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FROM THE PREZ – RALPH DAVIS

SINCERE SYMPATHY

It is with deepest regret that I advise you of the passing on of Mr. Lloyd A. Haug, one of our Board of Directors. He was a very strong supporter of our group and will be deeply missed by all. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Haug and the family. Mrs. Haug, please consider us as family and where we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to see you at future functions. God bless you and keep you.

THE CONVENTION

I thank you for your confidence in selecting me as your new president. I hope I can serve you as well as my predecessors. To those of you that missed the San Diego convention, we hope you can make it to the 1996 convention in Savannah, GA as it will be our first glimpse of the new "Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum." We intend for our memorabilia to be part of that remembrance of the greatest air force ever assembled. Let's make Savannah one of our largest attendance. I encourage all who can make it to do so and show the 8th AF Heritage Museum and General Shuler what the 467th is all about. I will add more about it later.

The theme in San Diego was "Salute to Ground Troops" and we had a most interesting round table discussion of some of their actions and functions during our time over there. My deepest regret is that there was not video coverage of the many varied tales of events that really showed what happened behind the scenes. This was truly a look at the heart of the 467th. There was such interest in that type of event that it is being considered to have different groups, one at a time, to discuss their functions or items of special interest in a round table type discussion. I'll test the market and let you know in a future POOP and maybe video coverage can be arranged.

Our sincere thanks to Jack Stevens for the extraordinary effort he had to extend because of the construction situation involved with Kona Kai. The construction was delayed and it caused him to no end extreme difficulty. The eating room was finished just hours before time to eat. Restaurant facilities were available by walking to the next motel or use the Kona Kai vans to the Fiddlers Green, a restaurant a few miles away. All of this confusion added to his frustration and I sincerely do not envy him in his task to complete a good convention. The meals and hors d'oeuvre were exceptional. My compliments to Jack.

Several new things occurred at the Board of Directors meeting and at the business meeting. I'd suggest that you read the reports entered by Phil Day on these two meetings. Mr. Perry Watts, one of our attendees from England with his wife, Jill, made several

presentations of a sketch picture of the Witch over the Salhouse church. I received one of those fine pictures from him when I visited England during the VE Day celebration. Andy, Jacky and Tom Wilkinson from Middx, England were also in attendance. We hope the Watts and Wilkinsons will make it to Savannah along with many other English friends to be with us at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum next October.

At the banquet, our guest speaker, Lt. Col. Harry D. Gobrecht, Ret., covered the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum and upon conclusion was presented with our letter of intent to present the museum with a check for \$5,000.00. Jeff Gregory, now 2nd Air Division President, and Col. Shower addressed the group. Mel Culross announced that Lloyd Davies and Walt Mundy were elected to the Board of Directors and turned the gavel over to me. I announced that Walt Mundy was selected as the Vice President, wished everyone God speed home and to everyone in Savannah. Meeting adjourned.

AFTER CONVENTION CRUISE

Seventeen of us enjoyed the four-day cruise aboard the Viking Serenade. It was a pleasant end to a most delightful convention. As always, the cruise line provided us with food, entertainment and games of chance. The biggest surprise, at least to me, was our introduction to Captain Kent Ringborn. He busted out with the deepest baritone voice of "Welcome to My World." He later sang "Old Man River" and I must say, he had one of the best voices I have heard. We visited Catalina Island on Day 2, Ensenada, Mexico on Day 3, and Day 4 was spent at sea. Each evening meal was a different theme; Italian, French, Mexican and American. We had a good variety of entertainment, both musical and comedy. On day 3 the Royal Caribbean arranged a complimentary cocktail party for our group in the Bali Hai Lounge from 5:15 to 6:15. I thought that was thoughtful of them since we had a small showing. Doris and I enjoyed it very much.

CALL FOR SUPPORT

We would like to further support the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum with an additional contribution made up from the members of the 467th. The intent is to match the \$5,000.00 that we donated from our treasury. Once before we asked if there were 10 members out there that could donate \$500.00 for the book project and the goal was met. We would appreciate such response again and solicit donations of any size from all the membership. If you donate direct, please make sure you identify your donation as coming from the 467th. Col. Shower is strong for renovation of the old control tower. This project is also in need of support through donations. When you donate, please identify which project you are supporting. It appears we are always asking for donations; however, we do not

Call for Support Continued:

have dues and support our projects through money raisers or direct donations. Donations to support the "POOP FROM GROUP" are always accepted and appreciated.

CONVENTION 1996 (3 through 6 October)

The theme for our 1996 convention in Savannah, GA is "A Visit to The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum with a Touch of the South." Lt. Gen. "Buck" Shuler and his wife Annette will be our guest speaker. The plan is for full breakfast, lunch on your own unless there is a tour with lunch included, and dinner every night. Shuttle buses will be available on Friday for trips to the 8th Museum. Right now they are not at a scheduled time for all, but a scheduled run where you can get your own group together and visit at your leisure. This may change. Saturday will be a similar set up with shuttles for trips to Savannah. This is the main day of Octoberfest and there are many interesting events and foods available. With the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum just opening and its director, General Shuler, addressing our banquet, let's make this convention a great one to show our support to the Mighty Eighty. Details and Registration Information will be in the April and August "POOP FROM GROUP."

MEMORABILIA

Please research all of your memorabilia and identify what you want to donate to the Group to place in the 8th Museum to Vince LaRussa, 8570 N. Mulberry Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704. We would like to get an inventory list as soon as possible, but not later than 1 July 1996. We have to identify and determine how our memorabilia will be handled. I have identified to Lt. Gen. Shuler our intent, subject to members approval, to put an identified amount of our memorabilia with their museum. We will have the opportunity to review with him and his people just how, where and when they can put it on display when we visit during our convention.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

On November 4, 1995, Acting Assistant Secretary Phillip P. UpSchulte of Air Force signed a letter turning down our efforts to obtain a Presidential Unit Citation for our efforts during World War II. A copy of this letter is in this issue. I have requested and received concurrence to receive the total package back which should be helpful to Senator Glenn should he lead the action for an amendment to Public Law 81-501. I was advised earlier by his staff that should this current effort fail, they would try for the amendment. I have written a letter to Senator Glenn's office requesting such action.



DORIS AND I WISH YOU ALL A MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Ralph

LETTER FROM PHILLIP P. UPSCHULTE, DEPT. OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE HONORABLE JOHN GLENN

We have carefully considered all supporting documentation that has been provided requesting our assistance in processing the 467th Bomb Group for the award of the Distinguished Unit Citation (DUC). We have as well reviewed all relevant material in the archives.

As documented, the 467th was involved in several significant bombardment and supply missions during the spring and summer of 1944. However, the material reviewed in detail both by the Office of Air Force History and by the Air Force Personnel Center was devoid of any indication that the 8th Air Force ever submitted or considered the 467th for a DUC.

The criteria for military awards are subjective, and sincere men and women often disagree as to which award, if any, is appropriate in a given circumstance. Since such disagreements are apt to recur, the best that can be established is a system which requires that all decisions be made at a time when the events in question are reasonably fresh in the minds of the commanders, the recommending officials, and the approval authority. In that regard, Congress has long since decided that there is a point in time after which consideration or reconsideration for an award should cease, absent extraordinary circumstances that would have acted to bar the submission of the award recommendation in a timely fashion.

Unit awards for World War II service could be recommended up to May 1951. This time limit was established by Congress (PL 81-501) with concurrence of the Military Departments. We feel that it is a wise and fair provision that continues to foster the integrity, honor and prestige of all military awards.

We could not find, nor have we been presented with, any evidence of extraordinary circumstances which would have prevented the 8th Air Force from submitting a recommendation recognizing the service of the 467th with the DUC. Absent such evidence, we cannot reasonably proceed further.

In summary, based upon all evidence adduced, we cannot support the request for award of the DUC to the 467th Bomb Group. This in no way detracts from our nation's heartfelt appreciation for the service and sacrifice made by the members of the 467th. While we know this is not the answer that the proponents of the award were hoping for, we trust this response will be helpful to all concerned.

Sincerely

Phillip P. Upschulte, Acting Assistant Secretary
Department of the Air Force

LETTER FROM MARVIN R. DAVIS, PH. D. TO THE HONORABLE JOHN GLENN

I received a copy of SAF/MI letter, dated November 3, 1995, regarding the non support for award of the DUC to the 467th Bomb Group from Lt. Gen. Shuler, Ret. I have requested a copy of the total package that was presented to SAF/MI so that Senator Glenn will have the information, if necessary, when he initiates a congressional amendment to Public Law 81-501. This was the recommendation by Lt. Gen. Croker, 8th Air Force Commander, in his letter to Senator Glenn on August 12, 1994. Mike Entinghe, of Senator Glenn's Toledo office, advised me that it was Senator Glenn's decision to try first through normal channels before going after the amendment to PL 81-501.

There was considerable evidence within the data on the exceptional record of the 467th Bomb Group. No one had a better bombing record combined with the various other outstanding statistics that were a part of the 96th Combat Wing Commander's compilation that was sent to Colonel Shower, 467th Commander, on May 11, 1945. This total package was prepared for one purpose only and that of submission for the Presidential Unit Citation. There are many who believe we earned it and should receive it. The circumstances involved do justify such an amendment action by Senator Glenn.

At wars end, many things slipped through the crack and this was one of them. There were many of us upon leaving England thought that we had the decoration. Some even put it on. Once the war ended, the group returned to the US and then was disbanded. There was little or no thought of the award at this time as most of us returned to civilian life. It was only as we got together as a group under the 2nd Air Division in 1983 and then as our own incorporated group in 1987, that a research was made to ascertain if we ever received the award. Once it was noticed that the award was not there, some of the group started action through chains to see what happened and if it could be awarded at this date. I started working with Senator Glenn because I support him and I know of his background. His efforts, on our behalf to date, have been very supportive and we are deeply grateful. If you noticed the timing above it is obvious that the cutoff time of PL 81-501 should be void as the circumstances involved as a group were not brought to light until well into the 1980s. None of us in civilian status had any knowledge of what was or was not awarded.

If Senator Glenn requires the data package, please advise. I know he has a 467th history book as we mailed him one. I am not sure that he kept the rest of the background data. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mike Entinghe for his information.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Davis, Ph.D., President

FROM THE EX PREZ

Just a short message to say "Thank You" to everyone for the cooperation I received while I was your President. It has been a privilege to have served you. Those of you who were unable to attend our Reunion in San Diego really missed one of the BEST!

My sincere thanks to our Coordinators for the reunion, Jack and Lucile Stevens. They did an outstanding job under difficult circumstances due to the Kona Kai being remodeled.

I wish to extend my congratulations to our incoming President, Ralph Davis, and to our two new board members, Lloyd Davies and Walt Mundy. Walt will be our new Vice President.

See you in Savannah, Ga.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mel



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd.
October 12, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Culross at The Hotel Koni Kai Meeting Room in San Diego, CA at 2:15 p.m.

The Directors in attendance were Melvin Culross, Marvin R. Davis, Charles H. Caldwell and Jack D. Stratton, Jr. Absent were Lloyd A. Haug and Vincent C. Re. President Culross stated a quorum was present. Non-board members in attendance were Phillip G. Day, Treasurer, who was asked to serve as Recorder; Robert D. Sheehan, Past President of the Association; Geoff Gregory, Past President of the Association and present President of The Second Air Division Association; and Vincent D. LaRussa, Chairman of the Association Nominating Committee.

Minutes of the Board's Meeting at Minneapolis, MN on September 16, 1994 were read and approved without additions or revisions.

Mr. Day, Treasurer of the Association, read the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year October 1, 1994 through October 1, 1995, which is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

An open discussion of the planning for the Convention for the Association in Savannah (Pooler), GA in October 1996 was held. On motion by Davis, second by Caldwell, the site for the Association's 1996 Convention will be in Savannah (Pooler), GA from noon on October 3 to noon on October 6, 1996 with the Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum at Pooler as the center of attention. Mr. Davis announced that Walter W. Weaver would be Coordinator of Convention 96 for the Association. A short discussion was led by Mr. Davis to suggest that Convention 1997 be held in the same time period in Philadelphia, PA or vicinity, depending on availability of a Coordinator.

A motion was made by Culross, seconded by Stratton that the authorized signatures on the Association bank account be changed to Davis, replacing Culross. Mr. Day was told to effect this change as soon as practical. Authorized to sign Association checks are Day, Davis and Sheehan.

Next there was a lengthy discussion of disposition of Association and personal memorabilia. No conclusion was reached awaiting Convention 96 to ascertain how the Museum would receive, store and display our donations. Mr. Gregory discussed his understanding of the Museum's plans for acceptance of memorabilia. He will learn more of this subject when he attends the Museum opening in May 1996 and report his findings to Mr. Davis.

Mr. Gregory also strongly urged the Association to participate in the Second Air Division Association Reunion in June 1996 in Indianapolis, IN, that our Group's participation has been very light, needs to be better and he needed our support.

A discussion was held about the Association's support of the Heritage Museum. On motion by Stratton, seconded by Davis, the Board authorized the Treasurer to forward to the Museum the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Day said he would have to use \$5,000 from the Certificate of Deposit and would comply with the motion on the next anniversary date of the CD. Mr. LaRussa was named to receive information from Association members about the memorabilia they will have to donate.

Mr. Albert L. Touchette, first and only Commanding Officer of the 1229th Quartermaster Company Service Group attached to the 467th BG (H), requested the Association to support him in placing a Memorial Marker on the former Headquarters of the 1229th at Rackheath Industrial Park, presently an auto parts store, to the Memory of Pvt. Daniel E. Miney, believed to be the only non-aircrew enlisted person to be Killed In Action in the Second Air Division. His death occurred on 22 April 1944 in the intruder raid on Station 145 following the Hamm Mission. The Board after discussion and approval of the proposed marker language voted \$300 to the Marker and directed the Treasurer to forward to Mr. Touchette a check in that amount.

Mr. LaRussa stated that the two nominees for the Board of Directors to be elected at the Business Meeting of the association are Lloyd A. Davies and Walter J. Mundy. The nominees were accepted by the Board. Mr. Davis proposed that the POOP FROM GROUP be reduced to three issues per year. Mr. Day, Editor and Publisher of POOP, concurred in the proposal. POOP will now be published on April 1, August 1 and December 1 of the year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Stratton, second by Culross, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with reconvening of the new Board at 2:00 p.m. on October 15, 1995.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
of the 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd.
in Convention at The Hotel Kona Kai in San Diego, California, October 15, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Culross at 1:45 p.m.

Board Members in attendance were Melvin Culross, Charles J. Caldwell, Marvin R. Davis and Jack D. Stratton Jr. Absent Board Members were Lloyd A. Haug and Vincent C. Re. Mr. Culross announced that a majority of the Convention attendees were present for the Meeting. He appointed Mr. Phillip G. Day to be Recorder of the Minutes of the Meeting.

On motion by LaRussa, seconded by Wedda, the reading of the Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Association at Minneapolis, MN were dispensed with.

Mr. Day, Treasurer of the Association, read the Fiscal Year, October 1, 1994 to October 1, 1995, Financial Report, stating the Association had \$12,657.33 in Cash Assets at the end of the Fiscal Year. The report will be published in POOP Vol. 14, No. 4.

Vincent LaRussa reported on The History of the 467th, Third Reprinting, stating the addendum now had 5627 names of veterans, the names of the 242 KIAs of the Group and the overseas burial sites of 113 of them. He urged the attendees to purchase the History as this would be the last printing.

On the call for Old Business, Mr. Davis was called upon for comments on the awarding of the Presidential Unit Citation to the Group for its 1944-45 Combat Record. At this time the Army has refused to prepare the necessary paperwork for the award and has sent the information to the Air Force for consideration, which has verbally stated that the period of the Group's service was not sufficiently hazardous enough to warrant the award. Davis stated that it appeared the final recourse would have to be by Congressional action, which he was trying to have Senator John Glenn introduce.

On the call for New Business, Chairman Vincent LaRussa, Forest Brown and Charles Caldwell, all members of the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination Lloyd A. Davies and Walter J. Mundy to be Directors of the Association. From the floor Vincent D. LaRussa was nominated. The nominations were closed upon motion by Stratton, seconded by Hank Wedda. The ballots were passed out and the secret vote took place, after which the ballots were collected and counted by Brown and Caldwell.

Board Member Davis announced that by action of the Board the Association's 1996 Convention would be in **Savannah (Pooler), GA from noon, October 3 to noon, October 6, 1996**. Walter W. Weaver will be the Coordinator of the Convention which will feature the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum which will open in May, 1996. The announcement of this will be in the December 1, 1995 POOP, Vol. 14 No. 4, with registration forms and schedule of events in the April 96 and August 96 POOPs. He also requested that the name badges of this Convention be turned in after the final Banquet for reuse at Savannah.

President Culross announced that by action of the Board the Association will send a donation of \$5,000 to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum, and has made a donation of \$300 to place a Memorial Plaque on the former Headquarters of the 1229th Quartermaster Service Group at the Rackheath Industrial Park to honor Pvt. Daniel E. Miney who was Killed In Action on 22 April 1944 in the German intruder raid on Station 145 following the Hamm raid. Pvt. Miney is believed to be the only ground crewman Killed In Action in the Second Air (Bombardment) Division.

Congratulations were extended to Doris and Ralph Davis on the occasion of their 46th Wedding Anniversary by the President.

Colonel Albert J. Shower spoke of the effort by Ivan R. Palmer and others at Rackheath toward acquisition and renovation of the Control Tower and toward a museum to be put therein. Speaking for Billy L. "Bozy" Johnston, the Colonel urged the support of the project by the Association.

President Culross again addressed the Association donation to The Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum and support of it through direct, personal donations or through donations to the Association for that purpose.

Al Touchette thanked the Association for its support of the Miney Memorial and talked of his recent nostalgic return to Norwich/Rackheath, and how well he was aided in his visit by the personnel at the Memorial Library and by Geoffrey Goreham as his guide to Station 145.

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Joe Ramirez spoke of the visit of Terry Watts—Associate Historian from Rackheath who in turn talked of the effort toward acquisition and renovation of the control tower.

President Culross stated that the results of the election were Lloyd A. Davies and Walter J. Mundy were elected to the Board of Directors for three years, replacing Mel Culross and Jack Stratton who retire from the Board after three years. Seventy-four ballots were cast in the election. The Board now consists of Davies and Mundy—three years, Davis and Re—two years, and Caldwell and Haug—one year remaining. He also announced that the next business meeting of the association would be at the Convention in Savannah (Pooler), GA on October 5, 1996. He also encouraged all to attend the Symposium on Air Craft Maintenance and Repair at Rackheath.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by Stratton, seconded by Ramirez, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Phillip G. Day, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd.,
October 15, 1995

The meeting was called to elect a President and a Vice-President of the Association for the Year 1995-96 and was called to order by Marvin R. Davis at 10:30 a.m. Other Directors in Attendance were Charles H. Caldwell and Walter J. Mundy. Three Directors constituted a quorum present. Absent were Lloyd A. Davies, Lloyd A. Haug and Vincent C. Re.

Mr. Davis called for nominations for President of the Association. Mr. Marvin R. Davis was nominated by Mundy, seconded by Caldwell. There being no other nominations Marvin R. Davis was elected by acclamation.

President Davis then appointed the following: Ralph H. Elliott as the Association's representative (Vice-President) to the Second Air Division Association with Marvin R. Davis as alternate representative in the event Mr. Elliott is unable to function in his appointed capacity.

Vincent D. LaRussa appointed to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Walter W. Weaver to be Coordinator of the Association's Convention 1996.

There being no further business, Mr. Davis called for a Motion to adjourn which was made by Mundy, seconded by Caldwell, and on vote was unanimous for adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Phillip G. Day, Recorder

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING of The 467th Bomb
Group Association, Minneapolis, MN,
September 16, 1994, Marquette Hotel

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Elliott at 9:50 a.m. on September 16, 1994 in the Marquette Hotel in Minneapolis, MN.

Members of the board present were Mel Culross, Lloyd Haug, and Charles Caldwell. Not present were Floyd Pugh and Jack Stratton. In the absence of the Secretary, the minutes of the meeting were recorded by board member, Mel Culross.

Plans for the 1995 reunion was tabled until the next board meeting the following day, September 17. Jeff Gregory who was present at the meeting, suggested due to the fire at the Norwich Library, memorabilia and personal items, not be collected at this time. In a few months more information would be placed in PFG to the membership as to donations.

The board agreed pressure should be kept up as to the WWII display in the Smithsonian Institution (reference Japan WWII display) as if Japan was the victim of the Americans. A letter should be sent to the Institution from the 467th Bomb Group.

The board agreed Bob Sheehan and upcoming President, Mel Culross, should be signed in on the 467th Bomb Group checking account along with the Treasurer, Phillip Day.

Lloyd Haug made the motion that anyone (not a member of the Group) who is invited to our convention, and is not paying for the Hotel room, must have prior approval from the board. Seconded by Mel Culross and motion carried.

There was a discussion but tabled at this time that someone be appointed to send "get well" and "sympathy" cards when appropriate to a 467th member.

President Elliott informed us Marvin Ralph Davis would present to all members at the Conventions business meeting information on the Group "Presidential Citation Award" during WWII.

Vince LaRussa gave a report on the 3rd addition of Healy's 467th Bomb Group book.

President Elliott made the motion the outstanding \$1282.99 due on "patches" be paid from the Group treasury. Seconded by Lloyd Haug and motion carried.

The Board agreed the 2nd AD VP be appointed by the Bomb Group President.

Candidates for membership to the Board of Directors for the members to vote on at this Convention are: Marvin Ralph Davis, Vincent Re, Walter J. Mundy, and Henry W. Wedda. There are two seats to be filled on the board.

Next board meeting to be held in the Marquette Hotel on September 17 during this convention.

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Motion by Charles Caldwell and seconded by Lloyd Haug.

Submitted by Mel Culross.

Approved by Ralph Elliott, President.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association,
September 18, 1994

The 467th Bombardment Group (H) Association met in annual convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 15-19, 1994. At the General Meeting two new Directors were elected. They are Vincent Re and Ralph Davis.

Following the General Business Meeting and banquet the new Board of Directors met at the IDS Building. Directors present were: Melvin Culross, Vincent Re, Marvin R. Davis, Charles Caldwell.

Melvin Culross was elected President of the Board. Melvin Culross appointed Ralph H. Elliott as Group Vice President Representative to the 2nd Air Division Association.

Melvin Culross appointed Walter Mundy to be Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors.

The Board unanimously agreed the 1995 467th Bomb Group Convention will be held in San Diego California, October 12-16.

There being no old business and no new business issues for the Board to act upon, the meeting was adjourned by President Culross.

Respectfully submitted, Walter Mundy, Recording Secretary.

Approved: Melvin Culross, President.

467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)
ASSOCIATION, LTD. TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 1994 TO October 1, 1995

INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	
Contributions	\$ 7,127.50
Convention 94	2,815.11
Decal Sales	136.00
ETO Memories	125.00
History Reprint	3,000.00
Jackets and Caps	400.00
Patch Sales	1,079.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Interest, Checking Account	101.86
Interest, Certificate of Deposit	340.98
Cash from CD	<u>2,500.00</u>
INCOME SUB-TOTAL	\$17,725.45
EXPENDITURES	
Certificate of Deposit	\$12,500.00
Convention 95 Advance	2,000.00
Convention 96 Advance	500.00
Rackheath Historical Marker Annuity	1,836.10
Miscellaneous	42.45
Officer and Directors Reimbursed Expenses	182.68
Reproduction POOP	3,013.61
Secretarial POOP	1,794.12
USPS Domestic Postage, POOP	2,807.58
USPS Foreign Postage, POOP and Other	139.03
USPS, Other Postage	<u>126.85</u>
EXPENDITURES SUB-TOTAL	\$24,942.52
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,874.80
Income	17,725.45
Expenditures	-24,942.54
Ending Balance	2,657.33
Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,000.00</u>
Association Total Assets	\$12,657.33

MEMORIAL LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND from Phyllis DuBois

I hope you will forgive me for not reporting earlier on books purchased using the income from this fund. I lost all of my correspondence, including the lists of books purchased during fiscal year 1993-94, in the library fire. In rebuilding the book collection I have doubled the annual sum normally spent from the endowment income, so that the donors would be well represented in the new collection. This has been a terrible year in which it has been almost impossible to achieve orderly business practices. I decided that my priority must be to rebuild the book collection. Although careful records were kept for endowment expenditure I simply did not have time to type up the lists and the letters. This sounds like a weak excuse but I hope that you will accept my apologies.

Endowment interest monies purchased the following books:

War Paint: Fighter Nose Art
Flight and Flying
American Poetry: The Nineteenth Century: Vol. I
Willem DeKooning
Flying Tigers
Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations, Vol. III
Don S. Gentile: Soldier of God and Country
Lockheed P-38 Lightning
Paratrooper: The Life of Gen. James M. Gavin
Zemke's Stalag: The Final Days of World War II
Phantom In Combat
American Art. History and Culture
Road to Disunion
Uncommon Places (Appalachian Trail)
Lighter Side of the Battle
American Paratroopers in World War II
Great American Journeys
Hallelujah Flight
Black '41: West Point Class of 1941 and the American Triumph in World War II
Curtis Aircraft 1907-1947
Bomber Command
Home Front USA
Nathan Bedford Forest

BITS AND PIECES BY PHILLIP G. DAY

Greetings to each of you wherever you are. Fall has come to Shreveport and it was not unwelcome. BUT, I am on Coumadin blood thinner and I have trouble in cool, cold weather trying to keep warm. But I can report that my arthritis problem is much better. Either the new drug I am on, Azulfidine, or the nine raisins soaked in gin I take each morning in faith that it is going to help me, may be working, or both. In any event, I am very happy to have some relief from the pain of arthritis.

Miss Cille and I went to Convention 95 in San Diego and we enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. You will have heard or will read that Jack and Lucile Stevens had adverse conditions at the Hotel Kona Kai. Construction of the building where we were to have our meals and the majority of our rooms were not completed as scheduled, but I will say that the contractors worked like a swarm of ants to get the Banquet Room, the Day Room and the Memorabilia Display Room open for our use, and even though we were not all together as to rooms, the Hotel had extra transport on hand to move us from the west section to the east section and vice-versa. The two sections open were about a half mile apart. The unfinished area was in closer proximity to the west section. It was an inconvenience but we were able to work around it and to enjoy the in-house activities. The out-of-hotel activities were also well planned and well received. The Graduation of the Marine Recruits was with precision as we knew it would be. The lunch following on base was very good. I didn't go on the tour following but went back to the hotel to open the Day Room. The trip to the San Diego Zoo was a highlight and the Harbor Tour following was enjoyed by all. In total, unfortunately, it was not the best of Conventions but was more than satisfactory under some adverse conditions.

Miles Coolidge and sons, Kevin with wife Kelli and Larry with wife Margie, were instrumental in arranging for Mark and Shannon Hoage to bring in the display of, principally, B-24 and Second Air Division memorabilia—a very interesting assembly of material to all who were able to see it. Vince LaRussa and I, after some difficulty, were able to commandeer a room in vicinity of the Hoage exhibit and had tables set up for the Group memorabilia display

which was also well received and used for looking and visiting with others.

The symposium on Aircraft Maintenance and Repair at Rackheath was well attended and received by those in attendance at it. Speaking on the subject were Bill Chana and Joe Famme, who were with Consolidated during the design and test of the B-24; Ralph Giesecke, Group Engineering Officer; Lloyd Davies; George Dong; Vince LaRussa; Joe Rameriz; Tom Steranko; Jack Stratton and Charlie Wagner. The fly boys did not know of or appreciate at the time the hard long hours and work done by the ground crews to keep us flying. I think we now know and appreciate what they did for us. To those who participated in the symposium and those not there but of the ground crews, the belated thanks of those of us who flew for the excellent repair and maintenance of the Group's aircraft.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Business Meeting of the Association are published in this POOP. Please read them to see what your Board and Association did at this Convention. If you have any corrections to either of them, please send to POOP.

I need to acknowledge the attendance at Convention 95 of Vicky Brasier, Betty Elsen, Norma Kagy, Carolyn Lees, Ida Rothchild and Jackie Swearigen, widows of veterans of the 467th. I saw them having a good time at many of the functions of the Convention, well received and loved by all of us at the Convention. I know they will make every effort to attend Convention 96 at Savannah (Pooler) Ga and I encourage each of you Associate Widows to do so also.

I bet you thought I had forgotten Flora and Fauna but I haven't. Our fall garden was pretty much of a bust. Bugs ate up our green beans, the sugar pod peas were very poor. We have mustard greens and have enjoyed them. Peppers, egg plants and tomatoes were nursed through to some fall production, though smaller than spring size they still have good flavor. We have had some broccoli from the garden, some more is coming on. Nothing yet from the brussel sprouts except some swelling on the stems. We had our normal first freeze on November 11 but not hard and we were able to cover those things susceptible to frost. We are supposed to have another frost tonight, 11-21, but we are ready for it also. The hummingbirds left October 23 or 24. My sister-in-law at Corpus Christi said that the gathering of them at Rockport, TX prior to flying to Mexico and South America was larger than in many years. A friend said there was a great gathering at Avery Island, LA, the home of Tabasco sauce. The mocking bird sings occasionally. I see many of them. The pecan (pucon) crop was the best in many years. Miss Cille and I picked up many of them on her old house place on the plantation. They have been cracked and she has picked out many pounds. Our youngest son and family are coming for Thanksgiving. I will enlist him and his three sons to go down there and pick up some more. We will go after Schyles this time, a small nut with a very good, oily meat. I believe they will cooperate as Miss Cille has picked out five pounds for each of the sons and families.

Al Welters wrote to tell me he had lost the name and phone number of a caller to him on or about November 12-13 and apologizes for it, and asks the caller to please call him back.



I guess this is as good a stopping place as any.

Miss Cille and I wish you the Happiest of Holidays and our best wishes for a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.
Phillip

LETTER FROM REV. DAVID JONES, SALHOUSE, ENGLAND

To my old friend Geoff Gregory and all my dear friends of the 467th, "HELLO".

To all of you that came over to our V.E. Day Celebration in May, 1995, thanks for coming to Rackheath and Salhouse. We had a wonderful day: at the airfield, the service in the church, and a lovely meal in the evening. **THANK YOU.**

And may I repeat just a little of my sermon for those of you who did not come to England this year. ...As a young boy I saw the planes depart in the morning, gathering in the sky over Norfolk and later that day I would see them return. Some on fire, some so full of holes even a small boy wondered how they kept up in the sky.

I, and people of my age, will never forget how you suffered to help us through those dark and awful days.

Young brave Americans, 275 from Rackheath, did not return to your beloved country. They lost their lives! Those young men gave the most that men can give—**LIFE ITSELF.**

Rev. David Jones' Letter— Continued:

One day I shall come to America and I would like to stand in one of your pulpits in church and tell of those men that died for us; those young men who gave their lives for us in Norfolk, England.

We shall never forget you. Thank you and God Bless you, each and every one of you at this your convention. Thank you my American Friends.

"They may not grow old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

God bless you all,
David Jones, Salhouse, England.

LETTER FROM JACK STEVENS

And it came to pass in October that some members of the tribe called the 467th Bomb Group gathered at an island resort, called the Kona Kai, in the southwest corner of the land. The air was warm, the sky was blue, and the winds blew gently through the palms. They looked about them and said, "This is almost the Promised Land."

Their chiefs assembled and listened to the words of their leader, Mel Culross. They discussed many things, spoke of new chiefs, and made plans. Then, lo, more members gathered from the four corners and checked in. There was much calling and talking. Then, the members moved to the gathering place and partook of drinks and munchies before entering the dining hall where they ate well and heard the chiefs speak of many things. And so to bed.

In the morning, buses took them to a special area of the tribe called Marines. About 500 young warriors, who had met the challenge according to the book, marched onto the area. There were flags, music, swords, and ceremonies; achievements were recognized; cannons were fired; and the young warriors passed before our members and the warrior chiefs. After that, the young warriors were called leathenecks, and devil dogs, and Marines. And they were glad.

Buses took the members to dining halls—one on the land of the Marines, called the Bay View; another, on the land of the Submariners, called the Ocean View. And the food was good.

The members were taken to a high hill to gaze about them. They saw a tall statue to the explorer Cabrillo, an ocean, a bay, a resting place for old warriors, a large city and several small cities, a naval air station, a foreign country, and many ships and boats. A Park Ranger rose up and spoke to them of Cabrillo, fortifications, and The Light House.

On another day, they were taken to The Zoo where they saw many denizens of the land, sea, and air. And the guide told many tales about them. Later, they were taken to The Bay and went upon harbor cruise boats to see and learn of people, places, and things bordering The Bay. Upon their return to the Kona Kai, the members visited an area where mementoes of their trials in ancient days were displayed before them and they saw the Mark Hoage display of battle relics from the days when our members were young.

On yet another day, wives of some members were taken to a large house, called Nordstrom, where they partook of exotic foods and learned of ways to increase their beauty. They looked upon new garments and ventured out to other large houses, called Nieman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Broadway, to see beautiful garments and valuable goods.

The members then gathered and called on Ralph Davis to lead them. And they chose Savannah as a meeting place and discussed other matters. Then, behold, wise men came and spoke to them of the heritage and growth of the B-24, an object of high regard by all members, and of trials and tribulations that beset them at a place called Rackheath, and of how members called The Ground Crews overcame those trials and tribulations and made the B-24s combat ready.

Then, in fresh garments, all the members and guests moved to the gathering place and again partook of drinks and munchies before entering the dining hall where they ate well and heard the chiefs speak of many things. And so to bed.

On the next day, they departed to the four corners except for seventeen who went on a journey and boarded a ship, the VIKING SERENADE. There, they entered many activities, such as floor shows, gambling, swimming, fitness exercises, and many opportunities to partake of fine foods. It was wonderful.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 08-15-95 to 11-15-95	
Opening Balance (corrected from \$3204.02)	\$ 3,304.01
Income:	
Contributions (46)	1,285.00
E.T.O. Memories Sales	20.00
Patch Sales	243.00
Window Decal Sales	189.00
Interest on Checking Acct.	14.92
Interest on CD	73.64
Cash from CD	5,000.00
Sub-total Income	\$ 6,825.56
Disbursements:	
Secretarial POOP 14-3	395.04
Reproduction POOP 14-3	983.82
USPS Domestic Postage POOP 14-3	759.00
USPS Non-Domestic Postage POOP 14-3	46.44
USPS Stamps	32.00
Officers and Directors—Cash Receipts	132.62
Haug—Floral Piece	68.70
Miney Memorial Plaque	300.00
8th AF Museum	5,000.00
Convention 95: Name Tags and Holders	187.48
Hoage Exhibit Expense	401.58
Sub-total Expenditures	\$ 8,306.68
Closing Balance Operating Fund	\$ 1,822.89
Special Fund Accounts:	
Albert J. Shower Endowment	\$ 796.50
32-day Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00
Sub-Total	\$ 5,796.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 7,619.39

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Roswell Bosworth, Returned from Lost Souls
Maxine Clary -AW, 2015 Victoria Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024
Keith C. Farnier, Returned from Lost Souls
Howard E. Haller, Rt. 2, Box 10001, Show Low, AZ 85901
Carman J. Haug -AW, 3115 Benjamin St., NE Minneapolis, MN 55418
Veronia Manchester -AW, 5766 W. Waytoma Bch., Hilton, NY 14468
James M. Varkas, 705 Ancloste Dr., Tarpon Springs, FL
Perry Watts -AH, Savona, 22 Norwich Rd, Salhouse NR13 6QF England

If they live near you, give them a ring, drop by to see them. Don't let anyone of them not be welcomed. And please, each of you reading this, send me the names and addresses of any 467th or 2nd Air Division veterans so we can get them on the Group Roster or in contact with their Group Representative. The time is now to do this.

LOST SOULS

POOP was returned from the following:

Elmer Barndt, Dillsburg, PA
Richard E. Miller, Sr., Myrtle Beach, SC

Two only out of 1,420 on the Association Roster. Will one of you in their address area find out an address so we can return them to the roster.

LAST POST

Jack M. Bullock	Robert M. Lensmire
Elmer W. "Bill" Clarey -AH	Sherman Manchester
V. F. Cuddington	Clyde O. Mort
Gerald J. Gebauer	John Repola
Lloyd A. Haug	Willie Thomas

"May they go from Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect Service in GOD'S Heavenly Kingdom."

GOODBYE OLD FRIENDS

Lloyd Allen (Buzz) Haug of Minneapolis, MN passed away peacefully on October 22, 1955 with his entire immediate family at his side after an exceptionally courageous battle with anyloidosis. Lloyd was always the first to volunteer for anything that needed to be done for the Association. He helped me in many ways at each of the three conventions I coordinated. On his own volition he offered to the Association his design of an identifying cap and arranged for the printing of the windbreaker, first introduced at the Ft. Worth Convention, on a continuing basis. He also served the Association as member of the Board of Directors for two years, until his death, and coordinated Convention 94 at Minneapolis, a memorable time for all who attended. Our love, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Carman and his family. Interment was at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Friday, October 27, 1995.

Carman asked that I tell you how much she appreciated your cards and letters and that the floral arrangement sent by the Association was very nice and appropriate.

Goodbye Old Friends—Continued:

* Elmer W. "Bill" Clarey came to the 467th with the second organization of the 788th BS(H) as copilot for the Pease crew. Bill was for many years the Vice-President of the 492nd BG(H) in its relationship with the Second Air Division Association and on many occasions he and his Group's members would join ours at 2ADA Reunions. I was not notified by his wife, Maxine, as to the date or circumstances of his death but Bill Beasley of the 492nd BG(H) told me that Bill died on September 11, 1995, probably of a massive heart attack at his home in Los Altos, CA. After his wartime service Bill flew for United Air Lines until grounded for health reasons. He continued working for United until his retirement due to age. I enjoyed the companionship of Bill at a number of reunions and conventions and he will be missed.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

CONVENTION 1995: The Association has advanced \$2,589 to the Convention.

CONVENTION 1996: The Association has advanced \$500 to the Convention.

THE HISTORY OF THE 467TH THIRD REPRINT:

500 Copies Ordered	\$11,700.00
Other Press Charges	629.30
Sub-total Cost	12,329.30
Income from Sales to Date	10,500.00
Remaining to Recover	1,829.30

Vince LaRussa has handled the reprinting and sales of each of the reprints by the Association, the first two of which returned considerable profits to the Association. He is certainly owed our thanks for his devotion to these reproductions and sales.

The Association has recovered \$10,500 of the \$12,379.31 invested in the 500 books ordered in the third reprinting. Sale of 47 additional books will bring us to break even or we can wholesale enough copies, 75, to break even. Vince prefers to sell at retail so you who have not purchased a copy of this third edition please do so as soon as possible.

WINDOW DECALS: The Association has no investment in this project; it was conceived and is handled by Robert Sheehan. He has turned \$682 to the Association from sales of this item. The Association thanks him for his efforts.

GROUP/SQUADRON PATCHES: We invested \$2,250 in 1,000 patches, plus have had \$46.38 of expenses. Sales so far have been \$2,385. Paul Hatten has a number of patches on hand to show a modest profit for the Association.

1000 Patches Ordered	\$2,250.00
Additional Expenses	46.38
Sub-total Cost	2,296.38
Income from Sales to Date	2,385.00
Profit to Date	88.62

Paul V. Hatten saw a need for a coordinator for this project, took the ball and ran with it. The sale of just a few more combination of patches will begin sending a bit of additional profit to the Association.

GL MEMORIES OF THE E.T.O.: The Association has no investment in this project. It was conceived and is handled by Allen J. "Wabbit" Welters. He has sent \$150 to the Association from sales of this item. We thank him also for his support of the Association.

467th CAPS AND WINDBREAKERS: The Association has no investment in this project. It was conceived and is handled by Lloyd Haug. He has sent \$400 to the Association from sales of these items. We have not located a source of caps and jackets to this date. We hope to have a supplier by next POOP.

MAIL-MEMORIAL OPERATING FUND

CONTRIBUTIONS 08-15-95 TO 11-15-95

Forty-six contributions for a total of \$1,285 were received in the 90 reporting days of this report. The amounts ranged from \$5 to \$100, an average of nearly \$30. I offer the thanks of the Association to each of you and my personal thanks as well. Please, if you haven't made a contribution in a while, give serious consideration to doing so. Remember, we have no dues in the Association. We rely on your donations to publish POOP and for any worthy memorial approved by the Board of Directors. The Association needs the support and contributions of each and every veteran and associate.

Contributors to the fund:

Mitt T. Barker	Clarence P. Kurtz
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Contributors to the Mail-Memorial Fund—Continued:

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DONATIONS REQUESTED—ALL MADE OUT TO THE ASSOCIATION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS WE ARE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT VETERANS ORGANIZATION:

467TH MAIL-MEMORIAL FUND

This is a continuing request. The Association uses these contributions for the publishing of the POOP FROM GROUP and such other expenditures as are authorized by the Board of Directors. The Association has no dues. We want all of our veterans and associates to be kept on the Association roster and mailing list regardless of their participation in the sending in of donations. This policy was established with POOP, Vol. 1, No. 1 on November 30, 1981 when I became Vice-President for the Group in its relation with the Second Air Division Association and sent out the first POOP as a newsletter. I will continue it as long as sufficient donations are received to do so. It takes \$1,350 average to publish each edition. Please contribute to the Mail-Memorial fund so we can continue this publication. Mark your checks MAIL-MEMORIAL FUND.

THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

You will read that the Association made a donation of \$5,000 to the 8th Heritage Museum following Convention 95. This money was taken from existing Association surplus. The Board also directed that an appeal for additional funds be made to match our original donation. Mark your checks 8th AF Museum and we will make the additional donation when we meet in Savannah (Pooler), GA at Convention 96 in October, 1996.

RACKHEATH TOWER ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION:

Colonel Albert J. Shower spoke of this at Convention 95. It was first broached to me by Billy L. "BOZY" Johnston after the 50th Anniversary celebration that several of you attended at Rackheath, England. "Bozy" stated that Ivan R. Palmer, a British Air Lines pilot who was his escort in his travels around Norfolk, had written an article in the Spring, 1995 "Rackheath Life" inviting the readers of that publication to join a support group with the aim of obtaining ownership of the tower and renovating it. I have had no further information of this support group or any information as to their progress in their efforts. For these reasons, the POOP cannot solicit funds for this nebulous idea at this time.

RACKHEATH HISTORICAL MARKER

MAINTENANCE ANNUITY FUND:

Recall the Association sent via David Hastings monies in the amount of 1000 British pounds to be invested in England so that the interest on the investment could be used in the coming years to maintain the Historical Marker that is on the plot of ground which was deeded to the 467th BG(H) Assoc., Ltd. in Rackheath Industrial Park by Robert S. Lomax and family. A British National Savings Stock Certificate in the amount of 998.82 British pounds, with interest at 8%, "repayable at par on 5 October 2006 or at any time after 5 October 2002 if H M Treasury so decides" was purchased to fill this need. The certificate is registered in the names of John David Hastings, Roger Jonathan Hastings and Robert Stevens Lomax. The interest of approximately 80£ per year will be used to pay electrical costs (we believe it to be the only lighted marker on former Eighth Air Force bases), replace the flags that will now fly night and day as they become unserviceable and for other maintenance on or around the marker. Our profound thanks to John, Roger and Robert for their willingness to perform this service for the 467th.

POST EXCHANGE

The 467th Bombardment Group (History) September 1943—June 1945 by Allan Healy, first privately printed in 1947. The third reprint is by the 467th BG (H) Association, Ltd. This third reprint contains the total original Healy publication plus includes an alphabetically arranged roster of all known personnel who were assigned or attached to the 467th from March 11, 1944 to July 6, 1945, over 5200 names, and an alphabetical and chronological listing of all known deceased of the Group while assigned to the Second Air (Bombardment) Division. A short history of the 788th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), information on the lead squadron—wing squadrons of October 44 through May 45 and some other personnel matters are included in the addendum.

Orders of the third reprint will receive at least one update of roster names and additional materials on the Group's KIAs.

For your order of this third reprint with addendum, send \$40 per copy to: Vincent D. LaRussa, 8570 N. Mulberry Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Post Exchange—Continued:

Group/Squadron Patches: Each 4" diameter patch consists of a white background with 1/8" black border. The Group patch is the Sword and Shield with Second Air Division above and 467th Bomb Group (H) below. The black lettering height on this and all patches is 1/2". The squadron patches have XXX Bm. Sq. above the caricatures and 467th Bomb Group (H) below. The colors used in the caricatures are not as varied as the originals approved but the whole of each does present a pleasing appearance. Recommended is the purchase of all five for a wall mounting at \$15. Individual patches are \$4 each. All are post paid at the quoted prices. Send your orders with check or money order made out to the 467th Bomb Group to: Paul V. Hatten, 2927 W. 8380 S., West Jordan, UT 89088.

467th BG(H)/2nd Air Division Window Decal:

\$3 each from Bob Sheehan, 1828 E. 27th Street, Tulsa, OK 74114.

G.I. Memoirs Of The E.T.O.: A 5-1/4" x 8" booklet with front cover, a title page and 25 pages of cartoon-like scenes of enlisted personnel activities, on and off base. \$5 per copy to Al Welters, 1418 SE 70th St. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

***467th BG(H) Windbreakers:**

***467th BG(H) 2 ADA Caps:**

*We do not have a source for these two items at this time, Look for information in next POOP.

CONVENTIONS, REUNIONS

467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd.

October 3 to 6, 1996, Savannah (Pooler) Georgia

Coordinator: Walter W. Weaver, 3 Hermitage Court, Savannah, GA 31419.

This will be oriented toward The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum which will open 13 May 1996. We will apprise it for the repository of the memorabilia of the 467th. This will be an inexpensive convention. The rooms will be only \$45 per night, the full covered convention events only \$180 per person. Make your plans now to be there. Schedule of events and registration forms will be in Spring edition of POOP.

Florida Regional Reunion IV

February 6, 1996, at Clarion Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL.

Contact: Lawrence Gilbert, 1482 Granville Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789; (407) 647-2623.

12th Annual 2ADA Southwest Region Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 1996, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Dallas, TX in conjunction with the 2ADA Executive Committee Meeting.

Contact: J. Ray Lemons, 10515 Estate Lane, Dallas, TX 75234; (214) 348-2762.

Especially invited are veterans from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, but all 2ADA members are invited.

Second Air Division Association 49th Annual Convention

June 13-16, 1996, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milwaukee, WI 53203
Cost per person: Single \$480; Double \$360; Triple \$320. Includes room, three buffet breakfasts, two dinners with hosted bar, ladies and men's luncheons and banquet and dance.

Contact: Evelyn Cohen, 06-410 Delaire Landing Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114; (215) 632-3992.

You must be a member of the 2ADA to attend this convention. Send \$15 to E. Cohen for membership.

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