



# NEWSLETTER



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Here we are again with more information on the trip to Norwich for the formal dedication ceremonies of the American Room in the Norwich Library. Some of it will be in answer to your questions and some which are new developments.

Before I get into answering your questions, let me give you some quotes from an article which appeared in the "Eastern Daily Press" Newspaper in Norwich.

"See Y'All in Norwich" is the invitation which has gone out from Dayton, Ohio, to members of the USAF Second Air Division Association.

A similar invitation-in rather more formal language-has gone out from the Lord Mayor's Parlour to the next-of-kin of the 6000 members of the division who lost their lives in Europe during the war.

Governors of each of the 50 American States, former senior officers of the 2nd Division, and high-ranking officers of the 3rd Air Division at present stationed in Europe, will also be meeting in Norwich together with the American Ambassador Mr. David K. E. Bruce.

The occasion - on June 13th - will be the opening and dedication of the American Room at the City Library.

Final details of the ceremony are still being worked out, but it is certain there will be at least 100 former members of the 2nd Air Division flying over in a Britannia jet-prop aircraft to Sculthorpe on June 10th.

The City Council Chamber is likely to be the setting for an association convention on June 12th.

On June 13th the American Book of Remembrance, containing the names of the 6000 who were killed on active service from East Anglian airfields, will be carried from the City Hall with an armed escort to St. Peter Mancroft Church.

It will lie on the altar during an interdenominational service and because of the shortage of space in the Library the Ambassador will make a speech in the church.

Then the Remembrance Book will be carried to the American Room and the room itself will be dedicated by the Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Launcelot Fleming.

Individual Governors of the 50 American States are being personally invited to the Norwich ceremony because each State has contributed stones which will be incorporated in the fountain in the courtyard of the Library.

Quoted in the association's latest "Newsletter" is part of a letter from Lieut. Gen. William E. Kepner, who formerly commanded the 2nd Air Division and is an honorary freeman of the city. He wrote: "This is the most important mission for 2nd A.D. since our combat days. No matter what--or with how many--we must do justice to this dedication of the American Memorial".

The association president, Mr. Percy Young, describes the opening of the memorial as "the all-time high" for the association. And for those who make the trip he promises "You will be able to see once again those old familiar spots with no need to hurry to catch the last bus on the liberty run and no six o'clock Reveille to cast its dark shadow over a grand evening of revelry."

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Before I forget it, Robin Hood Week is being celebrated in Nottingham during that week in case that those of you who are taking your children along might be interested in part of this celebration. For that matter some of you who do not have families along just might be interested.

Along these same lines, those of you who wish to make tours may contact your Travel Agencies since we are not making any plans for tours. The requests for tours have been so varied that it is impossible for us to plan tours as such.

I have not been able to get a list of hotels in London. However; I did receive a brochure from the Washington Group of Hotels. I'll pass along the information which it contained in case you would like to contact them. I have no idea what the rates are. You may be able to get this information from a travel agency, or you may wish to contact them yourself. The address is: Executive Office, 16 Half Moon Street, London W1, England. I'll list the hotels that they have.

Washington Hotel Curzon Street (These hotels are situated near Berkeley Square)	Flemings Hotel Half Moon Street	Green Park Hotel Half Moon Street
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Mandeville Hotel Mandeville Place	Clifton-Ford Hotel Welbeck Street	Londoner Hotel Welbeck Street
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Stratford Court Hotel  
Oxford Street  
(These hotels are situated near Cavendish Square)

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Arrangements have been made to obtain a copy of the film which will be made of the Dedication Ceremonies. Several of you had wondered about it. I assume that it will be shown at the 1964 Annual Reunion. The time, place and date of this Reunion will be chosen at the Annual Reunion Meeting in Norwich.

The following Groups will be present at the Dedication Ceremonies.

HEADQUARTERS, 2nd AIR DIVISION

Baum, Howard H.  
Cunningham, Mrs John J., and son  
Callihan, Eleanor Marple  
Cohen, Evelyn  
Dahm, Mertha M.  
Dietch, Henry X.  
Elliott, Harvey C.  
Hess, Raymond A.  
Jackson, Ethel Rudolph  
Ludwig, Lenard  
Karoly, John P.

44th BOMB GROUP

Beard, Frederick  
Bressler, Jean F.

389th BOMB GROUP

Gibson, Walter M.  
Halpin, Robert P.  
Minch, Lowell C.

445th BOMB GROUP

Kidder, James N.  
Pease, Willard O.  
Schlonski, Anthony J.  
Stine, Charles O.

448th BOMB GROUP

458th BOMB GROUP

467th BOMB GROUP

Darney, Kenneth A.  
Haug, Lloyd A.

471st BOMB GROUP

McCormick, Harold L.  
Nettleton, "Winkie" Van Dyke  
Newlon, William Gifford  
Reeves, James H.  
Turchet, "Jackie" Gra Hovac  
Uttal, Jordan  
Young, John D.  
Young, Percy

93rd BOMB GROUP

Zappala, Maurice J.  
Tedford, Glenn E.  
Whited, Donald M.

392nd BOMB GROUP

Gram, Laurence C.

446th BOMB GROUP

Brown, T. G.  
Day, Irving M.  
Halecki, Paul  
Sweeney, David F.

453rd BOMB GROUP

466th BOMB GROUP

Bruner, James L.  
Jacobowitz, John M.  
Parker, George H.  
Pellican, Robert L.  
Watson, John P.

489th BOMB GROUP

492nd BOMB GROUP

4th FIGHTER GROUP

56th FIGHTER GROUP

Weiner, Hilda Savage

355th FIGHTER GROUP & SCOUTING FORCE

361st FIGHTER GROUP

479th FIGHTER GROUP

????????????? Is your Group going to be represented at the Dedication Ceremonies????????????????????

Let's close ranks and make this a 100% representation in honor of those who gave so much that we might live. I still have a few spaces left to make this possible. If you wish to join us on the Charter Flight, it is imperative that I know right away. You may contact me by telephone, telegram or letter. For your convenience in order to contact me as soon as possible, my telephone number is Area Code 513 233-7996. My address remains the same: Hathy Veynar, 6018 Hemingway Road, Dayton 24, Ohio. If you are filling out the application for a reservation, the full amount is due rather than 10% of the total fare.

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Be sure and check your Dues Card to be sure it is up-to-date. If not, please send your dues to Evelyn Cohen  
5448 Euclid Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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The exact time of departure from Chicago and New York has not been set as yet. However; may I assure you that you will be notified individually in plenty of time to make your travel arrangements. If for any reason your address should change before the flight be sure and notify me of that change.

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The following personnel will join us in England during the Dedication Ceremonies. Generals Kepner, Hodges, Griswold, Arnold and Terrill; Colonels Foote, Oldham and Paver.

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Those of you who have not sent in the balance of your money for the Charter Flight are reminded that it is now due and payable.

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I'll bet you'll all be happy when we get back to our regular format for the Newsletter. Just bear with us until after the Dedication Ceremonies.

See Y'ALL in Norwich!!!!

*Hathy Veynar*  
Hathy Veynar  
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