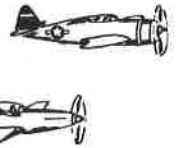


# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Troops,

You will all be pleased to know that under the expert leadership of Colonel Charles T. Merrill formerly with the 93rd Bomb Group and now stationed at Bolling Air Force Base that the 1965 Annual Reunion of the 2nd Air Division Association was a huge success both attendance wise and financially. As you know, it is most difficult to plan a reunion to give you the very most that we can for your money and yet stay "in the black". So you can see we are very happy to tell you that when all the bills were paid the Reunion Committee had \$29.00 left over which was turned over to the Treasurer of the Association.

The attendance was most gratifying and the Reunion Committee wishes to thank each and every one of you for your efforts to attend and make it a most enjoyable time. We had many new members with us for the first time and I'm hoping that it will be just one of the many Reunions for you. The time seems to go so fast that it is over before I have a chance to get to talk with each and every one as much as I would like to.

Know that you are all anxious to know who attended. So Here Goes.

Warren & Steve ALBERTS, Hq. 2AD; Bert & Barbara BETTS, 458th BG; T/Sgt George Beyer, 93rd BG; Melvin & Jean BLAND, 467th BG; Walter W. BOGLE, 392nd BG; C. H. & Molly BOOTH, 458th BG; Bob & Gloria BRADY, 467th BG; Vernon & Katherine BUNDRICK, 467th BG; Vance CLOUGH, (Widow of Dick) 445th BG; Cecil & Kathryn COGBURN, 93rd BG; Evelyn COHEN, Hq. 2AD; Frank & Helen CORBETT, Hq. 2AD; Bertha DAHM, Hq. 2AD; Ken DARNEY, 467th BG; Bill & Helene DENTON, 389th BG; Robert & Myra DEKERF, 467th BG; George & Anna FEDERLIN, 44th BG; Elmer & Jeanne FISCHER, 445th BG; John D. FORD, 389th BG; John H. GIBSON, 44th BG; & Hq. 2AD; Nevin H. GIBSON, 93rd & 389th BG; Walt & Dot GIBSON, 389th & 93rd BG; Ray & Kay HESS, Hq. 2AD; Edgar & Freda HUFF, 458th BG & 56th FG; General J. H. ISBELL, 458th BG; John & Betty JACOBOWITZ, 466th BG; J. Livingston JONES, Hq. 2AD; John KAROLY, Hq. 2AD; John & Ede KELLT, 93rd BG; Dan & Ovida KELLY, 93rd BG & 389th BG; Lt. Gen. William E. KEPNER, Hq. 2AD; Harry & Bertha LAWSON, 389th BG; James J. MAHONEY, 467th & 492nd BG; Colonel Charles & Martha MERRILL, 93rd BG; Charles J. MISTIASZEK, 467th BG; James & Lorraine MORGAN, 389th BG; Dean & Deanie MOYER, Hq. 2AD; Daniel & Mary O'LEARY, 446th BG; Robert & Mary PELLICAN, 466th BG; Colonel John R. ROCHE, 93rd BG; Anthony SCHLONSKI, 445th BG; Jim & Frankie SHANNON, 446th BG & Hq. 2AD; Mona SMITH, (Widow of Kenneth), 56th FG; Fritzie SNYDER, Hq. 2AD; Adam & Jean SOCCIO, 467th BG; Charles & Doris STINE, 445th BG; Ray & Ruth STRONG, Hq. 2AD; Jordan UTTAL, Hq.

2AD; Milton & Hathy VEYNAR, Hq. 2AD; Lowell C. VICK, 389th BG; F.R.D. & K.M.M. WALTER, Clerk to the Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division, Norwich, England; John & Bea WATSON, 466th BG; Charles & Peg WEISS, 93rd BG; Joseph WHITTAKER, 392nd BG & Hq. 2AD; and Maurice J. ZAPPALA, 93rd BG with his nephew.

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SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE 18th ANNUAL MEETING  
SHERATON-PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 26, 1965

1. The 18th Annual Meeting of the Association was called to order by President Warren Alberts at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 26th, 1965. A warm welcome expressed to everyone present and especially to Mr. F.R.D. Walter, Clerk of the Trust, who came from Norwich, England.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
3. Treasurer gave a report showing a balance on hand of \$1656.57.
4. President Alberts discussed the goals for the Association:
  1. Increase Membership - about 100 were secured in first 6 months of 1965.
  2. Improve communication with members - to include quarterly newsletters
5. Secretary was instructed to prepare a list of inactive members to attach to a newsletter in the hope that active members will help in reactivating some of them.
6. General Kepner suggests possibility of opening membership to present members of 2nd Air Division fighting in Viet Nam. President Alberts will appoint a study committee to consider the matter.
7. It was suggested that we get publicity in the Air Force Times and other service and veterans publications on a regular monthly basis. Also, try for some type of feature article in a magazine. And it was suggested that perhaps some kind of a brochure should be prepared which a current member could send to friends along with a card requesting him to join by sending in his dues, etc. President Alberts suggested that he ask Howard Moore and a committee to prepare a Public Relations and membership plan.
8. Motion was passed recognizing each member attending the reunion as the official delegate of the last unit of the 2nd Air Division in which he served.
9. It was suggested that we ask Percy Young to get the 2AD Association listed in the book with Internal Rev-

enue as an official veterans organization. President Alberts will follow up with Percy Young.

10. Ray Hess reported on possible charter flight to England in 1966. He now has 101 persons at least interested in the flight as a result of the coupons returned from the January newsletter. Mr. Walter suggested that June is the best time from standpoint of Norwich and the Mildenhall would be available to fly into in the way that Sculthorpe was in 1963. Ray was instructed to proceed with arrangements for the charter flight, fill the aircraft on a first come, first served, and suggest that others take advantage of special rates on regular flights.

11. Report of the Nominating Committee for officers for 1966.

President - Warren Alberts  
Vice President - Ray Hess  
Second Vice President - John Parker Watson  
Vice President for Membership - Evelyn Cohen  
Vice President for Publicity - Hathy Veynar  
Secretary - Ray Strong  
Treasurer - Ray Hess

The slate was elected unanimously.

12. Brief comments were made by Mr. F.R.D. Walter on his trip and on the trust. He extended greetings from the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Norwich, and the Governors of the Trust.
13. The Association voted to send greetings to the Lord Mayor, the Bishop, and the Governors of the Trust.
14. Place for the 1966 meeting was discussed. Norwich, England was suggested assuming that the charter flight is arranged. Other places suggested either for 1966 or some future year were Atlanta, West Coast, Dayton, Washington, D. C., Las Vegas and Denver.
15. It was voted to send \$100 to Evelyn Cohen for her good work on Membership.
16. It was suggested that we ask all previous officers to send their 2A<sup>U</sup> files to the Secretary for the historical record. The Secretary was instructed to get someone to organize and file these papers and make some sort of index.
17. Films of the dedication now in hands of the President were discussed. President was authorized to have copies made for showing around the country while keeping the original in the files.
18. It was voted to thank Chuck Merrill and his committee for an outstanding job on local arrangements and the program.
19. It was voted to express thanks to Warren Alberts for a good year and for his leadership as President.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Strong, Secretary

#### MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF NORWICH

Mr. F.R.D. Walter read the following message from the Lord Mayor of Norwich at the Business Meeting.

Dear Colonel Alberts,

I am delighted to be able to send to you and the members of the 2nd Air Division U.S.A.F., Association, sincere greetings from myself and the citizens of Norwich by the hand of our Ambassador on this occasion, Mr. F.R.D. Walter, Clerk to the Governors of the Memorial Trust in Norwich of the 2nd Air Division U.S.A.F., who is attending your Association's Convention.

Your Convention held in Norwich will long be remembered and we look forward to the time when you will pay another visit to our city, as there is a very real sense of warm affection here for our friends of the 2nd Air Division and their families.

May I take this opportunity of wishing your Convention many happy meetings.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Lord Mayor

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I would like to share with you a letter I received from Mr. Walter upon his return home to Norwich, England.

Dear Hathy,

We had an uneventful but rather tiring flight to London Airport during Monday night and after driving back to Norwich we were really tired out after all our exciting experiences in Washington.

What a privilege it was to attend your Reunion and to meet so many old friends and to make so many new ones. It is impossible adequately to express our gratitude for the warm friendship and great generosity with which we were received by you all.

As you know we were able to arrange a trip to Kingston, Jamaica to stay with our youngest son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons there. We had a wonderful time in Jamaica and from the time we flew back to the John F. Kennedy Airport we were received with the greatest kindness and courtesy by everyone with whom we were in contact, both in New York where we stayed one night, and in Washington itself. Your Washington is the most wonderful place we have ever visited and we were able to do a great deal of sight-seeing prior to the opening of the Reunion. A number of the wives kindly showed my wife many things in Washington which she would otherwise not have had the opportunity of seeing and we were very thrilled that our friends, Lt. Col. John R. Hane and his wife and small daughter drove 1,000 miles from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida where Colonel Hane is now stationed in order to meet us and to entertain us to lunch on the Sunday. This was a most kind and generous thought on their part and we were delighted to have the opportunity of meeting them again. As you know, Colonel Hane was Base Commander at Sculthorpe at the time of your Reunion in Norwich in June 1963 and a great deal of the credit for the happy atmosphere and success of this Reunion was due to Colonel Hane and his staff at Sculthorpe who spared no effort to make everything a great outstanding success.

We thoroughly enjoyed your cocktail parties and banquet and I was greatly privileged to be able to bring to the banquet a warm letter from our Lord Mayor, expressing the hope that you would be able to hold your Reunion in Norwich next year and also to be allowed to give a short talk at the banquet and to give a running commentary on the BBC, and ITV films which I had been able to obtain for your Association.

We shall talk for months and months of our wonderful trip to Washington and of the kindness and warm friendship of you all.

My wife joins me in sending our warmest love to all those we met in Washington at the Reunion.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Russell Walter

F.R.D. Walter  
Clerk to the Governors



Left to Right: General Kepner, Mrs. F.R.D. Walter, John Roche, Kay Hess, Ray & Ruth Strong



Right to Left: Kay & Ray Hess, Martha & Chuck Merrill, Steve & Warren Alberts, General Kepner, Mr. F.R.D. Walter, Hathy Veynar, Jordan Uttal, Evelyn Cohen, Milton Veynar



Left to Right: Milton Veynar, Evelyn Cohen, Jordan Uttal, Hathy Veynar, Mr. F.R.D. Walter, General Kepner and Mrs. F.R.D. Walter



93rd Bomb Group Members, Left to Right: Charles Weiss, John Keilt, Peg Weiss, Ede Keilt, Steve Alberts, Warren Alberts, Martha Merrill, Chuck Merrill, Kathryn Cogburn, Cecil Cogburn, Nevin Gibson



467th Bomb Group: Back Row: Bob Dekerf, Vernon Bundrock, Mel Bland, Ken Darney. Front Row: Myra Dekerf, Katherine Bundrock, Jean Bland, Charles Misiaszek, Adam and Jean Soccio



Left to Right: Bea & John Watson, Vance Clough, John & Betty Jacobowitz, Ken Darney, Mary & Bob Pellican

Mr. F.R.D. Walter also sent me another letter in which he included the following information;

REPORT FROM RAY HESS ON THE CHARTER FLIGHT

"You will be interested to know that I found on looking at the visitors' book in your American Room this morning (which was the 12th of July) that a party of over twenty from Louisville, Kentucky visited the room on the 16th of last month and that during the past week there had been some eight visitors to the room from Crowley, La., etc. The room is still the focal point of our Central Library."

Mr. Walter also included the following article which was published in the local evening newspaper.

U. S. AIR REUNION IN NORWICH?

There is a strong possibility that the annual reunion of the 2nd Air Division Association, United States Air Force, will be held in Norwich next year.

This news comes from Mr. F.R.D. Walter, Clerk to the Governors of the 2nd Air Division's Memorial Trust, who has recently returned from attending this year's reunion in Washington.

"It is extremely probable that the Association will be able to arrange another charter flight, as they did in 1963, to Norwich in June, 1966," says Mr. Walter.

Mr. Walter and his wife were the Association's guests in Washington where they found the hospitality and friendship of everyone quite outstanding.

Even the guide who took them round the White House gave them a special welcome - "a warm welcome to everyone, including you two Britishers" was how she put it.

At the banquet which he attended as part of the convention Mr. Walter was able to read letters of greeting from the Lord Mayor and Bishop of Norwich, and in return received messages of goodwill from General Kepner to pass on to the citizens of Norwich.

1000 miles for lunch!

Mr. Walter also gave a running commentary on the BBC and ITV films which were taken of the convention in Norwich and which were shown at the banquet.

Some idea of the friendship and hospitality he and his wife encountered can be judged from the fact that Col. Hane, who was base commander at Scutthorpe when the convention met in Norwich in 1963, drove 1000 miles from Florida, together with his wife and daughter, to see Mr. and Mrs. Walter and take them out to lunch!

The rest of the article gave an account of the places that Mr. and Mrs. Walter visited while here.

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Anyone wishing to have copies of the pictures taken at the Reunion may contact me and I'll be happy to order them for you. The price is \$2.50 for an 8 x 10.

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We were most privileged to have as our entertainment for the Banquet the United States Air Force "Singing Sergeants", under the direction of Capt. Franklin J. Lockwood who also directs the world renowned Air Force chorus and is Associate Conductor of the United States Air Force Band and Orchestra.

Their selections were most appropo for the evening and I for one could have listened all night. However, like all good things it came to an end much to soon. I have some pictures of the group and I shall include them in the next Newsletter when I have more space and can tell you more about them. In the meantime, if you should have an opportunity to hear them don't miss it.

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Lots of new members to be listed in the Next Newsletter. Keep them coming.

The Second Air Division Association has been successful in making arrangements for a second charter flight to England. The carrier is Air France and the equipment will be a Boeing 707. The departure date from Chicago and New York will be May 18, 1966 with arrival at London, England. Departure date will be June 3, 1966 from Paris, France with return to New York and Chicago. The fare for the round trip is the same for all passengers and will be \$251.00 regardless of whether they leave from Chicago or New York.

Attached to this newsletter is a form to be filled out for all those wishing to make the trip. Reservations will be on the basis of first come first served and the reservation form attached must be sent along with a check for the entire amount to Raymond A. Hess, Vice President, 2nd Air Division Association, 209 Main Street, Kingsley, Iowa. No reservations can be cancelled but in the event it were to become necessary the individuals can sell their reservation to some other 2nd Air Division Association member but negotiations for such sale or transfer is the responsibility of the party making the initial reservation. Immediately on receipt of the reservation form and the check in payment of the round trip fare those persons making such reservations will be advised in detail regarding departure points, departure time, places of departure and other allied matters.

All reservations must be received not later than September 15, 1965 which is the contract signing date with Air France. In the event that not enough reservations are secured by this date the charter flight will be cancelled and money received for reservations will be refunded.

Persons eligible to make the trip are those members of the Second Air Division Association who have been dues paying members for at least six months prior to departure and their dependents.

The above round trip rate has been computed on the basis of getting 140 passengers for a 162 passenger aircraft from New York to England and return and for an 85 passenger aircraft from Chicago to New York and return. In the event that we are successful in getting more than 140 reservations or do not need as large an aircraft to transport the Chicago passengers to New York and return the round trip rate will be even less so please talk it up with other members to fill up the aircraft and help earn yourself a refund.

The city of Norwich, England has indicated that they will attempt to provide accommodations in private homes for any and all persons making the trip that desire it and the accompanying form should indicate whether or not you wish us to make such a request for you.

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Of necessity we are late getting this Newsletter out to you. Ray was experiencing difficulty in getting information for the Charter Flight. I know this doesn't give much time for you to make your decision for the Charter Flight but it is the best that we can do and I'm sure that you will bear with us.

You know the old saying that it's either a feast or a famine. I find myself faced with this. For once, I have more news than I can print in this one issue. Believe me, it's a wonderful feeling and I wish it would be the same each time. One thing I am sure of is that I have news for the next Newsletter. However, don't let that lull you into a sense of well-being because I need NEWS and all the news I can get so get that pen in hand and drop me a line so that I can have news for my BIT and CHIPS column. I'll even make it easier for you and put my address after my John Henry. Now How About That!!!!

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