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Things are looking good for the next convention in Tucson. Ralph Elliott's daughter, Donna, has things well under control as you will note in the planning for the convention that follows later in the newsletter. We should have another good one and as always we shall enjoy the good weather of southern Arizona. You want to get your reservations in early for the hotel (directly to the hotel) and for the convention costs (directly to Donna) as indicated on the reservation forms. The hotel has a 48 hour reservation cancellation policy so register if you think you are coming, it's refundable. We are in the process to see if we can get a tax exempt status for the group. There will once again be an early bird drawing for the cost of the convention, \$225.00, for those who pay in full by or before August 1, 1999.

Do to the untimely passing of Walter J. (Tozz) Robinson, a director of the organization. I have reviewed with the Board of Directors and have their concurrence to appoint Charles H. Clawson of Sacramento, CA as replacing Tozz for the balance of his term which runs until the convention in 2000. Mr. Clawson was one of two to respond favorably to represent the group as a director. The results of the survey are covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

We still are getting questions concerning the Home Page on the Internet. The correct address (or URL) for the page is "www.siscom.net/~467thbg". The E-Mail address for the group is "467thbg@siscom.net". Bob has been revising the pictures and data in our page as we hit the maximum amount a few weeks back. The page is 20 meg size. He has reduced it to around 11-1/2 megs and we now have room for more photos and other data. We need crew photos and individual photos, then and now photos to add to the page. We will scan them and return them to you as soon as possible. The page is no better than the support we get from the members, or the families of the members. We would like to have a

photo of every single member and crews both flying and ground.

Marsha Helton Bletchford, daughter of Lt. Edwin M. Helton, who was the pilot of the Osage Express contacted us regarding contacting someone who knew her father and could share some stories. She also wanted to know where her father was buried. Marsha was born in November 1945, 5 months after her father was killed and she never had the chance to know him or share his experiences. Her half brother, who is interested in WWII history also contacted us through the home page. Both have been in contact with Andy Wilkinson who along with others are trying to draw a closure to the mystery of this lost crew of the 467th. The remains of Lt. Helton were never found. His name is on the Wall of the Missing whose bodies have never been recovered, in the Netherlands American Cemetery. Marsha may be contacted by E-Mail at "jmb@horizon.hit.net" and her brother Stephen J. Shields at "sshields@flinthills.com".

Mr. Jim Fogerty of DePue Monument Inc. advised that the cost to duplicate the 467th memorial stone in England for the Memorial Gardens at the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum would be \$2,826.70. The cost breakdown is as follows:

\$1,970.00 - Cost of Grey granite with Steele finish.

225.00 - B-24 silhouette cast with red and white 467th markings.

131.70 - State tax.

500.00 - Maintenance and up-keep fee to the Museum.

This cost subtracted from the amount allocated of \$7,000.00 will allow us to apply towards the Bombardier Sponsorship the amount of \$4,173.30, leaving us \$776.00 balance to the Museum. The action regarding the Bombardier display was item #4 in the Board Actions listed elsewhere in this newsletter, that were accomplished during this period.

**467TH HISTORY BOOK COMING TO THE END**

First published by Allan Healy in 1947, "The 467th Bom-

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**467TH HISTORY BOOK – CONTINUED:**

bardment Group September 1943 – June 1945” chronicled the history of the 467th Bombardment Group from its training at Wendover, Utah through 212 combat missions and the groups return to the Zone of the Interior in 1945. This initial printing had limited distribution. During the 1979 convention at Hershey, Pennsylvania, funding was provided by ten members at that convention for the first reprint. Ralph Giesecke, group engineering officer, provided additional funding for the printing of three hundred books. This printing repaid the pledges made a Hershey and left a surplus for the 467th treasury. When Ralph Giesecke declined to accept his portion of the pledge, it became the surplus to the treasury that enabled our “No Dues Policy” for the membership and was quickly oversubscribed. The current third printing of five hundred books includes material that was not available for the original printing and of course the first and second reprints. This addendum and errata would include names of members not found in the original first and second printings. Allan Healy wanted to include a roster but he was not able to gather complete personnel information and therefore the roster was not complete. The third reprint would attempt to correct this oversight.

Phillip Day began a major effort to identify all members who served with the 467th from September of 1943 through June of 1945 when the group returned to the Zone of the Interior. This addendum and errata would include information that was not available for the original and first reprint.

Two hundred twenty three (223) personnel were KIA or KI-LOD. Five thousand two hundred seventy-eight members (5,278) have been identified as members who served with the group. Included in the addendum and errata are listings of the KIA's and KILOD by alphabet, date and aircrew. Cemeteries are shown along with maps illustrating the location of the cemetery and surrounding area.

Our inventory of the third reprint, with an addendum and errata, is currently 26 books. It is time for this project to end. It has been rewarding for me and financially successful for the group. It led a charmed life and has been an inspiration for all members. Payment will cover the cost of the book and postage. The books will be sent on a first come first served basis. THIS IS THE FINAL OFFER. THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER RE-PRINT. It has been my pleasure to be associated with this project, and thank you all for your support.

To buy one of the last copies, send a check in the amount of \$40.00 to:

Vincent La Russa  
8570 North Mulberry Drive  
Tucson, AZ 85704-3351

**467TH HOME PAGE RECOGNIZED – RALPH DAVIS**

The Wisconsin Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society identified the 467th Bomb Group Web Page as their “FEATURE” web page of the week. Leonard Schutta, one of our members, is also a member of the Wisconsin Chapter and he has been providing them with stories and pictures about the 467th. He was the one that brought our web page to their attention and they believed our efforts merited recognition. I contacted David Brouchoud of the Wisconsin Chapter and thanked him for their recognition and expressed an interest in obtaining a picture of “Pete the Pom Inspector” which they said they had. He sent me the

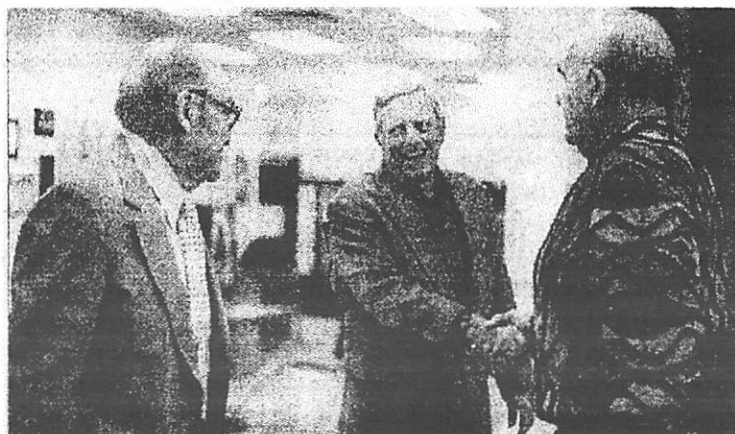
picture and it will be used on our Web Site as soon as possible. We did not previously have a colored picture of the aircraft. The Wisconsin address is “<http://www.execpc.com/~brouchou>”. Visit them when and if you can.

**BARSHAM MEMORIAL – RALPH DAVIS**

The Barsham Memorial for Lt. Reid's crew will hold their dedication on 24 April, 1999. This is a memorial dedicated to the crew that was shot down during the intruder attack of April 22, 1944. Seven lost their lives in the crash. Four bailed out, one crew member's parachute did not open, three survived. Two of the three died in combat on other crews and Mervin Shank is the only surviving member of Reid's crew. Mervin Shank and his wife, Mary, are flying over to attend the ceremony. Mr. Denis Sporle, as we identified in an earlier newsletter, is heading up this effort. The 467th donated an amount to support this memorial. The memorial wording was coordinated with Andy Wilkinson and he forwarded it to me. Mervin and I reviewed and edited the wording. Denis is meeting Mervin and his wife and will see to their transportation and lodging in the area. As always, our English friends go out of their way to make us feel at home in their country. Mervin will take pictures and see that we have good information and photos to cover this event in the next POOP.

**REUNION AFTER 53+ YEARS – RALPH DAVIS**

Tommy Hoyer pilfered a turkey leg from Steve Barilich's kitchen to share with his buddy Bob Hine on December 31st, the night before Bob's 23rd mission over Germany. Hine was shot down on 1 January and became a prisoner of war. Hoyer and Hine, strangers at South Bend Central High School, became good friends in wartime England at Rackheath. Hoyer grieved over his lost friend and at wars end decided to take Hine's gear home to the family. The second day home, Hoyer was dreading taking the gear to Hine's wife, Marjorie. Explaining his dilemma to his dad, he was informed that some two weeks earlier a Hine had called to see if he was home yet. They got together and Hoyer gave Hine his gear. Some 53+ years later all three got together again and Barilich, a mess sergeant for the Officers and flying personnel brought his book on the 467th and Hines brought the clothes that Hoyer had brought to him. Then suddenly Hine remembered he was missing something. He asked Tom what had ever happened to the 18 quarts of champagne that he had hid at the end of the barracks. The story that I heard was that Hoyer said, sorry, your buddies never told me about that. To this day, we do not know who got the champagne! Was it good Tom?



## **MEMORIAL LIBRARY – RALPH DAVIS**

An article from the Eastern Daily Press was sent to me by Perry Watts. It states that the library is on target according to officials for opening in March 2001. Construction should start, with tongue in cheek, April or May this year despite the fact that the site is still knee deep in archaeologists. A Viking gold ingot – the only piece of its kind ever found in Britain was unearthed in Norwich on the site of the new Millennium Library. The research assistant with the Norfolk Archaeological Unit said the team was now 90% certain it is ninth or tenth century origin. He believes it was brought over to England by a Scandinavian immigrant during the Viking invasion and used as a form of currency. The tiny ingot (1cm by 5cm) was found on the old library floor of a 17th century cellar which is being excavated. The finding of such priceless articles has spread considerable interest and to some degree could slow down the library effort, if more were found.

With many thoughts of who will give a firm date, will senior citizens be given training on some 59 PC's, how will cost compare to the old one and finally, despite his many comments, he was sure that once it is all completed everyone will look at it and say it was worth the wait, that is if they can find somewhere to park nearby. Seems that our English friends have similar problems to states side.

## **MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK PURCHASE - BY WALT MUNDY**

Derek Hills, Trust Librarian sent a list of books purchased on behalf of the 467th Bomb Group under the endowment program. This year, aside from the purchase of the core material on the 2nd Air Division and the Eighth Air Force, heavy weight was given to the provision of major American reference works:

1. Making the Corps: A story of Bootcamp Platoon 3086, the Marine Corps and America by Thomas E. Ricks.
2. American Photo Journalism Comes of Age by Michael Carlebach.
3. The American City: What works, what doesn't by Alexander Garvin.
4. American Eagles: A history of the United States Air Force by Ron Dick.
5. Notable US Ambassadors Since 1775: A biographical dictionary edited by Cathal J. Nolan.
6. Big Game of North America by Erwin Bauer.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION – RALPH DAVIS**

The Board of Directors acted upon and approved six items during this period.

1. Agreed upon Charles H. Clawson to finish out the balance of the directorship of Walter J. Robinson who passed away on 30 January, 1999.
2. Because of the difficulty in obtaining coordinators for conventions, the board agreed to allow and added cost to the convention of \$10.00 per person, but not to exceed an overall amount of \$1,500.00 for someone outside the organization. A member doing coordination is allowed \$500.00 for the performance of such duties to cover the expense and time allocated.
3. Because the cost of providing support to the Second Air Division as 2ADA Vice President is becoming more expensive, it was approved to have the treasury support such Ex-com meetings for the amount of \$125.00 per night, but not to exceed three nights.
4. The 8th Air Force Heritage Museum accepted our donation of

\$5,050.00 and suggested that we have a sponsorship of a display at the museum. Since the 467th set the 8th Air Force bombing record at Point de Grave and the Bombardier display did not have a sponsor, they suggested we use that one. The cost is \$10,000.00. We have \$7,000.00 designated for the replica monument in England for the museum and we can get a gray granite with black lettering for around \$2,800.00. The proposal that was approved was to use the balance of the funds to support the bombardier display. The display will name the 3 lead bombardiers and specify the details of the record set by the 467th.

5. The last convention business meeting left open to interpretation as to who is eligible to participate in the group management process. Several of us thought that it was open to all associate members as well as regular members. However, Bill McGovern, Group Secretary, believed it not to be open to all. This issue was brought up to the directors with a choice of (a) All associate members, (b) Family associate members only (-AF), and (c) Hold the issue for the next business meeting for more discussion. The vote was four (4) for all associate members and one (1) no indication, but stated last man organization. Bill McGovern suggested to wait till the next business meeting.

6. Because we need to provide funeral recognition for active and former directors, past and present officers and Group and Squadron Commanding Officers, it was proposed to provide and amount not to exceed \$75.00 to provide a red and white floral display for those who we have sufficient notice. For those notifications not in time, a planter will be sent to the family.

As always, these items will be brought up at the next business meeting in Tucson.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FROM POOP 17-3 – BY RALPH DAVIS**

19 members responded out of 1,376 mailings = 0.014 percent response.

### **Volunteers for Director or 467th Officer:**

2 volunteers for Director  
No volunteers for Officer

### **Hosting/coordinating a Convention:**

No one volunteered nor did they check with someone to do so. The Following cities were recommended:

1. Sacramento, CA (2002)
  2. Laughlin, NV (no year recommended)
  3. Frankenmuth, MI (no year recommended)
- Dayton, OH for 2000: 8 yes, 0 no, 11 not indicated.  
England for 2001: 7 yes, 1 no, 11 not indicated.

### **Organization to continue:**

Last Man: 7 yes  
Continue: 10 yes  
No Opinion: 2

With just slightly over .01% responding, it is difficult to draw a conclusion. What statistics we did get, some liked being a director, but not an Officer. Cities near home were recommended, but they did not want to do the coordination. Those with an opinion voted for Dayton in 2000, others didn't care. There were 7 for and 1 against going to England in 2001 and the majority didn't care. The organization status had the most response as a

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## **QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS – CONTINUED:**

10 to 7 vote was for continuing the organization with 2 no response.

It is difficult to draw any conclusion from these meager statistics, but if that is the response, I guess we have no other recourse. If the board agrees I will continue to push for Dayton in 2000. Because of the time we want our convention and the year 2000, there is significant competition for hotels and facilities. Some hotels here are already booked for September and early October in 2000. The Air Force Museum is a significant attraction for this area. I will also continue on England for 2001 until I hear different. I will be asking in the future for individuals to indicated a potential possibility of their going, if we decide to progress with the England trip. I will also check this with Evelyn Cohen as the 2ADA is also planning a trip that year.

## **MISCELLANEA BY PHILLIP G. DAY**

The requirement for this piece is not set in stone, but the time to submit it to the Editor and Publisher is, so here we go.

We had no winter here in Shreveport, four days when temperatures went below freezing for several hours in the day and maybe ten others when we had frost. Our fireplace was not used over two dozen times, we didn't burn a quarter of a cord of wood and that was left over from last year. Even that much toting by Miss Cille was enough to convince her we should get "natural gas logs" in the fireplace which we will do before next fall. Al "Wabbit" Welters sent me a picture of his stacked firewood, a whole yard full. "Wabbit", we wouldn't burn that much in ten years.

-- The lack of cold weather confused both plants and animals. Pesky sparrows seemed to breed and nest without let up. I have a six compartment martin (bird) house and had our yard man take it down and clean it out in mid February. All six compartments were choch-a-block full. He put it back up, I neglected to tell him to leave it down, and as soon as it was up again the sparrows started again bringing in nesting material. The martin scouts came in on March 1, looked around, then off again to see what else was available. The pairs and females should be here in a week or so and then they can run the sparrows off.

Our pear tree bloomed out early, then we sweated out frosts but it appears it has set pears. Now if we don't have a hard freeze late like last year, we should make enough pears for chow-chow (relish) and preserves and maybe a few pear instead of apple pies.

We ate salad greens and spinach through the winter and have some mustard greens about ready to pull. Sparrows again ate on the tender leaves of the lettuce but we planted enough for both them and us. Miss Cille has worked the beds so we can plant our tomatoes (eight, four verities), green sweet peppers (six, three verities) and eggplants (four, two verities) on Good Friday be the good LORD willing.

Squirrels (tree rats) seemed to have starved to death around our neighborhood this winter, they are very scarce right now thank goodness. We had no pecans on the trees in the neighborhood nor were there any acorns. Mourning Doves have found that it is safer in the city than in the country, because you cannot shoot them in the city, and it isn't unusual to see a dozen or more in the yards or on the power lines around our house.

Enough of the flora and the fauna. Miss Cille and I will be going to the Second Air Division Reunion in May in Austin, TX.

Looking forward to it as we have a number of friends in the 2ADA that we haven't seen in some time. Then we plan on also attending the 467th Convention in Tucson. There should be information on the convention in this POOP.

I am in Pulmonary Rehabilitation three days a week for about two hours, mostly physical exercises, and I feel better physically and mentally than I have in a couple of years.

Be of good cheer, love one another. Life is good.

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## **MAIL MEMORIAL FUND – PHILLIP G. DAY**

There were 43 contributors to the fund in the period November 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999 for a total amount of \$2,016.88. Two donations were for over \$100, ten for \$50 and over and the remainder from \$20 to \$40.

POOP FROM GROUP 17-3 was mailed first class as the Board of the Association wanted POOP delivered in a timely manner and not at the whim of the Post Offices which it had to pass through Third Class. POOP 18-1 will also be sent First Class.

This does not relieve you who have address changes from notifying Ralph Davis when you move. I believe he had 45 or more copies returned because the address was no longer valid or changed. Several are listed in LOST SOULS. Try to find them for Ralph. If you want to receive POOP make sure you have a valid address with Publisher Davis.

REMEMBER! NO DUES, NO DUNS, BUT PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE 467TH BG (H) ASSN., LTD. 237 Pennsylvania Ave. Shreveport, LA 71105-3319. The Association is a Veteran Based, Not-for-Profit, Charitable Entity, and ALL DONATIONS ARE FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Wouldn't you rather the Association have benefit of your donation than send it to the U.S. Government?

Contributors in the period were:

James R. Anslow	Lloyd F. Koth
Henry M. Bailey	Robert Kraft
Owen K. Ball	Alan Last-AH
Benjamin H. Beard	Henry P. Lemmen
Danial T. Brooks	Robert P. Lukeman
Robert L. Edwards	Delbert Mann
Robin L. Fillebrown-AF	Virgil W. Marcum-AH
Richard E. Fletcher	John A. Molder
Edward E. Frazier	Robert D. Moulton
Geoffrey G. Gregory	Wayne G. Mountford
Jim E. Gummalt-AH	Edgar J. Powell
Edward D. Halpin	A. Lyle Prichard
Charles W. Hampp	James E. Randazzo
Gertrude Hansbury-AW	Ronald J. Rombosky
Lowden Heller	Vincent Re
David B. Hill	William P. Scharrschmidt
Fred E. Holdrege	Max Sheppard-AF
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Donald D. Kaynor	Thomas Steranko
Glen L. Kenagy	Henry Tanzer
Edward D. King	Charles R. Wagner
	Walter W. Weaver

On behalf of the Association, and personally, I thank each of the above listed contributors. Their contributions are appreciated, they are appreciated.



## **TUCSON CONVENTION – RALPH DAVIS**

The convention will start with registration on the 30th of September. The memorabilia room will be set up that day. There will be the usual items available within the day room such as a copier, computer for network access, television and video player. The price of the hotel rooms (\$75.00) has been extended for additional days, you can make this available to you when you register by giving them the reference of **467th Bomb Group, Group #930** which identifies you with our rates and time period. Their cancellation policy requires a 48 hour notification which is quite liberal and will allow many to register without concern of canceling in the event of unknown circumstances. Donna, Ralph Elliott's daughter, has put a lot of time and effort in making this another very good convention and we will be most happy to see many regulars, newcomers, widows and associates in attendance. There has been no designated theme for this convention and since it is the 60th anniversary of our B-24, let's make it a good time for all and enjoy every minute.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT**

### **PATCHES:**

There are none remaining.

### **GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:**

This 5-1/4" by 8", 25 page booklet of cartoon like scenes of enlisted personnel activities is available for \$5.00 from Allen J. Walters, 1418 70th St. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

### **GROUP AND SQUADRON PINS:**

There are 467th, 788th, 789th and 470th sub depot pins still available. The cost of these are \$5.00 each and \$0.75 for packaging and postage. Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

### **GROUP ROSTERS:**

Current rosters of the group are available for \$3.00 each, including mailing. Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

### **GROUP WINDOW DECALS:**

Decals are available for \$3.00 each, including mailing. Send Requests to Phillip G. Day, 237 Pennsylvania Ave, Shreveport, LA 71105-3319. These are the decals that Bob Sheehan was selling.

## **IN MEMORY – WALTER J. ROBINSON BY RALPH DAVIS:**

Walter J. Robinson (Tozz) passed away on the 2nd of February, 1999 after suffering from cancer of the esophagus and the stomach. He is survived by his wife, Pat, son Walter III and daughter, Suzanne. Walt, or as his friends called him, Tozz, was serving in his second year as a director of the 467th Bomb Group. He was my bombardier within crew 57 of the 790th Bomb Squadron. Walt will be missed dearly by me as he was a dear friend and a fellow comrade.

He will be missed by all and our sincere expression of sympathy is extended to his family and friends.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Operating Fund 11-01-98 to 03-01-99

Operating Fund Balance 11-01-98 \$ 2,385.60

### **INCOME**

Mail Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ 2,016.88
Convention 98 Bank Close-out	\$ 41.09
Sheehan Memorial	\$ 100.00
Sheehan Decal Sales Income	\$ 6.00
Certificate of Deposit Interest	\$ 82.87
Checking Account Interest	\$ 30.76
<b>Sub-Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,367.60</b>

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

2ADA Memorial Library Sheehan Memorial	\$ 200.00
Brasham, England B-24 Memorial Marker	\$ 50.00
Reproduction	\$ 26.74
Association Officer Reimbursed Expenses	\$ 81.68
Advance POOP 18-1	\$ 1,450.00
<b>Sub-Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 1,808.42</b>

**Operating Fund Balance \$ 2,944.77**

### **Other Association Assets**

32 Day Certificate of Deposit \$10,000.00

**Total Association Funds 3-01-99 \$12,944.77**

## **A PLEA TO THE MEMBERSHIP – RALPH DAVIS**

Over the past several issues of the newsletter, we have been subjected to many change of addresses and lost souls, people who we cannot reach because they moved without a forwarding address or the forwarding time has expired. Each notice costs at least 50 cents and then there is the cost of sending another newsletter at first class postage rate. In addition to the costs involved, there is also the additional time to redo the roster and mailing list. We also get involved in addresses that will not barcode for bulk mailing. If the address we use on your newsletter is not correct, please send me a postcard with your correct address. Barcoding will not accept street when it should be avenue or boulevard and so on. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

If you have a summer and winter address, let me know each and the approximate time you are at each. This will also assist in avoiding additional costs. Thanks for reading this and for the positive response that I know I will receive from all of you.

## **WIDOW'S COMMENTS – RALPH DAVIS**

There are six additions to the roster this period. The are as follows: Gerry Crabbe (Gerald), 907 W. Murphy St., Lima, OH 45801; Luelia Harter (Charles), 1413 Oakrest Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302; Carolyn Hatch (Benjamin) 6 Clamshell Ln., Northport, NY 11768; Margaretta D. Keller (Herman), 916 Hickory St., #125 (Lutheran Home), Hollidayburg, PA 16648-2248; Janet Novak (Edward), 1637 Glengarri Ct., Algonquin, IL 60102; and Pat Robinson (Tozz), 440 Scandia Ave., Des Moines, IA 50315. Gertrude R. Hansbury (Tom), 518 Hester St., Woodbury, NJ 08096 requested to be removed from the list and delivery of the newsletter. The roster will be up-dated to reflect these changes. It is my hope that you will contact one another and to form your own group to attend our conventions.

**Convention Registration Form – Tuscon, AZ., Sept./Oct. 30 – 4, 1999**  
**467th Bombardment Group (H) Association Ltd.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                                      First                                      M.I.                                      Badgo-Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip Code

Telephone No. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer Yes (    ) No (    )

Accompanied by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                                      First                                      M.I.                                      Badgo-Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                                      First                                      M.I.                                      Badgo-Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                                      First                                      M.I.                                      Badgo-Name

Date of Arrival and Time (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. – P.M.

Date of Departure and Time (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. – P.M.

Arriving via Car (    ) / Air Line \_\_\_\_\_ Flt. # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. – P.M.

Car arrivals: From east I-10, take Kolb Road Exit North. West on Broadway to hotel.

From west I-10, Exit Grant Road East to Swan Rd.. South on Swan. East on Broadway to hotel.

Air arrivals: Go to Arizona Stage Coach desk near baggage and ask for transportation to the Viscount. Hotel rate is \$10.00.

RV and Motorhome: Parking lot at hotel. There are NO hookups available.

**BADGE INFORMATION**

(Important – Complete data below for badge ID)

Your Squadron/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Your Rank and Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Your Pilot/CO \_\_\_\_\_ Arrived Rackheath \_\_\_\_\_ Departed \_\_\_\_\_

POW Yes (    ) No (    ) If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

Cite on memory while at Rackheath that gives you a chuckle and/or interesting to the group (send on additional sheet of paper).

**CONVENTION COSTS**

Per Person \$225.00

Times Number of Persons (    )

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Due With Registration, \$75.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due August 30, 1999. \$150.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I Will Pay by Check (    ) or Money Order (    )

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities. There will be a “Freebie Drawing” for a one person convention package cost of \$225.00. The drawing will be open to all who pay in full by August 1, 1999.

Make checks payable to: “467th Bombardment Group Convention 1999”.

Fill in the above Convention Registration form and mail with your deposit of \$75.00 per person to:

Donna Elliott Sisley  
 4407 E. Cerrada del Charro  
 Tucson, AZ 85718  
 (520) 299-2720 (E-Mail: dsisley@aol.com)

### Hotel Registration Information

#### MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE VISCOUNT SUITE HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

All rooms must be reserved by August 1, 1999 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates.

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#### 467th Bombardment Group (H) Reunion

##### Tucson, Arizona

##### September 30 – October 4, 1999

#### Schedule of Activities:

##### **Thursday, September 30, 1999**

Registration and Arrival Day. Memorabilia room set up.

3:00 P.M. – Hotel check in

5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Complimentary cocktails in hotel atrium.

7:00 – 10:00 P.M. – Rosario's Restaurant and patio inside hotel for hors d'oeuvres (light sandwiches, etc.) and welcoming reception.

##### **Friday, October 1, 1999**

6:00 – 9:30 A.M. – Complimentary cooked to order breakfast in hotel atrium.

8:30 A.M. – First shuttles to Pima Air Museum with side trip to airplane boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB. Additional shuttles running until 1:00 P.M. Lunch available to purchase at snack bar at museum or there are several restaurants at the hotel.

3:00 P.M. – Last shuttle from Pima Air Museum.

5:00 P.M. – Board buses for Bar-b-que at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch outside in the Cottonwood Groves.

5:30 – 6:30 P.M. – Cocktails

6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Dinner

8:30 P.M. – Return to Hotel.

##### **Saturday, October 2, 1999**

7:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Complimentary full cooked breakfast in atrium.

9:15 A.M. – Load buses to Sabino Canyon (Tucson's oasis in the desert), ride shuttles into canyon, including time for the visitor's center.

12:00 P.M. – Board buses for lunch out.

3:00 – 4:15 P.M. – Board Meeting

5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Complimentary cocktails in atrium.

7:00 P.M. – Dinner at hotel.

##### **Sunday, October 3, 1999**

7:00 – 10:00 A.M. – Complimentary breakfast in hotel atrium.

10:30 – 11:30 A.M. – Membership Meeting

12:00 – 2:00 P.M. – Lunch

2:30 – 3:30 P.M. – Newly elected board meeting.

5:00 – 7:00 P.M. – Complimentary cocktails in hotel atrium.

7:00 P.M. – Banquet

##### **Monday, October 4, 1999**

6:00 – 9:30 A.M. – Complimentary breakfast in hotel atrium. Good-byes until next time.



**ROSTER ADDITIONS**

If any of the following additions to the roster live near you, give them a ring or drop by to see them. Don't let anyone of them not be welcomed into the Group.

Jeremy Bento - AF	7 Muldoon St.	Hudson	NH	03051
Marsha Blatchford - AF	923 N. A Street	Arkansas City	KS	67005
David J. Brouchoud - 8AFHS	18501 W. Michaels Rd.	New Berlin	WI	53146-4442
New Jersey Chapter - 8AFHS	708 Dianne Court	Rahway	NJ	07065-2612
Gerry Crabbe - AW	907 W. Murphy St	Lima	OH	45801-3443
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Lawrence T. Grennan	178 Manta Cir	Oldsmar	FL	34677-2534
Luelia Harter - AW	1413 Oakcrest Dr	Alexandria	VA	22302-2331
Carolyn Hatch - AW	6 Clamshell Ln.	Northport	NY	11768
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Margaretta D. Keller-AW	916 Hicory St, #125 (Luth Home)	Hollidaysburg	PA	16648-2248
Harry C. McCann	4688 Healy Dr.	Columbus	OH	43227-2550
Sam McGowan - AF	450 Winthrop Drive, # 3	Findley	OH	45840
Jini Mortensen - AF	405 E. South St.	Oshkosh	WI	54901
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Pat Robinson - AW	440 Scandia Avenue	Des Moines	IA	50315
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Dennis Sporle - AH	The Old School House	Barsham Nr. Beccles, Suffolk	NR34 8HA, England	

**LOST SOULS**

"POOP" was returned from the following. Tell us what you know of them, try to locate them if they live in your area.

Joseph S. Cortes	4428 Sonfield St, Apt C	Metairie	LA	70006-2148
Marie Enck - AW (Fred)	1050 N. Farnsworth Ave., Apt 209	Aurora	IL	60505-2035
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Jeff Nard	7954 Teal St.	Mohave Valley	AZ	86440-9238
Neil R. Phillipson - AH	34 StCatherines Road	Thorpe St Andrew	Norwich	NR7 OXR England
Carl U. Riddle	316 Asbill Ave	Yukon	OK	73099-4606
Paul J. Rodell	619 Ridge Ave	Elk Grove Vlg	IL	60007-4268
Paul S. Rothwell	2132 Elm Hill Pike	Nashville	TN	37210-3968
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**REQUEST REMOVAL**

Gertrude R. Hansbury-AW	518 Hester St.	Woodbury	NJ	08096
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**LAST POST**

Eugene A. Aichroth	1256 Saxon Ave.	Bay Shore	NY	11706
Charles Barrett	1736 Washtenaw Rd	Ypsilanti	MI	48197-2040
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"May they go from Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect Service in GOD'S Heavenly Kingdom"



## **NEWS FROM STATION 145 – DAVID J. HASTINGS**

Had a mild winter with little snow and all is OK with your wonderful marker and plaques. The flags are showing signs of a rough winter but we will not put the new ones up until the better weather. Roger keeps an eye on the Marker each day and has just moved into his new home, in a development being built just to the west of the Norwich end of the main runway. At Geoff Gregory's suggestion, he has called his house "FLAKSHAK" with the name and his No. 10 painted inside a 467th Red and White Tail Fin beside his front door – this has caused much interest! His address is "Flakshak" 10 Wilde Road, Rackheath. NR13 6SJ.

The new Memorial Library is now getting very exciting and on time and on budget.

We showed the late James Mahoney film "A Village Remembers" to a packed house at the Lowestoft Cine Club recently and they raised a donation for the library. We have been averaging two film nights a week this winter.

As you know I have talked the VIP Group in Canada into producing a 2nd Air Division B-24 Liberator for the Flight Simulator. They are now in the final stages and I have sent the "Witchcraft" for the aircraft details and colors. Who knows, within a few months youngsters and adults all over the world will be able to fly a 467th B-24.

Their other products are quite stunning and I use several of them on my own Flight Simulator – just had a trip round Europe – Norwich – Frankfurt – Brussels – Gatwick – Norwich. Certainly keeps you instrument flying sharp.

Once again all our love and best wishes to the 467th, we will never forget you.

## **FROM THE 2ADA VICE PREZ – WALT MUNDY**

I was advised by letter from Bill Beasley, VP and Chairman of the Awards Committee, that the 467th and I will receive appreciation and recognition awards from the 2ADA at the Awards Banquet at the Austin, TX convention in May. Mine is for my 3 year service as Group Vice President from the 467th Bomb Group. The 467th Bomb Group is receiving the Certificate of Recognition for our efforts of support and raising of \$25,000 for the purchase of the B-24 model now hanging in the rotunda of the Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah.

At the Ex-com meeting, several things will be discussed regarding the trip to England in 2001. The next 2ADA convention will be held in Savannah in 2000. The 467th is being recognized by the 2ADA as a responsive and supportive group to its many endeavors, however, the 467th is one of the lesser attendees at the 2ADA conventions. As time progresses, the 2ADA becomes a more important entity to the 467th as our attendance will grow smaller at conventions and we may need to have our conventions in conjunction with the 2ADA. I and the Group President, Ralph Davis, encourage those who have not become members of the 2ADA to contact Evelyn Cohen, (215) 632-3992, and join the 2ADA association. The membership is open to annual or life time applications.

## **WEB-TV – BOB MCKENZIE**

At the 467th Business meeting in St. Louis, someone mentioned communicating via E-Mail. A probable "computer shunner" (of which I must admit to being one only last year) pooched the idea. Later, that prompted me to make a pitch for Web-TV, offering to stay after the meeting and share my positive expe-

riences with anyone interested. Apparently, I failed to come across strongly enough, as no one took me up on it.

In retrospect, I now wish I had taken my "Box" with me and made arrangements to demonstrate it a time or two, especially since I had driven to St. Louis and could have easily carried the box (about the size of a VCR) with me. In the same vein, I would recommend that everyone visit a Sears or Circuit City store for a free demonstration.

Along with a number of relatives and acquaintances, I have used mine to E-mail several in our B.G. including one from England (Andy) and one from Hawaii with great satisfaction. As our members dwindle, I see it as a means of holding a nucleus of our members together and help to perpetuate our alumni. It could also serve to foster mini-reunions in FL or elsewhere where people may be so inclined.

My set is a WEB TV Plus by Phillips Magnavox with a Sony wireless keyboard, for which I paid approximately \$300. Not positive on the price since I also bought a 3 yr. Service contract, because for me it was high tech equipment which I know absolutely nothing about and I expected to move it back and forth from FL to NY, etc.

In FL we paid \$19.95 per month for 24 hour internet service. That service is not available here in Jamestown, so Web reduces their charge to \$10.00 per month. We also pay Alltel NY \$20.00 a month, but the Internet cost may be different in different areas.

As you alluded to, I think even the most "computer scared" person would find it to be affordable, easy to operate without formal instruction, and equally important, would find it enjoyable, informative and entertaining.

As I highly recommend WEB TV, please feel free to use any part of this as a direct quote or otherwise to promote the idea.

Recently, we are told by our Web-TV service (which is always thereto help us out, solve any problems, and upgrade the software automatically so we have the latest improvements they have made) that we have been up-graded so that we now have the capability (1) to transmit photographs; (2) even use our machine to set up our VCR; and (3) that it will now also support a printer without an adapter too. I don't have a printer, but a friend does, and it does a fantastic job.

## **BITS AND PIECES – BOB DAVIS**

I hope that everyone read the piece from Bob McKenzie on Web-TV, it may put some of the fears away for those that are scared of, or just plain not going to go into the computer age. The Internet is full of things to learn, information and fun. As you all have read we even have our own Web Page (<http://www.siscom.net/~467thbg>) that is full of information about the group, pictures from the base (as it looked then and now), and pictures of the men that served with the 467th. I am still in the process of doing a complete overhaul on the page, but like everything else, it is very time consuming. I am still looking for pictures of crews, personnel, the base and especially pictures for the Then and Now page (this is pictures of you when you were at Rackheath and pictures of you now).

I am also very interested in obtaining any information on the ground crews and or the people that kept the base operating and the planes in the air. As we know, the crews that flew were important, but they could only be as good as the whole, and those that kept them in the air and kept the base

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**BITS AND PIECES – CONTINUED:**

operating were just as important. So please send me your pictures and your stories. All pictures will be returned as soon as possible.

I received this poem (that follows) from Roger G. Giblin. I have to agree that it deserves to be printed for all to read. Roger, if you have some interesting stories on the ground crews, send some along to me and we will get some into POOP and onto our Web Page for all to read.

**THE FORGOTTEN MAN**

Through the history of World Aviation  
Many names have come to fore  
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last  
As they're joined by many more.

When man first started his labour  
In his quest to conquer the sky  
He was designer, mechanic and pilot  
And he built a machine that could fly.

The pilot was everyone's hero  
He was brave, he was bold, he was grand  
As he stood by his battered old bi-plane  
With goggles and helmet in hand.

To be sure all pilots earned it  
To fly then you had to have guts  
And they blazed their names in the Hall of Fame  
On wings with baling wire struts.

But for each of our flying heroes  
There were thousands of little renown  
And these were the men who worked on the planes  
But kept their feet on the ground.

We all know the name of Lindbergh  
And we've read of his flight into fame  
But think, if you can, of his maintenance man  
Can you remember his name?

And think of our Wartime heroes  
Gabreski, Jabara and Scott  
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs  
A thousand to one you cannot.

Now pilots are highly trained people  
And wings not easily won  
But without the work of the maintenance man  
Our pilots would march with a gun.

So when you see the mighty aircraft  
As they mark their path through the air  
The greased-stained man with the monkey wrench  
Is the man who put it there.

Anonymous  
Well that's about all for this addition, don't forget to send in your registration forms for the convention, hope to see you there.