer/ mailer of POOP has recently gone out of business so we are hoping a suitable alternative can be found to publish our newsletter at an equally competitive rate and continue to do so in the years ahead.

**EMAIL AND ADDRESS CHANGES:** Remember to report email or address changes to our President, Brian Mahoney, who handles all membership details including notifications of "Folded Wings" and obituaries. This is the sure way to continue to promptly receive the "POOP from Group" Newsletter.

**EMAIL FROM KENT KANNENBERG:** The day has finally arrived! I always enjoy finding my copy of Poop From Group in my mailbox, and today was no different. Except it was. I always scan the entire newsletter for some mention of my father, **Capt. Loren F. Kannenberg**, prior to reading each and every article. My father, who died in 2001, would never talk about his experiences in the war except for a few mentions of Rackheath, England. I was very interested, but he would not relent. Thus my pleasure in perusing Poop.

Upon reading the wonderful letter "Happy Days at Coldham Hall" and seeing the signatures at the end of the story, I thought, wouldn't that be kool if I found Dad's name there. His signature leapt off the page, and my heart skipped a beat. That is the reason you all do what you do to keep the memories alive.

Thank you so much for all of your collective efforts. It is greatly appreciated!

P.S. My wife and I live on Cape Cod, but are currently spending the next few years traveling around this beautiful country of ours in our new Airstream Flying Cloud. I was so happy to see that the annual Reunion has finally come to the Northeast. I am in hopes of being somewhere near Hartford in early May so that I may attend, and thank you all personally.

P.P.S. How might I go about finding out more of my father's exploits during his time at Rackheath? He left there a Major. That's about all I know. At his funeral in Maine, an Army honor guard unit drove from Upstate New York to honor his service. The commander, upon seeing all of his medals (that I found in his drawer) displayed, was astonished. "Do you have any idea what your dad did to earn all of these? He earned everything but The Congressional Medal of Honor!" Sadly, I had to answer in the negative. I'd like to change that.

Sincerely, Kent Kannenberg.

*(Our records has Capt. Kannenberg attached to the 467th BG HQ Detachment in a document dated 31st Aug 44 with the*

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# Notes from the Editor *Cont.*

*role of Assistant Adjutant to Major George W. Darnell the Station Adjutant. It appears he remained in this role until March 1945 when he becomes Executive Officer of the 788th Bomb Squadron, at the same rank as Captain alongside Major John J. Taylor who was the Commanding Officer of the 788th Squadron. He returned to the U.S. on the Queen Mary departing 6 July 45, arriving New York 11 July 1945. - Editor)*

**PETER HORNE:** Our VP, Archivist, Web Site Admin, and indispensable all-round guy, highlighted an interesting “find” among the personnel records that will eventually be uploaded to the newly designed and comprehensively revised official site at [www.467bg.com](http://www.467bg.com).

## Richard Fröhlichsten

ASN - 37414070 (Army Serial No.)  
 DOB - 19 Sep 23 (Date of Birth)  
 Enlisted - 25 Jan 43  
 788th BS (Squadron)  
 Corporal  
 MOS E-0747 - Airplane and Engine Mechanic  
 (Role/job description in the AAF)

## Robert Fröhlichsten

ASN - 37414030 (Army Serial No.)  
 DOB - 19 Sep 23 (Date of Birth)  
 Enlisted - 25 Jan 43  
 788th BS (Squadron)  
 Corporal  
 MOS E-0747 - Airplane and Engine Mechanic  
 (Role/job description in the AAF)

**TWINS!!** Same unit. Same rank. Same MOS. The mind “boggles” at the mischief they might have gotten into.....

**WENDOVER AIRFIELD MUSEUM PROJECT:** It has been some time since the 467th BG Association has initiated efforts to establish a memorial to honor the men that served with the Group. We are excited to announce we have recently been in discussions with the Historic Wendover Airfield Museum regarding how best to commemorate and honor the 467 Bombardment Group (H)’s connection with the former Army Air Base at Wendover, Utah.

The 467th BG(H) was formed, and did their group training, at Wendover AAB. The airfield and many of the original buildings still exist today. There is an extensive effort to bring many of these significant buildings into their former condition. The control tower and building have been the main museum at the airfield for many years. Recently, an expanded museum and banquet facility have been opened in the restored Base Officers Club building.



*One of the restored Wendover Base Buildings*

It is in the newly restored Base Officers Club building that our efforts have been focused. We have already created a presentation remembering “The Forgotten Crew of Wendover” (Article published in June 2015 POOP) and it is now being displayed at a kiosk inside the Museum. Presentation can be viewed on the 467th BG website - <http://www.467bg-research.com/test/memWendover.php>. In addition, a multi-board display is being created for prominent display in the Banquet Room. The focus of the display will be recognizing the 467th BG’s outstanding accomplishments, highlighting the Group’s training phases at Wendover, honoring the 467th’s Commanding Officer - Col. Albert J. Shower, and recording those of the Group who sadly lost their lives while here.

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Most excitedly, the Association is planning on donating a 1/16th scale model of a B-24H to the Museum. This endeavor will be following in the footsteps of some of our previous efforts now hanging at the Museum of the Mighty Eighth in Savannah and the 2nd Air Division Library in Norwich. The model will hang inside the Service Club and will be one of the main attractions at the museum. We are currently interviewing potential firms to design and build the model.

We are very excited to see these ideas come to fruition, and feel privileged to have the opportunity to honor the men from our Group that were formed and trained at Wendover.

*(Thanks to **Peter Horne** for taking the lead in this very worthwhile project and providing this update for the POOP. We hope to bring you more details and information after further discussion and negotiation with interested parties, also how you might wish to donate to support the project. The Association may seriously consider holding a future Reunion in nearby Salt Lake City. - Editor)*



*Pictured left is the restored Service Club at Wendover, the likely destination of the Group sponsored B24 Model while the Banquet facility on the right offers space for telling the 467th story in a series of exciting displays and exhibits.*

*Please continue to send news, articles, and 467th BG related material to share in "POOP from Group"*

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## Obituary

Bob was born to Robert Stewart Fudge and Iris Beatrice Johnson Fudge in Atlantic, Iowa on September 24, 1924. At the age of six the family moved to Houston, Texas. In 1941, as a freshman in college at NTSU, he joined the military branch of the Army Air Corps and was active in the European theater throughout World War II as a bombardier. Upon returning to Texas in 1945 he completed his college degree with a double major in Physics and Chemistry. Upon graduation his career began with Texaco Oil in Dallas and later transitioned into the field of education, instructing in various school districts of McKinney, Garland and Dallas.

Bob loved square dancing, designing jewelry and "piddling" on the farm. When his first granddaughter was born he happily served a new role - Papa. He will always be in our hearts.



Bob Fudge was radio-operator in the 790th Sq. Carl Epting Crew, arriving at Rackheath as a replacement crew and flying a tour of combat from August 1944 until February 45. Several of those missions were aboard the famed "Witchcraft" B24. Despite numerous "scares" the crew survived hostilities to return safely to the U.S. in early summer 45.

## Folded Wings

**Robert S. FUDGE** - Aircrew 790th November 2018

*Please send news of "Folded Wings" also Obituaries to 467th BG veterans or prominent Associates where we will be honored to record names in the newsletter. Details to - Brian Mahoney*

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# OBITUARIES

## Gordon Fisk

Gordon Fisk passed away peacefully at home with family members on Nov. 28 at the age of 95. He was the husband of Doris Fisk (nee Gobeille). They shared 67 years of marriage together.

Gordon was born in 1922 to Raymond H. Fisk and Lillian Fisk (nee Moore) of Huntington. He was a graduate of Huntington High School. He enlisted in the Army (Air Corps) immediately after graduation and was one of the first troops to be stationed at Westover Air Base. He shipped out to the European Theater in 1942 aboard the Queen Mary. Orders came for his selection into the Officers Training while traveling to Europe. He was assigned to 467th Bombardment Group at Royal Air Force in Rackheath, England. He received Meritorious Achievement Award while in the service and was discharged in 1945 arriving back in New York City on V-J day.

Gordon was an active participant in the community after the war. He founded Fisk Motor Sales in Huntington, with his brother Raymond, in 1946. Competition was great for the Chevrolet Dealership. There was only one new car available in the state and he had to go to Boston to pick the car up for the new Dealership. Gordon served 27 years on the Huntington Fire Department and when he became Fire Chief, he was the catalyst for modernizing the department. The Fire Department Services included installing red emergency phones at his place of work and at home for himself and other officer members for dispatching fire and ambulance services 24 hours a day, a service that is now provided by



dialing 911 today. He was a Member of the Huntington Finance Committee, Director of the Chester Cooperative Bank, and Charter Member of Huntington Lions Club and American Legion Post 233 and Member of the Highland Grange 48.

Gordon is preceded in death by his Parents and six siblings, Raymond, Robert, Edna, William, Elaine and Stuart.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Doris; six children, David, Ronald, Susan, Steve, Tim and Mary; three siblings Wayne, Bradford and Linwood; and 13 grandchildren, Katie, Jeremy, Kristin, Amanda, Kim, Sarah, Jake, Tom, Jim, Eric, Kyle, Brent and Dana; and nine great grandchildren. His family remember him as a creative, master mechanic with an ability to fix anything, always with a project in the basement or at the garage. He loved his projects and the challenge to come up with a practical answer.

Calling hours are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at the O'Brien Hilltown Funeral Home, 27 Russell Street, Huntington. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Gordon's life. A private burial will be schedule for a later date for immediate family members.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Huntington Fire Department, Huntington Town Hall, 24 Russell Road, P.O. Box 430 Huntington, MA 01050. The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff at Baystate Noble Hospice and Caring Solutions for their dedication to provide the best in home care for their father, Gordon, in his final days.

Sgt. Gordon Fisk arrived in England as early as Dec. 42 serving at Horsham St. Faith and Shipdham before arriving at Rackheath in Dec. 43 and readying the base for both aircraft and personnel to arrive. Received a "Meritorious Achievement" signed by Brig. Gen. Walter Peck (96 CBW) and Col. Shower. One of a small cadre to remain on base for purpose of returning the Lend-Lease property to the British. Transferred to 668th Air Material Squadron Hq, 486th BG APO 559 at Sudbury for return to the USA. Arrived New York early August 45 and later the same month discharged at Fort Devens, MA. This completed 2 years 8 months Foreign Service, and 2 years 5 months Continental U.S. Service.



*Sgt. Gordon Fisk pictured center, kneeling, with the Rackheath QM Section shooting team. Behind him is C.O. Capt Al Touchette.*



## This Witchcraft is No Jinx

By Andy Watts

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Out of the shadow of the Liberator Witchcraft which they crewed to an 8th Air Force heavy bomber maintenance record—117 consecutive missions without a turnback for mechanical reasons—came M/Sgt. Jose R. Ramirez, ground-crew chief from Los Angeles, and his four crewmen, to take the spotlight at a London press conference recently for newsmen to interview a few of the war's many unsung heroes—the GIs who keep 'em flying.

One of the original planes of the 467th Bomb Group, Witchcraft has logged 735 combat hours in 11 months, carrying 35 complete separate crews and unloading 290 tons of bombs on enemy targets, while its ground crew made 17 engine changes and replaced battered tail sections four times.

Although the bomber has been riddled with more than 300 flak holes, none of the airmen has been killed or injured.

A heterogeneous group, the five crewmen represent five nationalities. Ramirez is of Mexican stock and the assistant crew chief, S/Sgt. George Y. Dong, of Coronado, Cal., is of Chinese descent.

Sgt. Raymond A. Betcher, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Cpl. Joseph J.

Vetter, of Merrick, N.Y., are of Dutch and German parentage, respectively, while Cpl. Walter L. Elliott, of St. Louis, claims only American ancestry.

During the interview, Ramirez spoke



M/Sgt. José R. Ramirez

Spanish fluently with a Madrid journalist, and Dong chatted easily in Mandarin with a Chinese writer. Twice a recipient of the Bronze Star, Ramirez has also been commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF commander.





# Rackheath Community Wood Heritage Project Part 2.

By Ivan A. Barnard

The Revd Darleen Platin has offered her support and encouragement bearing in mind that Rackheath Holy Trinity church has a long and established friendship with the 467<sup>th</sup> BG Association. Darleen tells me of her plans to update and refurbish the 467<sup>th</sup> Memorial Room in the church. In a storeroom we found a scale model of the Rackheath Control Tower, it needs some minor restoration and in due course will be displayed within the Memorial Room.

In the 467<sup>th</sup> Memorial Room at Rackheath church you will find these words.

*“Pause stranger as you pass this hallowed spot. Let your gaze ponder now on this historic ground. For it was here in the years of 1944 and 1945 served brave men who came to Rackheath from far of America and with honour did their duty. With courage and a smile they lifted off from the runways of Rackheath and flew towards the common enemy of that time carrying their deadly cargoes, but with a conviction that what they did was right.*

*Those gallant crews of the heavy bombers who flew towards the guns of the enemy knew not their destiny on those fateful mornings when war's rude thunder sent the loaded air, and many fine men were never to return to the green fields of Rackheath or to their homeland. So now dear reader, bow your head in humility and thanks whilst you quietly reflect on*

*times which have passed on and momentous events which have occurred, altering the course of world history in which comrades and opponents fell.*

*And for always remember the boys of the American 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division – they sleep now – who for near this old church took off on their last mission for our freedom and their everlasting glory. Their names – like yours – may one day be forgotten, no matter. They have gone to life eternal, which awaits the brave, and many men's hands welcomed them into paradise. They were men with splendid hearts.”*



Found in the Trinity Church Store-room, model of the Rackheath Control Tower

I ended Part 1, by stating, “we learn from the past to inform the present and inspire the future”. I also said that I would tell something of the various voluntary groups who are supporting me. Therefore this time I will tell you of just two of the groups involved with more to follow later.

## Holy Trinity Church, Rackheath.



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Also found was a cardboard box containing many photographs, documents and copy correspondence all relating to the 467<sup>th</sup> BG. I have myself undertaken the task of cataloging the contents into presentation binders so that they also can be displayed in the Memorial Room with a further copy on display in the 467<sup>th</sup> BG Rackheath Room at the New Farm Aviation Heritage Group Museum.

Talking to a member of the congregation who tells me that she was a child at Rackheath during the war. She well remembers just post war attending what was then known as The Mission Church, that was a Nissan hut located at Site 6. Remarkably she has kept this photograph of it, which is thought to date from the early 1950s. We are currently researching its precise location and any other relevant information about it.



*The temporary Mission Church utilising a former building remaining on Site#6 of Station 145 and thought to have been photographed in the early 1950's*



*"The Sword and Chain" Officers Club, host of a Christmas party for local children in 1944*

In conversation with a cousin of my late wife, He recalls vivid memories of attending with other Rackheath children the 1944 Christmas party in the Officers Club. It was quite an experience actually finding the concrete path to the Club, with someone who had first walked along it in 1944.

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## New Farm Aviation Heritage Group

The Aims and Objectives of the Group are to investigate and preserve the aviation heritage of Norfolk and other areas that may be of interest or linked to any existing investigations of the Group, and where possible to place on display any articles recovered or aquired, or recovered from individuals or bodies, either at the Group's original museum site at "New Farm Products" at Frettenham, or any other place that may be agreed upon by the Group members.

An entire section of the Museum has been dedicated to the 467<sup>th</sup> BG and already contains hundreds of items and artifacts the majority of which have been directly recovered from Rackheath airfield. For anyone interested in the 467<sup>th</sup> BG then this has to be the place to visit.

Detective work has enable me to trace the gentleman who so expertly researched and made the scale model of Site 6 as shown in the photograph in the November edition of this newsletter. Miraculously the model has survived intact, and with sincere gratitude the model is being presented to the Museum after it has undergone some refurbishment.

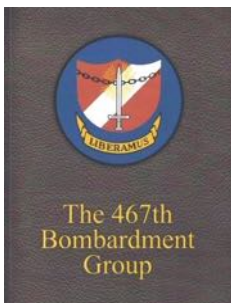
A few weeks before Christmas I had the privilege of meeting once again someone who really needs no introduction to you. His knowledge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division USAAF here in Norfolk England, is unique and quite extraordinary. The word Friendship is the paramount word that has been expressed time and time again when researching, remembering and indeed talking about the 467<sup>th</sup> BG. No one has expressed it better than David Hastings when he states, "*They came as friends, they stayed as friends and they remain as friends*".

May I wish you all A Happy New Year.

I can be contacted by Email: [ivanbarnard999@btinternet.com](mailto:ivanbarnard999@btinternet.com)



*Members of the New Farm Aviation Heritage Group recover an Oxygen Bottle originally from a B24 while on a recent dig on the former Rackheath Airfield.*



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for the

*467th & 492nd Bomb Group Reunion  
at the*

*Hartford/Windsor Marriott Airport Hotel  
Hartford, CT*



## Tour 1:

### *The New England Air Museum*

Located at The Bradley/Windsor Locks Hartford Int. Airport which was the destination of the B24s returning home from England.  
Learn more: [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org)



## Tour 2:

### *The Pratt & Whitney Hangar/Museum*

Manufacturer of the B24 engines.



## In addition:

The famous Day Room giving you the opportunity to peruse books, archive records, photos, videos and memorabilia.

Plenty of downtime to explore this beautiful part of New England!



**We look forward  
to seeing you!**

*Design concept Kelli Coolidge*



**Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch**

Book hotel at:  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

Destination:  
Hartford/Windsor Marriott Airport



## **"Homecoming 2019 467th & 492nd BG Convention" 2-6 May, Hartford CT.**



*Photo: Connecticut State Library,  
State Archive*

### ***Everyone welcome!***

A warm welcome awaits everyone in Hartford as the 467th join with our friends of the 492nd commemorating the anniversary of the safe homecoming of the 72 crews and passengers, never forgetting those brave comrades so sadly left behind. A great program of activities, visits and opportunity to spend special time with our esteemed veterans, join together and have fun. See you all in MAY!

#### **Hotel reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 18, 2019**

*Register early so we have enough rooms. You can cancel up to 24 hours before your arrival day at no charge.*  
Single-Double rate \$139 per night (+ 15% State Hotel Tax Rate)

#### **HARTFORD/WINDSOR MARRIOTT AIRPORT Hotel**

28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095

**Call:** 860-688-7500 & request the 467th Bombardment Group Assoc. special rate. **Make direct reservation on-line at the special Reunion rate here:** [467th Bomb Group Hartford Reunion](#)

#### **Hotel notes - [Hotel Website](#)**

- Group rate includes complimentary Breakfast for up to two guests per room, complimentary Wi-Fi, complimentary Airport shuttle and Parking.
- Reunion room-rate available 2 days before/after. Why not extend your stay - limited availability.
- Hotel check-in 3pm. Check-out 12am.
- All the usual top amenities, coffee-bar, restaurant, bar, fitness center, indoor pool.

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HARTFORD, Bradley Field, International Airport just 5 miles away and served my most major airlines. [Airport Website](#) Complimentary hotel shuttle available. Call from airport for pick-up. Phone board in baggage claim.

**Meals and the Day Room** Buffet style breakfast at the hotel is included. We will have our traditional Day Room displaying memorabilia, records, photos and much more. A great place to meet and relax in comfortable surroundings with complimentary snacks and drinks. Open until late evening each day. Our Formal Dinner/Banquet will be held on Sunday Evening (5th), allowing time the other nights to explore locally on your own or with friends at our recommended dining options. Additional information on the nearest restaurant choices and other options will be provided in your welcome packets.

**Local Area** Hotel shuttle available for local journeys including downtown nearby Windsor where numerous dining options available. Also our own private cars allows groups flexibility to explore further. Hartford has a free shuttle around the city center Mon - Fri [DASH](#).

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 Arrivals:** Day Room open from 12:00, once checked-in proceed to Day Room to collect Welcome/Information packets and meet & greet with friends once more. Happy Hour Hotel restaurant/bar from 4-6pm and 6-8pm optional casual dinner at the hotel restaurant Reverend's Bar & Kitchen. Day Room open until late.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 Pratt & Whitney Hangar/Museum tour:** After breakfast (approx 0930) depart coach to East Hartford to visit the Pratt & Whitney Hangar/Museum. Guided tour of the facility, remembering P&W provided the engines for the B24s of the 467th and 492nd. Lunch on your own. The afternoon offers free time to explore nearby Hartford City Centre, or your choice of location to visit, or return to the Hotel. 6-8pm optional Dinner at Bears Smokehouse BBQ via the Hotel Shuttle at nearby South Windsor. <https://www.bearsbbq.com/>

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 New England Air Museum visit:** Following breakfast optional trip depart coach to the New England Air Museum located at Bradley Field, Airport. Highly renowned facility with over 100 different aircraft types from early flying machines to supersonic jets including a number from WWII era. The collection is housed in three hangars with numerous exhibits outside. A wide collection of exhibits and displays includes the Memorial collection of three WWII bomb groups and a fighter group. We have a guided tour including lunch provided along with transportation in the cost. [New England Air Museum](#). Return to Hotel afternoon with further free time to explore or socialize in the Day Room. On your own for evening dinner or group dining at venue to be decided.

**PRICE: \$40 PER PERSON Including coach transfer, lunch, tour guide for the group.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 Directors/Business Meetings and Banquet:** After Breakfast Group Directors will hold a meeting followed by the Group Members Meeting open to all to discuss the Board's recommendations and future plans. Lunch on your own. Free time during the afternoon and the Day Room open and possibility of an answer/question session with our veterans. 5pm -6pm Banquet room cash bar. 6:15pm Presentation of colors/Memorial service. Evening Banquet. Keynote presentation, Michael Moeller of Pratt & Whitney Public Affairs. Silent Auction and final night of Day Room.....open late.

**MONDAY, MAY 6:** Departing breakfast....."Until we meet again!"

**Banquet choices:** Buffet Dinner - Starters, Fresh Garden Salad, New England Clam Chowder. Entrees, Grilled Chicken with Apples & Cranberries, Grilled Flank Steak & Mushroom Sauce. + Vegetarian option. Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetable Medley. Dessert, NY Style Cheesecake, Brownies & Blondies. Buffet includes Dinner Rolls with Butter, Starbuck's Coffee and TAZO Teas.

**Silent Auction:** Please bring along items for the Silent Auction, a great way of raising extra funds.

**Contacts:** Two of the Reunion 2019 Planning Committee can hopefully answer any further questions:  
467th BG Pres. Brian Mahoney (202) 232-1423  
492nd BG Liaison Pat Scott (805) 687-5478

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# **467th & 492nd BG Convention HARTFORD, CT. 2-6 May 2019**

**Registration Form and Check, send to Valerie Corvino by 5 April**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Per Person</i>	<i># of People</i>	<i>Sub Total</i>
<b>Registration - covers all common activity fees, Hospitality Suite, snacks, Pratt &amp; Whitney tour, gratuities, etc. (Group Veterans - No Reg. Fee)</b>	<b>\$200</b>		
<b>New England Air Museum - am Saturday May 4</b>	<b>\$40</b>		
<b>Formal Buffet Banquet - Sunday May 5</b>			
<b>CHICKEN</b>	<b>\$48</b>		
<b>BEEF</b>	<b>\$48</b>		
<b>VEGETARIAN OPTION</b>	<b>\$48</b>		
<b>Total Remittance \$ .....</b>			

## **Special Needs**

**My party will require (this many) \_\_\_\_\_ wheelchairs**

**Any other special need we can assist with \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Badge Information Name</b>	<b>Veteran Add (V)</b>	<b>Bomb Group</b>

**Please attach sheet if needed for larger party.**

**CHECKS PAYABLE to 467th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION**

**Your Address:**

**Your Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Remittance Check payable to 467th Bomb Group Association and mail to:**

**Valerie Corvino 242 Molly Drive, McMurray, PA. 15317 NO LATER THAN **5 APRIL****

**Phone 724-941-8973 (Please leave message for response) Email [valerie654@verizon.net](mailto:valerie654@verizon.net)**

**Approximate time you plan to arrive in HARTFORD \_\_\_\_\_**

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242 MOLLY DRIVE  
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### **REMINDERS:**

**Return registration with checks BEFORE 5 April  
Register with HOTEL by 18 April**