



# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Troops,

Reunion time is once again fast approaching. Have you made your plans to pack the family in the car, trailer, covered wagon or what have you as soon as school is out and bring them to Washington, D.C. for sightseeing in our Nation's Capitol while you are attending the Annual 2nd Air Division Association Reunion?

Our Nation's Capitol is ever changing and presents many interesting sights and things to do. This would be the ideal time to bring your family since the schools should all be out at the time the Reunion is being held. So won't you make your final plans to attend.

1965 marks the 20th year since we all left the 2nd Air Division and returned to the United States. For many of us it will be 20 years since we've seen each other and for others not so long.

The Reunion Committee with Col. Charles T. Merrill as the Chairman met here in my home for an evening of food, refreshments and making plans for the forthcoming Reunion. If you have as good a time attending this Reunion as we had planning it, we feel certain that you will leave with many pleasant memories.

The Reunion theme this year is again "MEMORY LANE". You are probably saying to yourself that you were taken down "MEMORY LANE" last year in Chicago. We quite agree. You were started down "MEMORY LANE" last year and we would like to take you even further down that Lane this year. The Committee would like to keep part of it a surprise. However, I can let you know that it does pertain to the Saturday Night Banquet and the program which has been set up. This program will really take you down "MEMORY LANE" with its surprise members and guest and entertainment. The Program is to be quite varied and I'm sure very much to your liking. Another change will be a buffet instead of the regular sit-down dinner which many of you have requested before. So you see, the Committee, has really had you in mind while they were making these plans.

There will be a great number of Official U.S. Army movies as well as still photos to show you this year which have already been obtained from the USAF Official Film Libraries at Washington, D.C. and Dayton, Ohio. There will also be Special English Films of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Ceremony which were taken on 13 June 1963. These films will be scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening.

There is a possibility that Mr. F. R. D. Walter, Clerk to the Governors in Norwich may be here for our Re-

union and give a short talk on the American Invasion in 1963 for the Dedication of the Memorial Room and also give a running commentary on the BBC and ITV silent film. This particular film will be shown at the Banquet as a part of the program.

The Committee has tried to sandwich in a little bit of free time Saturday afternoon so that you might also be able to sightsee and see the changes that are being made in our Nation's Capitol. There was a lot that we could have planned but with such a limited time schedule we had to draw the line somewhere.

The Reunion Committee that has made these plans to make this the best Reunion yet is Chairmanned by Col. "Chuck" Merrill. (I'm going to add a little something here. I know Chuck wouldn't want me to say this but I'm going to anyway. He is one of the most energetic and industrious workers that I have met in a long time and it's been a pleasure working with him. He even has the films in his "hot little hands" and the Reunion isn't until June. I just wanted you to know just what kind of a person your Reunion Chairman is and why this should be the best Reunion yet) The able and cooperative committee that he has chosen is as follows:

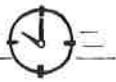
William H. Wambold, Lt Col USAF (Ret) - Registration  
Chairman  
Marilynn Fritz Snyder, Lt Col USAF (Ret) - Cocktail  
Chairman  
Col. John R. Roche - Banquet Chairman  
James E. Morgan - Entertainment Chairman  
Bertha M. Dahm  
Kenneth A. Darney  
William J. Denton  
Robert C. Hecker  
Byron G. Kuhn  
John Parker Watson

Now all that is left is for you to fill in the enclosed cards and get them into the mail right away so that the above committee can make their final plans and know just how many to make arrangements for in order to make your Reunion a success.

*Sheraton - Park Hotel*  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**JUNE 25-27, 1965**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## Friday - 25 June 1965

- 2:00 P.M. - 6:30 PM Registration & Hospitality  
See 2AD's "Memory Lane".  
Potomac Lounge
- 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 PM Informal Cocktail Party  
Hangar Flying & Reminiscing  
Arlington Room

## Saturday - 26 June 1965

- 9:30 A.M. - 6:30 PM Registration  
"Memory Lane"  
Potomac Lounge
- 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 AM Executive Meeting  
Warren Alberts - President  
Presiding  
Arlington Room
- 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 PM General Business Meeting  
Warren Alberts - President  
Presiding  
Arlington Room
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 PM 2AD Wartime Movies  
Arlington Room  
(NOTE: Those wishing to stay  
longer and see more movies  
may do so)
- 2:00 P.M. - 6:30 PM This period is set aside for  
your own personal use whether it  
be for sightseeing, various Group  
meetings, sleeping or whatever  
you desire. There has been dis-  
cussion of the Palesti members  
getting together. Check at  
Registration Desk as to where  
various groups may be meeting.
- 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 PM Cocktails  
Richmond/Arlington Room
- 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 PM Dinner  
Entertainment  
Richmond/Arlington Room
- 9:30 P.M. - 'till Bull Sessions & more Hangar  
Flying

## Sunday - 27 June 1965

- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 PM Rally Point  
Rest & Recuperation  
Disbursement of Troops

The charges for the Reunion are as follows:

- Cocktail Party - Friday Night - - - - \$5.00 per person  
Cocktails & Banquet - Saturday Night - - \$10.00 per person

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As you can see "The Race Is On" in our member-  
ship drive and at the present moment the 467th Bomb  
Group is leading the race by a full length.

Your replies to the questionnaire sent out  
in the January Newsletter is most gratifying. Evelyn  
Cohen is still working on lists which you have sent in  
and the results will be in the next Newsletter. In case  
you have neglected to send in your questionnaire won't  
you take a minute right now to do so and send it off to  
Ray Strong so that the committee may contact these  
prospective new members in time to attend the Annual

Reunion in Washington, D.C. if they are able to do so.  
In case you misplaced the envelope which was included,  
Ray's address is 102 Bradley Road, Chapel Hill, North  
Carolina.

From time to time there have been various  
items in publications mentioning articles about the  
2nd Air Division Association and we have found that a  
lot of people are not aware of the fact that their  
particular bomb group was a part of the 2nd Air Division.  
For your convenience I shall list those Groups that were  
a part of 2nd Air Division:

### BOMBARDMENT GROUPS:

44th	392nd	448th	466th	491st
93rd	445th	453rd	467th	492nd
389th	446th	458th	489th	

### FIGHTER GROUPS:

4th	361st
56th	479th
355th & Scouting Force Other GPS & Attached Units	

Let's see if we can't meet our membership  
goal by the next Newsletter which is due out in July.  
As of 8 March 1965 we gained five (5) new members from  
a list submitted by Adam Soccio of the 467th and the  
rest of the 467th new members could also have come from  
this list but I am not sure since I forgot to ask Evelyn  
about this when I last talked with her.

We are also beginning to get inquiries from  
the article in the April Issue of Air Force and Space  
Digest.

If each member got just one new member, just  
think what that would do to our Membership Drive.

### HOW ABOUT IT?????

The following excerpts are included in this  
Newsletter for the benefit of both old and new members  
who may not have seen a copy of the By-Laws and also to  
assist you in the Membership Drive:

### EXCERPTS FROM 2AD ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the "2nd  
AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION".

PURPOSE: The purpose of this association shall be to  
advocate and support an adequate, effective, and effi-  
cient Army, Navy and Air Force at all times; to perpetuate  
the friendships and memories of our service together in  
the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, in England; and to  
undertake such other activities as may from time to time  
be deemed appropriate by the membership.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership shall consist of all person-  
nel, military and civilian, British or American, who at  
any time served with the Headquarters organization of  
2nd Bomb Wing, 2nd Bomb Division, or 2nd Air Division at  
either Horsham St. Faith or Ketteringham Hall during  
World War II. Any person who served with any unit of  
the 2nd Air Division, either assigned or attached, and  
expresses a desire to become a member of the 2nd Air  
Division Association shall be eligible for membership.  
An Active Member is a dues-paying member. Dues shall  
be \$3.00 per annum.

MEETINGS: It shall be the intention of this association  
to have one regular meeting per year at a time and  
place to be determined by the executive board. A quorum  
shall consist of all active members present and voting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: The executive board shall consist of  
the duly elected officers and such other individuals  
as the president may appoint.

COMMITTEES: The committees of this association shall be the following appointed by the president: Membership - Special Projects - Nominating - Convention.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: The next of kin of the deceased veterans who served with the 2nd Air Division during World War II are also eligible for membership with dues of \$2.00 per annum.

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This is also a good time to remind you to look at your membership card and make certain that your dues are up-to-date. If not, please send Evelyn Cohen, 5448 Euclid Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. your dues so that she won't have to bill you and can have that extra time for contacting the prospective new members. I can assure you that she will more than appreciate this thoughtful gesture on your part.

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Ray Hess received a letter from the Head Master of Ketteringham Hall thanking him for the U.S.A.F. 2nd Air Division framed Insignia and also to let him know that it hangs, as he sent it, in the corridor where all visitors can see it, and has been much admired.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- Alexander, Glen H., Loami, Illinois, 62661
- Bilby, Lt. Col. B. B., 604th ACW Squadron, APO 09207, New York, New York
- Burns, William L., Col. USAF (Ret), P.O. Box 495, Yakima, Washington 98901
- Clatanoff, Col. Walter G. W., 1298 Seneca Road, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902
- Denton, William J., Jr., 9207 Ponce Place, Fairfax, Va.
- Lund, Col. Harold G., Hq. 13th Air Force (13 LDC), APO 96274, San Francisco, California
- Novak, Edward R., Box 79, Route 1, Algonquin, Illinois
- Mayer, William L., 6 Dartmouth Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey
- Palmer, Vince A., Jr., 215 E. Lake Road, Pultneyville, New York
- Paver, John M., Rio House Apt 411, 606 W. 17th Street, Austin, Texas 78701
- Poppe, W. F., 418 General Drive, Lookout Heights, Covington, Kentucky 41011
- Smith, Lt. Col. Richard B., 101 Valley Road, Apt 8B, Ardmore, Pennsylvania
- Summey, Paul B., Major, P.O. Box 338, Albrook AFB, Canal Zone (CONGRATULATIONS on the new promotion)
- Terrill, Robert H., Lt. Gen., USAF (Ret), 599 Seabreeze Drive, Indalantic, Florida 32903

### ADDITIONS

- McGill, Harold J., 51 Old Mill Road, Manhasset, Long Island, New York 389th BG
- Reamer, Irving S., 6011 Woodcrest Avenue, Baltimore 9, Maryland 446th BG
- Wambold, William H., Lt. Col. USAF (Ret), 4901 Seminary Road, Apt. 729, Alexandria, Virginia Hq 2AD

### NEW MEMBERS

- Bednarik, Charles P., 1812 Canterbury Road, Abington, Pennsylvania 467th BG
- Bezon, Martin, 24 Tobey Street, Port Henry, New York 467th BG
- Bonacorsi, James, 19 Elm Street, North Andover, Mass.
- Brady, Robert, 643 Leigh Terrace, Westwood, New Jersey 467th BG
- Brunner, Neil, 1702 N. Main Street, Sidney, Ohio 467th BG
- Hecker, Melvin R., 11431 South Washtenaw, Chicago, Illinois 445th BG
- Mattulki, William, Bemat, Inc., P.O. Box 238, Hamburg, New York 467th BG
- Page, Earle C., Jr., 110 Talbot Street, Burlington, New Jersey 08016 467th BG
- Robertson, William M., 2132 Holly Road, N.W., Roanoke, Virginia 445th BG
- Roche, Col. John R. (Packy), 1800 Chapel Hill Terrace, Fairfax, Virginia 93rd BG
- Sackett, Charles R., RR 2, Rochester, Indiana
- Zagula, Henry P., 78 Orchard Street, Glastonbury, Conn. 467th BG

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We are indeed sorry to hear of the passing of two of our long time members and we shall miss them both.

- Barter, Robert A., Evans Mills, New York 445th BG
- Schell, John, 1416 W. 7th, Aberdeen, Washington Hq 2AD

### BITS & CHIPS

#### HQ, 2 AIR DIV

William L. Burns has fully retired from the Air Force and business and hopes to travel and see many of his old 2AD friends. Have talked with Bertha Dahm several times and she is looking forward to the Reunion and serving on the Reunion Committee. Henry X. Dietch an attorney in Chicago had such a good time in Norwich in '63 that he wants to go back again real soon. Robert C. Hecker is still practicing medicine in Washington, D. C. and is also looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion. Hal & "Peaches" (Bowdoin) Hoerner are living in Savannah where Hal is Vice President of Citizens and Southern National Bank and "Peaches" keeps busy teaching art. They see Joe Jones and Gen. Ted Timberlake quite frequently. Retirement from the Air Force and work-in at the Air Force Academy quite agrees with Jim LaPonsie. Lynne, his eldest daughter made him a grandfather almost two years ago; daughter Suzy is a sophomore at Western State College and daughter Sheila keeps him busy at home. General insurance business occuppies Lenard Ludwig's time. John Means retired and living in Ft. Lauderdale spends his time walking and swimming. Howard Moore is in the fund raising business in Chicago and also operates "Moore Girls, Inc." (This is a personnel and temporary employee business - -). Marie Mitchell Orr is employed in Civil Defense Support Branch, Engineering Division in Tulsa, Oklahoma. John Paver is retired and building a new home in Austin and sees L. C. Oldham in Houston and Gen. Hodges in San Antonio. James H. Reeves is now the President of Kelly-Reeves Furniture Co. in Moultrie, Ga. and has just retired as a Reserve Air Force Major after

21 years. Still teaching and coaching in Hicksville, New York High School Merton Roberts saw Jack Mitchell from Kansas University last fall. Howie and Gladys Moore also spent a week-end with him last summer. Harold Sears is still with the Cleveland Athletic Club but has undergone two eye operations recently. He also sends news that William J. (Bill) Parker passed away in September 1964. Joseph Whittaker also of the 392nd Bomb Group finds that his interest in bombing during the War opened up a profession for him. He now represents American Cyanamid in Explosives and Mining Chemical Department and sells commercial explosives for contractors, quarries, etc.

## 93 BOMB GP

Col. Charles T. (Chuck) Merrill after a one year tour in Viet Nam is now Director of Materiel at Bolling AFB, D. C. Gerald Morrow would like more articles on the Norwich trip by those who were able to attend. (NOTE: Anyone having such articles can be assured that I will be more than happy to print them in the next Newsletter if you will just forward them to either Ray Strong or myself). Maurice J. Zappala is still a bachelor and working for the Lawrence, Mass. Health Department.

## 389 BOMB GP

James Morgan who is Manager of one of the Lansburgh Department stores in Alexandria, Virginia was recently honored by a full page article complete with pictures on his various activities both during World War II and since. Bud Koorndyk also of the 93rd Bomb Group see Harold Kocntz, B-24 pilot in Miles, Michigan often. Now serving as a Major on active duty in the Canal Zone, Paul B. Summey is in the Chief of Civic Actions/Cold War Division of Operations & Plans. In case there are any of you who are Ham Operators, K3LGM is John M. Paraniuk's call letters and he'd enjoy having you give him a call. Lt. Col. Richard E. Smith will be attending the University of Pennsylvania for the next 2½ years preparing for a Ph. D in Economics and a teaching career in a college or university. His primary subject will be insurance.

## 445 BOMB GP

Raymond Anderson after nine years on the faculty of the University of Minnesota has moved to Texas and tours a twenty-five state area as a public speaker. Donald J. Baker who had just been elected to the West Virginia State Senate in November passed away on 22 December 1964. We are sorry to hear of his passing. If anyone knows where Emil Duga can obtain pictures of the 445th in action and also of the base, would you please contact him. Emil acquired a wife Fritzi and son Glenn 19, last August and is also kept busy driving truck for the city of Chicago. James Kidder living in Winchester, Mass. is very much interested in a trip to Norwich. If you should find yourself in Harrisburg, Pa., Charles and Doris Stine cordially invite you to visit with them. Charlie is still Passenger Conductor on the Pennsy between Harrisburg and Altoona and finds time to sing first tenor with the Harrisburg Scottish Rite Consistory Choir.

## 446 BOMB GP

Paul Halecki now living in Akron, New York is hoping to make the trip to Norwich. Vere A. McCarty has a son at West Point. J. A. Risley is selling vocational education equipment to schools and one of his customers is Ray Larson who was formerly his pilot on "Mama's Lil' Angel". He also sees Jim Hallijan who was with the 4th Fighter Group.

## 453 BOMB GP

Roy Carlson has a retail lumber yard in Norfolk, Mass. This ex-radio operator dropped in on top gunner last April when on a trip down south.

## 458 BOMB GP

Chuck Booth who lives in New Kensington, Pa., says that he sees B/Gen. Cecil Isbell often - also John Davis and Dr. W. M. Norton (Chuck, I couldn't quite make out this last name and took a guess. If my guess is incorrect just let me know and I'll correct it in the next issue.) Chuck also says that Leon Ellis is now living in Washington, D. C. John H. Davis also served with Headquarters 2AD visited Norwich last summer with his wife and daughter and enjoyed seeing the Holmes, Locketts, Thomas's and Dixons. Teaching chemistry at Mass. State College and working on his PhD at University of Pacific keeps John McNaney busy. When John is in California he visits "Willie" Raupp and "Lucky" Shepard. He also hears regularly from Major Odis Taylor who is now flying tankers with the Air Force. Other crew members John has visited include Glenn Carlson, a chiropractor in Rome, Ga., and Carl Larson in the lumber business in Michigan.

## 466 BOMB GP

James R. Carey is still operating a service station across from his Park & Camp Site in Ossian, Iowa. Vance Elliott who is practicing medicine in Odessa, Texas visited with Gen. Jay C. Evans in January. Vincent A. Palmer, Jr. operates a general insurance agency along the shores of Lake Ontario, 25 miles from Rochester.

## 467 BOMB GP

Charles P. Bednarik of All American Fame and the Philadelphia Football Eagles is now a sports announcer on a local TV Station in Philadelphia. The gas and oil business in Sidney, Ohio is keeping Neil Brunner busy these days. George Gerber is very much interested in making the trip to Norwich (as are several others). Adam Soccio is busy recruiting members from one of his rosters and is doing a wonderful job. CONGRATULATIONS! And we'll see you in Washington, D. C. Jack Viets is a management analyst for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and active in the Air Force Reserve. Planning to be at the Reunion in June is Allen J. Welters who is working for National Plywood Company in Twin Cities in Minn.

## 355 FTR GP

We are sorry to learn that Robray Price passed away on 3 March 1965.

## 361 FTR GP

Henry C. Molter in the General Contracting business in West Hempstead, New York recently had a 20th Anniversary Reunion for 20 men and their wives from the 361st. His hobby is making models of World War II planes.

## 14 COMBAT WG

Mike Fusano is raising and packing olives and olive oil in Sylmar, California.

## FLASH

At press time I have just talked with Evelyn Cohen and she tells me that there are ten new members which I have not included in this Newsletter but will be forthcoming in the next issue.

Due to circumstances beyond Fritzie Snyder's control, I agreed to help out and get the April Newsletter out. Maybe by the time the July Newsletter is due out, Fritzie may be more in a position to take over. Whatever the case may be we will get it out to you. It was nice being back with you again.

*Hathy Veyman*