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Newsletter of the 467th Bomb Group Association

February 2020

One Last Look



JUST THREE MORE MONTHS before we meet for a very special gathering back where it all happened during those dark days of 1944/45. We are delighted after ten years to make a welcome return to Norwich, England, including a full day out at the former home and base of the 467th Bombardment Group, Rackheath. A wonderful opportunity to meet with the villagers and explore what remains of the former airfield and accommodation areas culminating in a Banquet with special friends commemorating the 75th anniversary VE-Day. All the more poignant as the airfield site and present landscape will alter radically in the next few years following approval for extensive housing and light industrial development. For many, this is your chance to take advantage for **ONE LAST LOOK**. This issue contains full details, schedule, and Registration for “**RETURN to NORWICH 2020**”. Be part of this journey to the past and begin making arrangements for a unique experience you will not want to miss.

WENDOVER MEMORIAL

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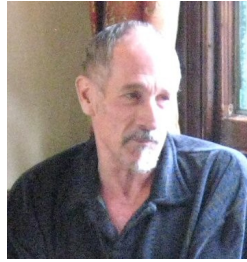
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**The 467th
Bombardment Group
The Rackheath Aggies**



President's Message

By Brian Mahoney
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Between planning for our trip to Norwich in May, and the campaign to put a very special memorial at Wendover Army Air Field in Utah, two committees have been very busy, but both efforts are moving well enough to grab a cup of coffee and assess 'where we are.' The consensus of your directors is that The Association is strong and healthy enough to fulfil its mission in meaningful ways, while the sense of accomplishment keeps us looking for tomorrow's next way to honor and remember the 467th BG (H) of WWII.

We slightly scaled back the size of the 'scratch-built' B-24, lowering the cost, so that our goal is now 70% achieved. Artist-builder Guillermo will soon lay down the keel for a 1:20 scale H model that is to be richly detailed as "Witchcraft" on the pilot's side, and will be seen from co-pilot's side as "Scrapper". If you have not already donated in memory of a deceased person or group of persons, or in honor of a living one, you still have the opportunity. If you know of people whose vet served on the same crew or staff or technical team or ground crew as 'your veteran,' please think in terms of 'group gifts.' We already have a few such gifts and will be contacting many of you, reminding you of ways you are historically connected to others, and hope you will come up with others.

Donations exceeding \$5000 will be called out in detail at the 'Albert J. Shower Level' on a special wall plaque nearby. Gifts from \$1000 to \$4,999—the 'Witchcraft Level'—and 'Pilot Level' contributions (\$500-\$999) will be listed on the plaque with less detail, and *all* donors and their honorees will be recorded in a nearby book which will present information on 467th BG men killed in line of duty during training or on the way from Wendover, to Rackheath.

Even if you are not writing your check (or using PayPal) today, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible with a pledge, to be made good between now and the last day of 2020. Some of us have set up regular installment payments; you can too.

Return to Norwich 2020: your reunion committee is setting up short walks or rides in WW II jeeps for deeper explorations into remnants of housing and airfield sites and locations of specific hardstands. We hope to gain entrance to Sir Edward Stracey's Rackheath Hall and pass through the now-restored 'Golden Gates' that led to exceptional temporary home of the 467th BG.

Whether you have previously visited USAAF Station #145, or only dreamed of walking the ground where your veteran lived and worked, this is likely *the last time* you will be able to see the substantial airfield area from the refurbished tower. As soon as this fall, we anticipate ground-breaking for a housing development which will obliterate this iconic view *for all time*. Be there!



News From Station 145

From David Hastings MBE

I am afraid that this will be a short news from Station 145 as very little has happened this winter except the usual tidying up of the Marker. We attended the Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF in November and learnt about all the future developments in the Memorial library. Jean and I then had a very quiet Christmas and New Year as old age has now caught up with us but we enjoyed being with all our family.

Thanks to Jackie Rose and the Salhouse Scouts the Marker is tidy but we will shortly have to complete the annual trim of the rear hedge. Roger has replaced a flag hoist and Jean has made a temporary repair on one of the flags as it seems a waste to hoist new ones at this time of year.

Your visit back to Rackheath in May is eagerly awaited by many in the village and God willing we may be able to see you. On the Housing estate side there is still no news of the proposed 4,500 new houses so we still enjoy the view of the old airfield from Muck Lane.

Finally we have just received from Yvonne Caputo a copy of her superb book "Flying with Dad" and what a wonderful story about Mike (her father) who was such a true friend to Jean and I. This is certainly a "Must Read" for anyone interested in the 2nd Air Division USAAF and the 467th Bomb Group.

With all our love and best wishes for 2020

Yours,

David, Jean and Roger Hastings

Base Contacts

*Right:
Memories of a previous Reunion at the
Maids Head Hotel many years ago with
Col. Shower, Terri and Geoff Gregory past
Pres. 467th BG Assoc -
HAPPY DAYS INDEED!*



Photo courtesy of Alec Blyth



"DIAMOND LIL" at Norwich Airport in 1992 following the epic transatlantic flight with David joining the Confederate Air Force Crew as honorary co-pilot. Crowds came out to view the rare appearance in English skies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the "friendly invasion" of American personnel arriving in England.

Read David's memories of that inspiring and historic flight:

http://www.stephensnelling.com/articles/EDP_Weekend_Diamond_Lil.pdf

Notes from the Editor



Full details, schedule, and Registration for our highly anticipated “Return to Norwich 2020” event can be found commencing Page 13. If anyone requires further information, **Brian Mahoney** one of the Planning Committee can be contacted either by email or phone at **(202) 232-1423**. For further advice particularly planning travel in the UK feel free to contact your editor **andywilkinson467th@btinternet.com**. We are hoping as many of you as possible make the trip over to England and take

part in the 75th anniversary of VE-Day commemorations particularly in the city of Norwich where the presence of the 2nd Air Division made such a big impact and remains warmly remembered to this day.

COMMUNICATION FROM FRED MESSINA: (Flight Engineer, 790th) I just noted that 40 trainees lost their lives at Wendover. As terrible as that is, I used to fly my plane to Vero Beach FL for breakfast. There is a plaque there that states that 100 instructors and cadets lost their lives during training. Vero was a Naval Air Training Base.

I’m enclosing a picture of my Beech Baron that you may be interested in seeing. I finally gave up flying at age 93. I received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award that I’m proud of.



DEPARTED FRIENDS: Sad to learn of the passing of three distinguished 467th veterans in recent months who all were past attendees at our annual reunions, active in the former 2nd Air Division Association, or similarly a presence with the

Ed Gore pictured at Rackheath 1945



local Eighth Air Force Historical Society Chapters. **ED GORE**, former navigator with the 789th Edward King Crew and a regular aboard the B24J “MASSILLON TIGER” was always a pleasure to meet along with the others of Crew#46. Likewise, **HARRY TANZER**, radio-operator with the 788th Norman Felbinger Crew, who would bring along a number of display boards presenting all sorts of memorabilia collected during his Army Air Force days at Rackheath and during training at radio and gunnery school. Harry did not like to throw anything away! You may have bumped into him at the Palm Springs Air Museum in recent years. **“HANK” WEDAA**, was one of those illustrious original 467th who were there at the very beginning, undergoing training with the fledgling Group at Wendover Army Air Base, UT. Hank was a bombardier with the 791st William Graf Crew and part of the original air echelon who arrived Rackheath in March 1944. He also had the distinction of participating in the historic first combat mission of the 467th BG with the Graf Crew on 10 April 1944. Especially active in the local community, Hank would host evening “Talks” where he was ever keen to recall his military experiences of

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Notes from the Editor *Cont.*

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life and times at Rackheath that were much appreciated and well attended. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Hank Wedaa was held on 17 January at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum, Yorba Linda, CA. and the 467th BG Assoc were kindly represented by **Bob & Connie Gerringer**. Bob's Father was "**Ted**" **Gerringer** who like Hank was a bombardier in the 791st Squadron together at Wendover before rapid promotion to Group Bombardier. Our departed friends are fondly remembered "Folded Wings" and honored among the obituaries in this POOP Newsletter.



"Hank" Wedaa completing another mission



Harry Tanzer at the Palm Springs Air Museum

TREASURY NOTES: Our Treasurer, **Valerie Corvino**, reports the Association has a total operating balance of **\$2,959.84** as of 20 Jan.. 2020. The cost of producing printed issues of POOP (including mailing) for the October 2019 issue was **\$1494** and remains the major regular financial outlay for the Association. Thanks to **Marilyn Gardner** for her contribution toward the mail fund.

EMAIL AND ADDRESS CHANGES: Remember to report 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.

Folded Wings

Edward F. GORE - Navigator 789th November 2019

Henry H. KIPPER - Radar Mechanic 789th

Jerome N. SCHORR - Co-pilot 788th October 2019

Harry TANZER - Radio-operator 788thth September 2019

Henry W. WEDAA - Bombardier 791st November 2019

*Please send news of "Folded Wings" also Obituaries to 467th BG veterans or prominent Associates
to - Brian Mahoney Archivist@brianhmahoney.com*

WENDOVER FUND RAISER PROJECT

IMPORTANT UPDATE

The 467th BG Association is honored and excited to announce the commissioning of a scale model of a B-24(H) to be displayed in the museum at the air base at Wendover, UT. The model will be part of a more extensive display commemorating the historic 467th. We hope to particularly draw attention to the many men killed during training and transit to England.

The artist for this project, Guillermo Rojas Bazan, has hand-built beautiful "works of aviation art" for 40 years, depicting many period aircraft. They are highly detailed and accurate, built from scratch out of aluminum. We had originally planned a scale of 1:16 for this project, but given some spatial and weight considerations, we have opted for a slightly smaller scale of 1:20.

With a wingspan of over five feet this will make an amazing display piece. With the smaller scale, our goal is now **\$52,000**. With over \$36,000 in donations and pledges, **we are now 70% of the way to our goal**. Please consider being part of this wonderful event, honoring the men of the 467th.

We have chosen two planes to be honored. Both of them were original aircraft that were assigned to the Group while stationed at Wendover AAB in early 1944. The first aircraft to be honored is 42-52534 **'Witchcraft'**. The decision for this one was easy: her 130 missions without an abort is a record for the entire 8th Air Force in WWII. In all of those missions, not a single crewman was even slightly injured!

The second aircraft to be honored is 42-52394 **'Palace Meat Market/Scrapper'**. 'Scrapper' had the sole distinction of taking part on the Group's first and last combat missions. She also had the distinction of being assigned to each of the 467th BG's four bomb squadrons. With nearly one hundred flown combat missions to her credit, her combat record is very impressive. **'Witchcraft' will be depicted on the pilot's side of the aircraft, while 'Scrapper' will be depicted on the co-pilot's side.** The markings for both aircraft will be shown as they were at the end of hostilities.

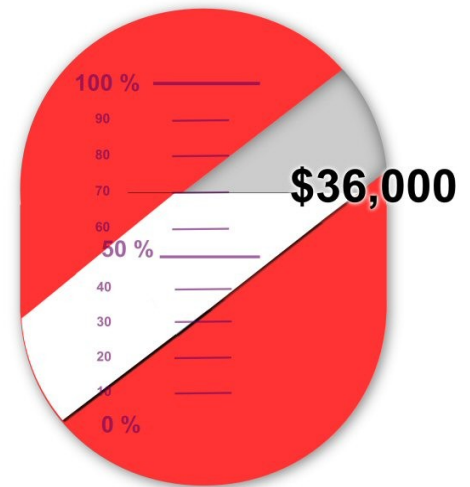
The model will be configured as if in flight, suspended from the ceiling for dramatic effect. The process of building the model should take about one year. We are hoping to have a dedication ceremony in 2021 during our annual Association reunion. We will have periodic progress updates from Guillermo. Please check our Facebook page for construction updates and campaign progress.

Contributors to Wendover Memorial since last POOP:

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| Phyllis M Ament | In Honor of Harry Ament |
| Michelle Buchecker | In Memory of William Buchecker |
| John Burke | In Memory of Stanley Koly |
| Susan Chandler | |
| Willis E Cobb | In Memory of Willis E Cobb Jr |
| Valerie Corvino | In Memory of Vincent Corvino |
| Clinton "Lee" Crandell (Veteran) | |
| Robert Gerringe | |
| Richard E Giesecke | |
| Naomi Glueth | In Memory of Sidney Katz |
| Joseph W Haenn (Veteran) | |
| Sharon M Hickson | |
| Adam M Katz | In Memory of Sidney Katz |

CONTRACT SIGNED, WORK BEGINS!

NEW TARGET: \$52, 000



How to Contribute:

Checks to the 467th BG(H) Assoc. Treasurer

Valerie Corvino
242 Molly Drive
McMurray, PA. 15317

Credit card payment via the Association
 PayPal account



Full details on the Wendover Memorial Project and to contribute in support of this exciting effort, visit the website at:

<http://www.467bg.com/wendoverMem.php>

WENDOVER FUND RAISER PROJECT CONT.

Contributors to Wendover Memorial since last POOP: (Cont.)

Wilson Noden (Veteran)

Tony Oakden

Ann Pooch

Madeline Prokop

Randolph Reid

Susan Schwartz

Pam Stevens

Art Tauchen

Steve Watson

Andy & Jacky Wilkinson

In Memory of Jay Shower

In Memory of Dr. Frank P Prokop

In Memory of Ernest Richard Reid

In Memory of Sidney Katz

In Memory of "Jack" Stevens

In Memory of Jay Shower

In Memory of Frank Watson

FURTHER PLEDGES:

Brian Mahoney

David LaRussa

Peter Horne

Wendover Museum

A sincere note of appreciation to all who have so far generously contributed to this exciting 467th venture. Remember you can donate through the Association web site and even opt to make monthly payments. Every little helps in making this very special project an impressive memorial to those who served, particularly remembering those who gave their lives at Wendover and during transit to England.



The two ships to be represented on our B24 scale replica model at Wendover.

"SCRAPPER" on the co-pilot side,

"WITCHCRAFT" on the pilot side.

"WITCHCRAFT" pictured back in the U.S. at Willow Run in summer 1945 proudly displaying the astonishing combat record of 130 missions.



Story of the Rackheath Landmark

Called the “Golden Gates” because they were once painted gold. They were made by Cottam and Hallen, of Winsley Street, London and exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 at Crystal Palace. They were subsequently purchased and installed at Rackheath when the entrance lodges were built at the junction of the Wroxham Road leading into Rackheath Park in approximately 1886.

All 467th personnel leaving their domestic quarters situated in the grounds of Rackheath Park would have passed through these famous gates to catch the Liberty Bus to Norwich just 5 miles away.

A black and white photograph of a man in a military uniform standing in front of an ornate wrought-iron gate. He is wearing a dark uniform with a peaked cap and a beret. A coat is draped over a low wall to his left.



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Unfortunately all of the endeavors of the Trust were to no avail and the Trust folded in 2015. It was subsequently found that the vulnerable pieces that had been put into storage for safekeeping had been lost. For a time it was thought that what was left of the structure was in such poor condition and somewhat of a safety hazard that it should be entirely removed. However as it had been given a Grade II listed status in 1982 it was protected by its listing.

Finally in February 2019 a detailed planning application was made to Broadland District Council to repair and restore what remains of the structure. The application was granted and the required restoration was immediately put into effect.

Each section in turn was photographed and labeled and removed from site to a Blacksmith's workshop where all the necessary repairs and restoration were carried out. Subsequently towards the end of 2019 all items were returned to site and reinstalled to the entrance of Rackheath Park.

The accompanying photographs bear witness to the skill of the Craftsmen of the 1850s, the restoration skills of today's Blacksmith and a permanent reminder of all personnel of the 467th who knew it and identified with it.



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Sid Katz revisiting the Golden Gates back in 1977. (Photo via Adam Katz)

The Golden Gates pictured in 1992. Despite covered in ivy in reasonable condition. Seems the most serious deterioration came in the subsequent years.

Site#6, Community Wood Project: by Ivan Barnard

Since the last POOP Newsletter, Norfolk County Council have become involved with the project and are now actively assisting Broadland District Council with the implementation phase of the works. One aspect of this collaborative arrangement has been the completion of an ecology report, which now enables the tree management works to proceed. I was invited by Norfolk County Council to attend a project presentation that they gave to the Planning Committee of Rackheath Parish Council.

I was also given permission to scan the site for possible 467th artifacts left buried under seventy years of leaf-mould. The most interesting find so far is an 18inch aluminum cut-out of a B24. It was found buried midway alongside the footpath from Col. Albert J. Shower's domestic quarters and the Sword and Chain Officers Club. So it's just possible that it once adorned the wall of one of these buildings.

I have also had confirmation from Norfolk County Council's Lead Project Officer that the various Contractors required have all been appointed. Therefore the onsite works are about to start and be completed for the May visit of the 467th Bomb Group Association. The six interpretation boards are ready and they shall be strategically positioned throughout the pathways. They will depict and illustrate the use of the former site by the 467th Bomb Group.

The 18 inch aluminum B24 cut-out found buried on Site#6 and (below) cleaned-up revealing the familiar red and white diagonal tail-markings of the 467th. Did this formerly hang in the Officers Club?



Obituaries



Edward F. Gore, Navigator, 789th

Edward Francis Gore passed away peacefully on November 12, 2019 with his loving wife of 70 years by his side. Mr. Gore's 94-year life was defined by his lifelong devotion to his wife, Elizabeth Daisley Gore, his family, and his Catholic faith. Born in Rosedale, Queens New York to Charles and Bertha Gore(vic) on February 28, 1925, Edward was the second of four sons. Mr. Gore's spirit of devotion began prior to his teenage years, as he helped support his family during the Great Depression by delivering food via bicycle.

Upon the United States entry into World War II, Mr. Gore proudly enlisted in the Army Air Force and successfully trained as part of the Class of 44-9 Advanced Navigators at Ellington Field in Texas. He graduated as a First Lieutenant and was assigned to the 8th Air Force, Combat 467th Bomb Group, and 789th Squadron, based at Rackheath Air Base in England. There he served as a Navigator on the B-24 Liberator 'Massillon Tiger', participating in 31 missions from 12/2/1944 through 4/21/1945, until returning on 6/11/1945 after the successful liberation of Europe. For the rest of his life, he was grateful for the country he was able to serve.

After returning from the war, the G.I. Bill allowed him to attend the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn NY, where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1949. It was there that a Phi Kappa Phi fraternity brother arranged a blind double date with himself, his fianc, Mr. Gore, and his fiancs sister, Betty. Betty is the love of Mr. Gores life. After their marriage in 1949, and several engineering jobs involving building the NYC water supply tunnel in Liberty, NY and a power plant in Perth Amboy, NJ, they settled in Roselle, NJ, where they started and raised a family.

At that time, he joined Robbins Construction Company of Union, NJ, where had a successful career first as their Chief Estimator then eventually as President then Owner of the firm, until his retirement in 1984. He was politically active in Roselle, successfully elected as Councilman in 1968 and holding the role until 1971. He participated on the parish council at St. Josephs in Roselle, was a member of the Knight of Columbus and the Republican Committee of Roselle, and supported innumerable community, civic, and charitable organizations.

Many happy summers, from 1964 through 1982, were spent at their summer home in Barnegat Light, NJ, where their family created a lifetime of treasured memories. Upon his retirement, he became a 35-year member of Suburban Golf Club in Union, NJ, golfing actively into his 90s. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife, gardening, supporting the NY Yankees and NY Giants, and creating countless wonderful memories with and for all of his grandchildren as the proud host of numerous annual holiday gatherings.



Harry Tanzer, Radio-operator, 788th

Harry Tanzer, a 60-year resident of California, died Sept. 4, 2018, at the age of 93. The son of Paul and Sarah Tanzer, he was born Nov. 10, 1924 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Mr. Tanzer performed faithful service to his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was a senior radio operator and gunnery technical sergeant in World War II from 1942 to 1945 and in the Korean War from 1951 to 1952.

Mr. Tanzer was a Met Life salesman and a schoolteacher before his eventual retirement.

He was a member of the Lions and Masons, was an avid ham radio operator, organized and officiated Back to School Night in Yucca Valley and was a member of the Palm Springs Air Museum and a Friend of the Library.

Harry was a loving and caring father and friend. He was always willing to help anywhere, anytime. He loved hanging out at the Palm Springs Air Museum. He stayed very active in keeping the spirit of freedom alive without judgment or prejudice. His stories were always informative and the love he had in his heart for his country could not be measured by any words.

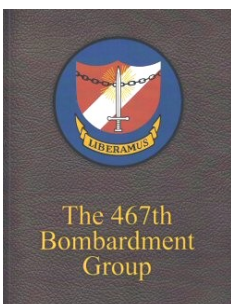
Obituaries



Henry "Hank" W. Wedaa, Bombardier, 791st

Henry "Hank" Wedaa was a loving family man whose professional life was characterized by an unending passion for environmental, social and technical issues that manifested itself in a career of public service. Hank was born on February 15th, 1924, to Henrik and Anna Wedaa, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at 18, Hank enlisted in the Army Air Force, where he was trained as a bombardier and aerial gunner, reaching the rank of First Lieutenant in the 8th Air Force, 467th Bombardment Group. Hank flew 30 missions over Northern Europe in his crew's B-24, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. After returning from Northern Europe in early July, 1944, his fighting days were over. He was then transferred to Clovis, New Mexico, where he served as a bombardier instructor. He was bored at this job, so he volunteered to be on the B-29 crew for training missions until the war ended. At the conclusion of the war, Hank was honorably discharged. In November, 1945, he married Frances Bukey of Tucson, Arizona. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1978. Hank graduated from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1949, majoring in physics and chemistry. He then attended the University of Arizona Graduate School where he majored in physics. After leaving Graduate School, he was employed at the U.S. Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California for eight years. During this period, he was promoted to Captain of the [U.S. Air Force](#) Reserve. It was the establishment of new, Northrop offices in Anaheim, California, that provided the serendipitous opportunity of finding a final home in the city of Yorba Linda, where Hank raised his family and dedicated himself as an elected representative to his nascent communities' development for 48 years. During his 30 years as an elected official, he served as President of Southern California's Association of Government's and Chairman of the Governing Board of South Coast Air Quality Management District. When he left the Board in 1996, they gave him the new title of Chairman Emeritus. He was one of the founders of the California Hydrogen Business Council and was a major factor in the willingness of the District to spend money in accelerating the development of hydrogen fuel cells. Among his many awards, two are significant they are the State of California's Air Resources Board's Haagen Smit Clean Air Award and the National Fuel Cell Seminar Award for his leadership in accelerating the future of hydrogen vehicles and clean, stationary power sources. In 1970, Hank was elected to the Yorba Linda City Council where he served for 30 years, five of which were as mayor. He also founded California School Book Fairs, a traveling company that sold books to school children. In 1995, he sold the business to Scholastic, Inc. Hank was a survivor of bladder cancer and lived with Parkinson's disease for more than 15 years.

(You can find memorable videos on You Tube of Hank recalling memories of Rackheath and more by searching "Henry "Hank" Wedaa's WWII Anecdotes". - Editor)



The 467th BG Association is delighted to offer a softback limited edition of the original 1947 Allan Healy "467th BG History". This fifth and final edition has text reformatting and photographic restoration by Colin LaRussa, also a fully revised and comprehensive Addendum. Price \$50 + \$5 shipping - payment via check or PayPal

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Return to Norwich 2020 May 5 - 9



After 10 years we make a most welcome return to the historic Maids Head Hotel, Norwich, and opportunity to visit the former Bases of both Rackheath and North Pickenham in an exciting program you will not want to miss. This all takes place over the 75th anniversary of VE-Day with commemorations centered on many of those significant places the United States Army Air Force made a lasting impression in the city of Norwich and in the villages beyond. See you all in MAY!

RESERVATION DETAILS, MAIDS HEAD HOTEL:

Tuesday 5 May to Friday 8 May, 2020.

Classic Doubles @ £120.00

Executive Double Rooms also includes Twin Rooms @ £140.00

Single Rooms @ £100.00

Rates are per room per night and include full English breakfast and VAT @ 20%

These rates to apply for any additional nights requested by guests to stay, however, there will be a £30.00 per room supplement for staying on a Saturday night.

<https://www.maidsheadhotel.co.uk/bedrooms> for room details and facilities at this traditional and historic 4 star hotel.

Reservations to be made by email to <reservations@maidsheadhotel.co.uk> and in the Subject line state "467th Bomb Group Assoc. Event" and clearly register the dates and number of nights, type of room, for reservation. Alternatively, reservations can be made by telephone to Melissa Thomas (Reservations Supervisor) Monday-Friday directly to the Maids Head, 011+44+1603-272007. Ensure reservations are made **before 1st April** to avoid disappointment. Why not extend your stay and maximise enjoyment of the vibrant, historic city of Norwich and its host of attractions.

<https://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/explore/Norwich.aspx>

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RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TO NORWICH: Simplest way is to arrange transatlantic flights to AMSTERDAM, then make a short connection flight of just 50mins to NORWICH. Dutch airline KLM has four connecting flights each day and is in alliance with Delta Airlines in the U.S. From Norwich Airport to the Maids Head is a taxi journey of just 15 mins and price depending on time of day £10-15. Folk considering flying into London Heathrow or Gatwick should be aware getting to Norwich in one go is not recommended. Options would be a hire-car and a three hour drive, alternatively spend time in London before taking a 2 hour train journey from Liverpool St. Station to Norwich. There are frequent trains in both directions.

TUESDAY, MAY 5 Arrivals: Check-in, collect welcome/information-pack and meet and greet with friends. Evening meal (on your own) at the Maids Head or choice of many pubs/restaurants in the close vicinity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6: After breakfast (approx 0930) leisurely 15min stroll (transport available) to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library located in the spectacular FORUM building. Learn of the legacy of the Memorial Room, a gift from the veterans of the Second Air Division in memory of almost 7000 comrades who gave their lives. Presentation by Yvonne Caputo on her book “Flying With Dad” a former 467th BG veteran. Board coach for lunch at The Blue Lion pub before we reach and explore the former 492nd Air Base at North Pickenham. Back on the coach to visit the New Farm Aviation Heritage Museum (nr Norwich Airport) which has a room dedicated to the 467th. Back on the coach and return to Maids Head, evening meal (on your own) explore more local Norwich hostelryes.



THURSDAY, MAY 7: Following breakfast, board coach for the Seething Control Tower & Museum. Home of the 448th BG 2nd Air Div. Group. <https://www.seethingtower.org> Opposite the Tower Museum visit Tindalls Ales small local brewery and try their special “Liberator Ale”. Board coach for lunch on the river at Coldham Hall Tavern, a favorite spot for Officers at Rackheath during WWII. <https://www.coldhamhall.com/> Coach back to Maids Head rest of afternoon free. 5pm board coach for private visit to restored Rackheath Control Tower. Prayers and words from Rev. Darleen Platin atop the Tower; view the former airfield site and opportunity for reflection. Depart Tower for evening at Salhouse Lodge for meal (on your own) and “live” music along with invited local “friends of the 467th”. <http://www.salhouselodge.co.uk/> 10pm coach departs for Maids Head.

FRIDAY, MAY 8: BASE DAY, after breakfast depart coach for welcome reception at Holy Trinity Church, Rackheath. Meet villagers from the base villages of Rackheath & Salhouse. Extensive tour of the former Rackheath base. Lunch at the Fur & Feather pub, Woodbastwick. <https://www.woodfordes.com/brewery-tap> Continue airfield/base tour, Golden Gates and Rackheath Hall. 5pm return coach to Maids Head. 7pm Meet in the Oak Room for drinks and Group Banquet along with invited guests. Keynote Speaker.

SATURDAY, MAY 9: Departing breakfast for those moving on. Why not extend your stay and continue the special Norwich experience with friends and locals in the 75th VE-Day commemorations in a weekend of fun and Norfolk hospitality.



RETURN TO NORWICH, England, 5-9 May 2020

Registration Form and Check, send to Valerie Corvino by 1 April

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Per Person</i> | <i># of People</i> | <i>Sub Total</i> |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registration - covers all common activity fees, transport, <u>Banquet</u>, 2 x pub lunches, gratuities, etc. (Veterans - No Reg. Fee) | \$200 | | |
| Formal Buffet Banquet - Friday May 8 | | | |
| Norfolk CHICKEN Breast Fillet | | | |
| Seared SALMON Fillet | | | |
| Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables (V) | | | |
| Total Remittance \$ | | | |

Special Needs

My party will require (this many) _____ wheelchairs

Any specific dietary requests or need we can assist with _____

| Badge Information Name | Veteran Add (V) | Bomb Group |
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Please attach sheet if needed for larger party.

CHECKS PAYABLE to 467th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Your Address:

Your Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Your Email _____

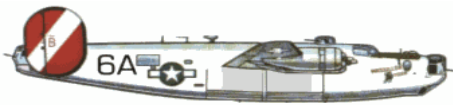
Remittance Check payable to 467th Bomb Group Association and mail to:

Valerie Corvino 242 Molly Drive, McMurray, PA. 15317 NO LATER THAN 1st APRIL

Phone 724-941-8973 (Please leave message for response) Email valerie654@verizon.net

Date and time you plan to arrive in NORWICH _____

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*Ensure Reservations are made with the Maids Head Hotel before 1st April
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