

NEWS LETTER

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SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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30th at Lake Geneva - A 500 Plus Success

When we settled on Lake Geneva as the site of the 1977 convention (our 30th and not 31st as you will read elsewhere) we expected a good turnout, but nothing like the turnout at Valley Forge in 1976. Early reaction to the reunion circular seemed to underline our expectations and we looked for a crowd of about 350 tops. Shows you how wrong we can be!

As the time drew near the pace quickened and Evelyn's telephone began to melt. Undaunted, she stuck by the phone adding names for this event only, that event only, the entire package and answering countless questions. In spite of all this she arrived in Lake Geneva a few days early looking rested and ready to do battle with the Playboy Club executives. You can take it from me that the prices for some things would have been a lot higher (late increases, you know, due to inflation) had not Evelyn resolutely shook her head and said "no way". It was no surprise to me that she won every round as I've seen her in battles of this nature many times, but it played havoc with the blood pressure of the hotel executives.

When the first members began to arrive early on Thursday everything was in readiness and Registration, initially, flowed rather smoothly. But they kept coming and coming until the lobby of the hotel resembled embarkation day on the Queen Mary going overseas. The girls on the Registration desk deserve mention for the work load they handled and the time they spent glued to their chairs: Rhoda Bandler, Joyce Uttal, Emily Long, June Zimmerman, Hathy Veynar, Lillian Cohen, Hazel Robertie with Mae and Karen Wolf spelling the regulars from time to time. Evelyn was in her control tower directing traffic and trying to avoid emotional crashes.

There was one problem which was very difficult to solve, and that involved the unannounced arrivals who failed to contact Evelyn at any time (just showed up) and a goodly number who arrived about one hour before both banquets were due to start requesting that they be able to attend. In most cases Evelyn, with a strong assist from the hotel staff, was able to accommodate them. Some arrived so late, and in such numbers, that they could not be accommodated and to these members we extend our apologies.



Look what dropped in for tea!

There was, however, plenty of time prior to the convention to sign up and plenty of warning was given in the Newsletter. This is a continuing problem we wish we knew how to solve, and maybe someday we will, but for the present we can only hope it doesn't

happen again next year.

The cook-out at the ski chalet Thursday night put everybody in the mood for an enjoyable convention. Actually it should be called a cook-in as buffet tables were set up inside the chalet with everybody sitting at long tables meeting old friends and making new ones. Your not a stranger very long at any 2nd ADA convention. A Country-Western band provided the music and the place was still packed with dancers at midnight. Shows we're not THAT old!

Friday was mini-reunion night when everybody had dinner seated at tables with members of their own group. Following dinner an auction was held by Joe Warth and Jan Wold from the 44th to raise money for the Memorial Library Fund. Items auctioned were donated by members of the 44th and their wives and the total amount earned came to \$800.00. This was presented to Dean Moyer at the final night banquet. Our congratulations go to those women, and men, who worked so hard for the success of this venture.

On Saturday, shortly after noon and the business meeting, we had the nostalgia bit of all nostalgia bits — a fly over of two P-51s, a P-38 and one venerable AT-6. No B-24 but you can't have everything. These planes are owned and flown by members of the Antique Aircraft Association in that area and the pilots were quite generous in allowing many of us to fondle the old birds and crawl over them a bit.

The banquet Saturday night ended the three day convention with our candle lighting ceremony bringing tears to the eyes of many who were witnessing it for the first time. It is a very moving ceremony with one candle being lit for each campaign the 2nd Air Division took part in and the final candle being lit for our fallen comrades.

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1978 DUES

In spite of the increasing cost of everything year and year out for the past several years, and in spite of increasing the number of pages in the Newsletter from time to time, we have been able to hold our dues at \$5.00 per year.

We have been able to accomplish this through the dint of fancy footwork on the part of our Treasurer, who handles our funds very astutely, and the reluctance with which our printer, Don Kent of Rowley Printing, has raised his prices in the face of galloping inflation — always a little slower and a little less than he probably should.

The inevitable point in time has come, however, when our costs for everything we do (we sometimes have to hire outside help to get the Newsletter out on time) is rapidly outpacing our income from dues. With this \$2.00 increase we have no doubt that we will be able to publish a new Roster every year and continue with a 12 to 16 page Newsletter.

We can't really blame the huge salary increase our members of Congress recently granted themselves for our own cost increases (although I would like to), but it is symptomatic of the times that as wages go up so do the costs of goods and services.

REMEMBER. Those of you who are in financial difficulties are urged to write to Evelyn Cohen so that your dues can be waived. This is a confidential communication between you and Evelyn and certainly no reflection on you.

If it means anything, you can take heart in the fact that none of the Association Officers get paid for the work they do. Not that our working for nothing is going to hold down inflation, but our new members might not be aware of this.

Bill Robertie
Editor

30th at Lake Geneva

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Following dinner, excellent by the way, dancing was again enjoyed by all. Small groups drifted to different rooms for private parties while others continued to dance until the band called it quits. It was reliably reported to me that one group kept the party going in the banquet hall all night. Seems as if everyone had a private stock of liquid refreshments within easy reach.

Sunday morning meant facing the long trip home and looking forward to next year at the Del Coronado in San Diego, California. This time we are not going to make an estimate of the turnout expected. Just come, one and all — but DO let Evelyn know well in advance. Complete costs will not be known before January so look for convention information at that time. Of course if you want to send in your reservation now, feel free. Evelyn will kill me for that!

466th is back

For many years the 466th led all other Groups in membership and activity. While still leading in membership the Group has been less active the last couple of years.

At the reunion Pappy Daniels, Group VP, stated that the 466th 'is back' and to underline this statement, members of the 466th at the reunion took up a collection and donated \$280.00 to the Memorial Trust Fund and \$20.00 for the purchase of a book in memory of Past President Bill Brooks who served in the 466th. They are indeed back — and in force.

We are not overlooking others who made individual donations at the reunion and our Fund drive for this coming year is off to a good start. What can we say but 'thank you one and all'.

ROSTER BY NOVEMBER

It has long been known by everybody concerned that the 1976 Roster (printed in late 1975) is sadly out of date. Not only is it out of date but it is also out of print since we have no more copies. In addition, the 1976 Roster contained about 1200 names and addresses of current members. Since that was printed our membership has climbed to very close to 3000, so you can readily understand the need for a new Roster. Our present plans call for us to have a copy in the mail to every member sometime during the month of November. With any luck we'll make it.

Something new will be added this year. When the Roster is mailed we will insert your 1978 dues statement and 1978 membership card inside the front cover. This will save a separate mailing and a considerable amount of money for postage. It will be a great help to us if you will send in your dues as you remove the dues statement and membership card from the Roster. In this way you will not forget to send in your dues as so many did this past year.

The Second Air Division Association

By Laws

(As amended 29 July 1977)

Article 1

NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Second Air Division Association".

Article 2

PURPOSE

The purpose of this association shall be to advocate and support an adequate, effective and efficient Army, Navy, and Air Force at all times; to perpetuate the friendships and memories of service together in the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, in England during World War 2; to support financially, and in any other way the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division as represented by the American Memorial Room of the Norwich Central Library; and to undertake such other activities as may from time to time be deemed appropriate by the membership.

Article 3

MEMBERS

1. *Regular Members* shall be those eligible as former personnel, military and civilian, American or British, who at any time served with the Headquarters organization of the 2nd Bomb Wing, 2nd Bomb Division, or 2nd Air Division during World War 2 and any person who served with any Bomb group or Fighter group or any other unit of the 2nd Air Division, either assigned or attached.
2. A non-voting *Associate Membership* shall be available to immediate family members of all 2nd Air Division personnel upon payment of regular dues.
3. A non-voting *Subscribing Membership* shall be available to any friends or associates of 2nd Air Division personnel, or any individual who, by virtue of association with the organization demonstrates his interest in, and makes contributions of a literary, artistic, or historical nature to the perpetuation of the 2nd Air Division, the 2nd Air Division Association, or the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division. All applications for Regular, Associate, or Subscribing memberships shall be addressed to the Membership Vice President of the Association, in writing, and must be accompanied by the annual dues.
4. *Honorary Members* shall be elected by the recommendation of the Executive Committee at the annual meeting of that Committee by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting.
5. *Annual Dues* for each class of Membership, until changed, shall be: Regular - \$7.00 per year, Associate - \$7.00 per year, Subscribing - \$7.00 per year.

There shall be provision on each dues notice for a voluntary contribution to the *Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division*.

Article 4

PROCEDURES

1. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall name a nominating Committee who shall present a slate of officers to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. In addition, the presiding officer must call for nominations from the floor.
2. Vacancies occurring among the elected officers shall be filled by the President. Such appointees will serve until the next regular election.
3. The Executive committee shall be charged with the responsibilities and shall have the authority usually extended to a Board of Directors, including the management of the Association and the control of its financial affairs; but the executive committee shall not have the power to commit the Association beyond the funds on hand.
4. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President for the transacting of such business as may properly come before the meeting. It shall require the presence of at least a majority of the committee at any meeting to constitute a quorum. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, the vote of a majority of those members present and voting shall determine any matter submitted to the committee for consideration. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President by giving no less than 30 days written notice of the date, time, and place of such a meeting and the business to be transacted thereat or at the written request of not less than 3 members of the Executive Committee giving notice as set forth herein. Any Committee member may waive call for a notice of any special meeting.

Article 5

OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of this Association shall be: Honorary President, if one is designated, a President, an Executive Vice President, two operating Vice Presidents (one Membership, and one Newsletter), a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. The officers terms shall be one year from the date of election at an annual meeting or until their successor is elected and qualified, or appointed. Appropriate funds shall be designated yearly at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee to cover the operating expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the officers of the Association. These funds may be expended at the discretion of said officers.
3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of

the Executive Committee and shall be a member, ex officio of all committees, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

4. The Executive Vice President shall, in the absence of the President occupy and discharge the office of President.
5. The operating Vice Presidents shall be empowered to perform any duties consistent with their offices.
6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all general and Executive Committee meetings, assist the operating Vice Presidents in the performance of their duties, shall perform such other Executive Committee duties as the President may require and such other duties as are usually pertinent to this office, or as may be required of the incumbent.
7. The Treasurer shall deposit in the designated depository bank all membership fees and disburse the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall account for the transactions of his office annually or at any time at the request of the Executive Committee. All money due the Association shall be paid to the depository bank. He shall pay all bills by check. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer annually to prepare a draft of a budget or estimate containing the anticipated income and expenditures incident to the affairs of the Association for the coming year. A Budget Committee composed of three members of the Executive Committee shall make such examination of the books and accounts of the Treasurer as may be considered appropriate and report thereon as to the result of their examination at the Annual meeting of the Association.
8. An active Regular member of the 2nd Air Division Association may be appointed by the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division in England to its membership. He will actively be the voice of the Association on the Board of Governors, and will see to it that the Board is always kept aware of the wishes of the Association relative to the operation of the Board of Governors, and the Memorial Library. He will report regularly to the membership of the Association in the periodic Newsletters, and at the Annual Meeting.
9. Group Vice Presidents shall be elected by the members of the respective groups attending the annual Convention. The duties of the group Vice Presidents will be those of encouraging membership and participating in the activities of the 2nd Air Division Association. In the event of a vacancy between annual Conventions, the President of the Association will appoint an interim group Vice President.

Article 6

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will consist of the six elected officers of the Association, the 2nd Air Division representative on the Board of Governors, the three immediate past Presidents (not currently serving as an elected officer) and three group Vice Presidents selected by the Nominating Committee on a rotating basis. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to act on all matters that they may properly find before them. It shall require the presence of at least seven members of the Executive Committee at any meeting thereof to constitute a quorum.

Article 7

CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

1. It is the intention of this Association to have one regular convention per year at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of all Regular members present and voting. Not less than 30 days before the date of such annual Convention each member will be advised in writing of the hour, date, and place of the annual Convention meeting.
2. The following shall be the order of business for conducting all annual meetings of the members of the Association: (A) Call to order, (B) Report of the Secretary including the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, (C) Report of the Treasurer

and report of the Budget Committee, (D) Report of the Membership Vice President, (E) Report of the Newsletter Vice President, (F) Report of the Memorial Trust Governor, (G) Report of the President, (H) Reports of the General Committees, (I) General Business - old and new, (J) Report of the Delegate Committee, (K) Report of the Nominating Committee and election of Officers, (L) Adjournment.

3. Each regular member shall be entitled to one vote on any matter, submitted for a vote.
4. A majority of all votes cast at any legally held meeting shall bind the Association. At any such meeting only regular members shown by the records of the Association to have paid their dues and being otherwise in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

Article 8

PUBLICATIONS

1. The Association may issue at regular intervals bulletins, proceedings, and other publications necessary to record the progress made by the association and to give the members useful information. All such publications shall be issued under the direction of the Vice President-Newsletters subject to the Executive Committee as to scope, policy and expenditures.
2. Members shall receive such general publications issued at regular intervals by the

Association.

3. All material submitted for publication shall be considered the property of the Association and shall be retained in its possession until officially released by the order of the Executive Committee.

Article 9

COMMITTEES

The Committees of this Association appointed by the President shall be Nominating, Convention, Budget, Delegate, and such others as he may feel necessary and as he may decide to appoint.

Article 10

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the governing authority in all proceedings of this Association except as otherwise provided by these by-laws.

Article 11

METHOD OF AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

The by-laws shall be amended by a two-thirds majority of those regular members present and voting at any meeting provided for by Article 7.

These amended by-laws shall become effective when adopted by two-thirds of the regular members present and voting at the Annual Convention members meeting in July 1977.

About the Memorial

by Jordan Uttal

Greetings to the hundreds of you who attended our 30th Convention Reunion at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin a few weeks ago — and to all of our other members who were with us in spirit if not in person!

At our business meeting — and again at our final banquet I had the opportunity to give you the latest information pertaining to the physical and financial health of our 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust, and our American Memorial Room at the Norwich Central Library. For those of you who were not present, I repeat our sincerest thanks for your past support — and just as warmly I urge you to continue helping us to maintain our truly unique Living Memorial by your generous financial contributions.



(l to r) Jordan Uttal (2nd AD Representative Board of Governors), Tom Eaton (Chairman, Board of Governors), Col. Jenks (Air Attach, American Embassy).

It was with great pleasure that I was able to report your gifts this year totaling \$6500.00. We are most proud of your generosity. By action of your Executive Committee, we are sending \$5500.00 to the Capital Fund Account of the Memorial Trust (to add to the yearly income) reserving \$700.00 for Joan Benns and Sam Mortlock to use for book purchases in the United States, and reserving another \$300.00 for a thorough cleaning and refurbishing of the Memorial Fountain in the courtyard just outside the American Room.

This \$5500.00 addition to the Capital Account raises the total subscribed so far against the \$50,000.00 commitment made in Wilmington, N.C. in 1974 to \$23,000.00. Our timetable called for raising that sum of \$50,000.00 in five years, so as you can see, we have \$27,000.00 to go in the next two years, 1978 and 1979. . . Our actual membership as reported at the convention is now 2772 — so by simple math, if each of you would send us \$5.00 with your dues in 1978, and another \$5.00 in 1979, we will easily raise the needed \$27,000.00

CONVENTION 1978

California here we come

A visit to Southern California is not complete without a holiday at the Hotel Del Coronado sitting on an island in San Diego Bay — so they say. Southern California itself is not complete without a convention of the 2nd Air Division — so we say. We think it is about time the marriage was consummated.



The hotel Del Coronado is a living legend which was built shortly after the massacre of Custer and during the days when the infamous Black Bart roamed the countryside, but it still thrives in an age when men are traveling to the moon.

This charming, resplendent hotel has reigned as monarch of western resort hotels for some three quarters of a century, yet this majestic establishment has never been more alluring than it is today. As a haven for relaxation and wonderfully varied resort activities it has no peer.

The hotel epitomizes the grand manner in a superb garden setting, surrounded by stately trees and framed



between the sparkling Pacific and Glorietta Bay. All you could wish for a perfect convention plus holiday is here in full array.

Unfortunately Evelyn and Dean who handle the incoming funds report that only 40% of us add a contribution for the Memorial with our dues — so — we appeal again for 100% support! Won't each of you send *something* — whatever you can afford — with your dues? If it can't be \$5.00 or \$10.00 — anything to evidence your support will be appreciated. To you who can afford more than the needed per capita amount, how about searching thru the tin cans buried in your garden and

The interior of the hotel, including the rooms, is stately and 'old world'. Generally considered the last of the extravagantly conceived seaside hotels, it stands as a monument to the past with its turrets, tall cupolas, hand-carved wooden pillars and Victorian gingerbread.

In recognition of its beauty and importance, the Del, as it is called, has been designated both a San Diego County Historical Landmark and a



California Historical Landmark. In October 1971 the Del was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not unusual to see the beautiful Hotel Del Coronado featured in top magazines, newspapers, architectural books and surveys, textbooks, photographic collections, etc. The Del also has received countless awards for its consistently fine food and service.

If we haven't wetted your appetite by this time you must have served in a B-17 Group! This is just an eye opener and we will have more on the Del in later issues, but we hope this has started your planning for the 1978 Convention.

coming up with more?

All of you who have seen our Memorial know that keeping the memory alive of our fallen buddies is a very worthwhile goal — an outstanding example of man's humanity to his fellow man.

Again, you have our warmest thanks for your support. We look forward to hearing about you in our Newsletters, and to seeing you at our Convention Reunion next summer in San Diego.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Thirtieth Annual Convention — Playboy Club, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin — Saturday, July 30, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Earl Zimmerman with approximately 220 members present. A warm welcome was given to all and the present Officers of the Association were introduced.

The minutes of the 1976 meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read by Dean E. Moyer and showed a balance of cash on hand (including the donations made this year to the Memorial Fund) in all funds to be \$13,485.86. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried with all in favor.

Membership Vice President Evelyn Cohen reported a total membership at that moment of 2,772. It was noted that the 361st Fighter Group went from zero to 24 new members.

The President then reported that John Archer, an Associate member living in England, was able to get a President's Gavel made from yew wood from Ketteringham Hall, Headquarters of the 2nd Air Division in England. Hazel Robertie was nominated to be custodian of the gavel and to have it present at every reunion.

A motion was made by Jordan Uttal that each member present be appointed a delegate from the Group or Unit with which they served, and also that a list be published in the Newsletter of all those present. The motion was seconded and carried with all in favor.

The increasing costs of conventions was discussed and Evelyn Cohen gave a detailed report of the difficulties involved in planning these affairs and the alternatives available to us. It was the choice of an all inclusive affair or something akin to a one night stand. All present agreed to continue as we have been doing in the past.

A motion was made by Joe Warth of the 44th BG that a financial report of the convention be published in the Newsletter in addition to the annual financial report. The motion was immediately seconded and failed to pass by a vote of 220 (estimate) to zero.

Jordan Uttal, member of the Board of Governors of the 2nd AD Memorial Trust, gave the following report:

- *He attended the Board of Governors meeting in February, 1977 in Norwich England.
- *Total funds raised to date towards the \$50,000 goal is \$23,000. 1800 pounds were allocated to purchase new drapes for the Memorial room.
- *All questions pertaining to the Memorial Trust have been resolved with the British Charities Commission.
- *Our Memorial Trust and Living Memorial is indeed in good hands.
- *Recommended that we all continue to support the increase in the capital funds to keep it a living Memorial.

President's Report: Two letters were sent to the White House on behalf of the 2nd Air Division Association expres-

sing our displeasure on the closing of VA Hospitals and the President's action on draft dodgers and deserters.

A letter of appreciation was sent to the Mayor of Philadelphia, Pa. thanking him for the presentation of the replica of the Liberty Bell at Valley Forge last year. This bell is now in the Memorial Room in the Norwich Central Library.

There would be a 'fly-over' of two P-51s, a P-38 and an AT-6 right after the business meeting.

Evelyn Cohen reported that the next convention will be held at the Del Coronado Hotel, Del Coronado, California (San Diego) on 13, 14 and 15 July 1978. Plans are also underway for a 1979 convention in Norwich, England.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers for 1977-78:

- President.....J. B. Long
- Executive Vice President.....Rick Rokicki
- Membership Vice President.....Evelyn Cohen
- Newsletter Vice President.....Bill Robertie
- Secretary.....Hathy Veynar
- Treasurer.....Dean Moyer
- Group Vice Presidents to Executive Committee:

- 466th.....'Pappy' Daniels
- 489th.....Charles Fruendethal
- 361st.....John Hoffman

John Hoffman reluctantly declined the nomination. A short recess was called and the nominating committee nominated Jim Blanco, 392nd.

A motion was made and seconded to elect the above slate of Officers. Motion was passed with all in favor.

Letter from General Kepner was read by Hathy Veynar extending his greetings to all.

Motion was made and seconded that dues be raised to \$7.00 per year in view of increasing expenses. Motion was seconded and carried with all in favor.

It was noted that any change of address, in process or contemplated, should be sent as soon as possible to Evelyn Cohen because a new Roster is being compiled and will be published by November 1 of this year. All changes must be in the hands of Bill Robertie no later than October 1 of this year.

Motion was made that \$200. be given to Evelyn Cohen and Bill Robertie as an honorarium for their work on behalf of the Association. Motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was passed with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Hathy Veynar, Secretary
2nd Air Division Association

30th or 31st

There has been a great deal of discussion and confusion among members as to whether or not this year's reunion was the 30th or the 31st. Our resident statistician, Jordan Uttal, has put the matter to rest by providing the Newsletter with a listing of date and place of all reunions since number one back in October, 1948. The complete listing follows:

Time	City
1. October 1948.....	Chicago, Ill.
2. October 1949.....	Chicago, Ill.
3. October 1950.....	Cleveland, Ohio
4. October 1951.....	New York, N.Y.
5. October 1952.....	Chicago, Ill.
6. October 1953.....	Chicago, Ill.
7. August 1954.....	Washington, D.C.
8. August 1955.....	Washington, D.C.
9. August 1956.....	Chicago, Ill.
10. August 1957.....	Hershey, Pa.
11. August 1958.....	New York, N.Y.
12. August 1959.....	Chicago, Ill.
13. October 1960.....	Washington, D.C.
14. October 1961.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
15. September 1962.....	Chicago, Ill.
16. June 1963.....	Norwich, England
17. October 1964.....	Chicago, Ill.
18. June 1965.....	Washington, D.C.
19. June 1966.....	Dayton, Ohio
20. June 1967.....	Washington, D.C.
21. June 1968.....	Chicago, Ill.
22. June 1969.....	Gettysburgh, Pa.
23. June 1970.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
24. July 1971.....	Williamsburgh, Va.
25. May 1972.....	Norwich, England
26. July 1973.....	Colorado Springs, Colo.
27. July 1974.....	Wilmington, N.C.
28. May 1975.....	Norwich, England
29. July 1976.....	Valley Forge, Pa.
30. July 1977.....	Lake Geneva, Wis.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION, July 26, 1977

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT:			
Balance July 21, 1976		1,346.61	
Receipts: Interest 12 months		68.60	
No Disbursements			
Receipts and Balance			1,415.21
MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT:			
Balance July 22, 1976		6,409.75	
Receipts to July 26, 1977		5,924.60	
Receipts and Balance		12,334.35	
Disbursements to Library Board 7/24/76		6,000.00	
Balance July 26, 1977			6,334.35
GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:			
Balance July 21, 1976		3,866.74	
Receipts:			
Dues	13,785.00		
Sale-Memorial Brochures	78.50		
Sale-Pins	208.00		
Interest on Cert. of Deposits	69.31	14,140.81	
Receipts and Balance			18,007.55
Disbursements:			
Newsletter:			
Monthly Exp.	1,621.78		
Postage	2,960.00		
Printing	5,230.13		
Extra Help	180.00	9,991.91	
Office Equipment:			
File Cabinets	286.25		
Compur	220.00	506.25	
Membership:			
Honorarium	200.00		
Printing	130.59		
Postage	950.00	1,280.59	
Group V.P. - Postage Exp.		333.00	
Filing Fees - State of Illinois		2.00	
Style Shop - Appreciation Gift		157.50	
Total Disbursements			12,271.25
Balance July 26, 1977			5,736.30
Balance of Cash on Hand, All Funds, as of July 26, 1977			<u>\$ 13,485.86</u>
Donations to Library Board as of July 26, 1977			
1973	1,293.00		
1974	2,322.00		
1975	8,000.00		
1976	6,000.00		
Total to Date	\$17,615.00		

Dean E. Moyer, Treasurer
2 AD Association

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

A problem has been brought to our attention by Miss Benns of the Norwich Central Library who lovingly cares for our Memorial Room and she has asked our help in solving it.

One of our members quite innocently sent over for use in the Memorial Room a large number of tapes. While books can be sent duty free, tapes cannot, and this particular shipment cost the library over \$30.00 in duty charges.

Miss Benns requests that only books be sent and anything in the audio/visual line will be purchased over there. Even without mentioning this matter it would probably never happen again, but we thought it best to alert you. Books — no tapes.

Reunion 492nd

by Pat Corriere

Bill Robertie gave me a tough one when he asked me to write on what the 492nd did during the reunion - convention. Most of the time we just drank and shot the bull, but we all enjoyed that wonderful feeling that comes over you when you meet once again with old friends.



Top row (l to r) - Ed Goldsmith (amateur film maker!), Floyd Kingsley, Archie MacIntyre. Kneeling (l to r) - Pat Corriere, Herman Rieker, Gil Green.

This year Floyd Kingsley and his wife were the members who came the greatest distance to attend the convention. Gil Green whose reservation was mistakenly cancelled last year took me up on my promise that if the same thing happened this year I would see to it that he had a date with one of the bunnies. Fortunately for me his reservation this year was O.K.

The 492nd shared a hospitality room with the 44th as we did last year and the frequent bull sessions helped break in the newcomers who were attending their first reunion. Hopefully we will see everybody again out in Del Coronado next year.

Norwich 1979?

At the request of many of our members we took this subject up at our business meeting this year and to sample interest we asked for a show of hands in the affirmative. Every one of the 220 odd members present raised their hands.

The question was asked this far in advance because a great deal of planning and preparation must be completed both here and abroad well in advance of 'take-off' date. In other words we start work now.

In order to aid us in our planning it would help tremendously if all members who feel they will want to make the trip — all things being equal at the time — would signify their interest in project "Norwich '79" by dropping a note, or card, to Evelyn Cohen, 404 Atrium Apts., 555 Welsh Rd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19114.

Good Thinking Earl

During this past year when Earl Zimmerman was President of the Association he decided it was about time the 2nd ADA had a gavel to be used at our business meetings. Earl doesn't think small.

He wrote to John Archer, a friend and Associate of the 2nd ADA living in England, and asked John if one could be made using wood from Ketteringham Hall which was the home of the 2nd AD Headquarters.

John set out to find an artisan who could do the job and having accomplished that task traveled to Ketteringham Hall to locate some wood. The end result is pictured.



The stand and gavel were made from the wood of a yew tree growing on the estate and there is no question that it is a beautiful piece of wood working.

Earl has given this to the Association to be used at all future meetings and our sincere thanks go to both Earl and John Archer. It is a treasure which will one day end up in the Memorial Room in the Library.

448th History

Joe Michalczyk has advised the Newsletter that a short history of the 448th BG is now in print. I can testify to that as I have read it and it is extremely well done.



448th BOMB GROUP (H)

Contents, 48 pages. Page size 7x8½ inches. Brief History 1943-1946. Honor Roll - Containing names as listed in the American Room, Memorial Library, Norfolk, Suffolk, England. 448th 262 Mission Record, pictures etc.

It is statistically complete with photos brightening up the pages and containing a narrative which tells the history of the Group in a concise fashion. It is well worth the price. Joe advises that he has enough on hand to supply every member of the 448th.

Total cost \$3.50 mailed to members of 448th B.G.

News of the 458th

by George A. Reynolds

After being "buried" for 33 years, the real and complete story of the ill-fated Azon Bomb experiment will rise again. A London publisher, Marshall-Cavendish Ltd., will print the article in their September issue of "War Monthly 45." This magazine is devoted entirely to stories about the war, particularly material on the 8th AF and RAF. If it's not available on newsstands and you're interested write: Marshall-Cavendish Corp., 110 E. 59th Street, New York, NY 10022. The price is about \$2.00.

All material on the Azon Bomb at the AF Archives was researched, and it is accurate according to those who participated in the project. From the Group, Bob Vincent, Carl Valentine, J. R. Butler, Bob Morford, Mel Fields and Maurice Speer contributed personal knowledge about the project.

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Tony North and FOTE write that the Group memorial in Norwich Airport terminal building is now complete. Since some ex-458th types will likely visit during the 8th AF Historical Society reunion in August, they have decided to dedicate the pictorial display of 458th history at this time. Doubtlessly, it will be a worthy and fitting tribute to all who served in the Group. Pictures are forthcoming. FOTE expenditures have not been recovered so far. Clint Wallace is receiving contributions from those who wish to do so, and he will remit to FOTE.

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Poet's Corner

CONTRAILS IN THE SKY

*I saw the contrails shimmer,
In the foggy England sky.
I heard the hymn of airmen,
Who were too young to die.*

*I did not see them dying,
I could not feel their pain.
I only knew they loved us,
And their love was not in vain.*

*I saw the planes assemble,
In Europe's murky sky.
I saw them drop their bomb load,
And knew that some must die.*

*I did not know their names then,
I knew not how or why.
I only knew the turmoil,
When men take to the sky.*

*I saw the wing tips glimmer,
In England long ago.
I heard the sound of engines,
That strained to meet the foe.*

*I did not know the purpose,
I could not know the plan.
I only knew that this was war,
And it was made by man.*

*It is for us the living,
To have the faith and trust.
To stop the bloody fighting,
Or sink into the dust.*

*If we would be discouraged,
Let ignorance be unfurled.
We'll see the contrails shimmer,
In the skys around the world.*

Austin L. Alsop
6831 South 1300 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

I get letters! Regularly, ex-458th types, historians and writers ask me to correlate Group aircraft names with serial numbers or vice versa. I have about 50, and am always happy to oblige when I can. Anyone who can definitely tie a name and serial together is requested to send the information to me for a growing list. When the listing is further along, I'll have copies made and available for the asking. But I need considerably more than I have to make it worthwhile. So, how about it troops — send your bird's name and number in for posterity.

489th Making Comeback

by Charles H. Freudenthal

Well, the big reunion — either the 30th or the 31st, depending on how you count — is all over, and it was truly a milestone for the 489th. We had nine on hand, and that seems to be our biggest contingent ever. Don't know where the rest of you were, though I'm sure most of you had pretty good reasons for not making it. But you sure missed a great time!

The Hillstrom crew of the 845th led our parade, as Carl was joined by Copilot Lee Baker (in from Los Angeles for just two days), and gunner Loren Bryan, up from Hobbs, New Mexico. Jack Albright, from Rantoul, Ill., and Dave Kernodle from Big D, represented the 844th; Monty Burch (846th) came in from Lansing, Michigan; Chuck and Mary Bouchard of the 847th came from Creve Coeur, Missouri; and I came in from Vienna, Virginia. Now nine is really only a handful, but it's three times as many as we've ever had, and next year, in San Diego, we expect many more! In fact, my wife, who went to San Diego State, has already let me know there'll be two of us there!

It was an outstanding three days, not even counting the Playboy Bunnies! There were plenty of war stories, and a lot of things were cleared up, while others just got fuzzier. And the pictures that almost everyone had, brought back floods of memories — some funny, and some sad, but all great. We talked about the night Fred Kelly stepped out of the train on the wrong side and disappeared into the night; and about how Hank Luscomb was said to be the only pilot who had to climb on final approach; and about cleaning guns after the mission; and watching and listening to the buzz bombs going over. Nearly everybody seems to have bicycled to Beccles and/or Southwold — and got lost in the process.

Sure, the meeting after so many years was marvelous, and the stories were outstanding. We all truly enjoyed it. And if you'd been there it would have been even better!

There were some extra dividends, too. Al Brunner called in from Milwaukee to say hello, and to ask about the possibilities of a 489th reunion

News of the 44th— Flying Eightballs

SUCCESS is the best word for the 1st Art Sale and Auction of the Eightballs. \$800.00 was the amount presented to Dean Moyer, Treasurer of the 2nd ADA at the closing banquet of the 1977 reunion as the contribution from the 44th for the Memorial Trust Fund. This money was raised by means of two Auctions — one at the Mini-Reunion and one in the "SHIPDHAM PUB", plus a raffle of many Art objects donated by members of the 44th, plus cash donations and the money from the operation of the "SHIPDHAM PUB". Special thanks are given to all who contributed items for the Auction and Raffle and to those who contributed their time and money towards reaching our goal. Note: Next year in San Diego we are going to try even harder to top 1977. Now just a few of the 44th can't do it alone, SO if YOU have any ideas on what we can do — Send them to me.

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Over 44 members and wives were present for the Reunion this year. All stated that they had a darn good time and were sorry that so many of you couldn't make it — Next year we would like twice as many there. So start now on making your vacation plans for July 1978 in Sunny California. Remember — If you head West you have to wind up in San Diego with the 44th.

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(more about that later), and "Frenchy" Thibodeau of the 845th sent us a wire. Said he's making plans for San Diego, and in the meantime invites anyone who gets by the O'Fallon, Missouri, area to visit. On Friday night, we broke away from the food, drink, and conversation to call Gen. Napier and say Hello. The boss sounded great, and sends his greetings to you all.

The Saturday night banquet wrapped things up for this year, but now that we've got the taste of it, I hope — and even expect — that the 489th will really have a delegation next year!

INCIDENTAL NOTES: I'm still trying to find a picture of Cookie, the polka-dotted formation ship. Look through your files, please? And has anyone got a layout of Halesworth? We have an English author looking for help in identifying sites and buildings, and I can't remember them all. **HELP!!**

Picked up three new members at the Reunion, but, sad to say I goofed. I lost the name and address of one of them, so if you remember whose name you gave me for membership, please send it to me so I can send his application to Evelyn . . . I've got the money just need the name.

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The "SHIPDHAM PUB" was the gathering place for the 44th. Had a full house all three days as the 392nd and 492nd joined with us in the operation of the PUB. Never ran out of liquid refreshments, snacks or tall tales of years gone by. Oh yes, all the money raised from the operation of the "SHIPDHAM PUB" was donated along with the proceeds from the Auctions and Raffle to the Memorial Fund. Had a few full bottles left over so those who were at the closing when "TIME" was called were given a bottle for the trip home — plus Mike Fusano took one to General Johnson so he could once again toast the 44th and the 2nd ADA. Needless to say the "PUB" will be in full operation at San Diego in 1978, so join us.

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Still have a very few "EIGHTBALL PATCHES" left — Be glad to send you one to wear or hang on the wall if you get your order in - Post Haste. Cost \$2.50 each. Send your check to me - Joe Warth, 5709 Walkerton Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. All profits from the sale of these patches will be donated to the Memorial Trust Fund. Let the world know you were and are an "Eightballer".

NOTICE

Steve Birdsall, who seems hellbound to destroy the goodwill he built up with *Log of the Liberators*, has been drinking with the Boeing boys again and signed a contract with Doubleday to write a book called *Superfortress*, about the Boeing B-29. It will be similar to his B-24 book in style, but because there was only one combat B-29 for every nine B-24s, he'll be going in much closer. Because the early aircraft were more than a handful, B-29 crews were drawn from combat veterans of other theaters, and Steve would like to hear from any of our people who ended up in these monsters. Also anybody who was in them in the Korean war, or other periods. Steve's address is 20 Royal Street, Chatswood 2067, Sydney, Australia.

REUNION PHOTOS

by Bob Coleman



The Registration Desk wasn't busy — it was mobbed! Dean Moyer (far left) supervises.



The Registration Desk went full swing all three days. Just a steady stream.



Saturday morning Earl Zimmerman declares that we must have a business meeting, and that's a fact.



The hospitality room bar was a busy place. L-R Bill Robertie, Milt Veynar (rear), Karen Wolf and really enjoying her drink, June Zimmerman.



First night chow time at the ski chalet. Buffet style with long tables resulted in 'instant' friends.



O.K. What's on the agenda?



Hospitality room early in the evening. Should have seen it later!



Everybody joins in and soon the place was jumping. Jim Martin in foreground and right behind that pair, Jackie Hanify.



A question from the floor . . .



Evelyn Cohen talks — Emma Franklin listens. Nothing unusual in that!



This was supposed to be a square dance, but come to think of it that's for old folks!



gets an answer from Jordan Uttal. . . .



Floyd Mabee, 93rd and Ray Hunt 453rd and 93rd drink to their health and pleasure.



44th and 492nd members (plus a few strays) hold forth in the 'Shipdham Pub'.



Did I handle that one O.K.? Meanwhile Evelyn holds her head and checks the By-Laws. Bill Robertie and Dean Moyer look like they want to take a sabbatical!



Looking left

The two photos above fairly well represent the total attendance for the mini-reunion banquet night. Tables were numbered to signify Group.



Looking right



Evelyn Cohen admires charm bracelet she received from the 2nd ADA members.



After the business meeting there were movies of 8th AF missions and memories became real and chilling.



The P-38 looks ready for business, but first a check of the engines.



Joe Warth presents check for \$800.00 for the Memorial Library Fund. Proceeds from the 44th Auction and individual donations.



President elect J. D. Long and Secretary Hathy Veynar express amusement and concern.



"Cripes A'Mighty IVth" was ready for business. The original was flown by Maj. George Preddy who was shot down and killed by friendly forces who didn't know any better.



The AT-6 gets a going over.



The crowd gathers outside the club waiting to be "strafed" by the 2 P-51s and the P-38.



Dick Shults and Martin Ginskey (461st FG) renew old times.



Lining up to light one of the Memorial candles: L-R, Bill Denton, Warren Alberts, Floyd Mabee, Jim Auman, Ray Betcher and Joe Arbaugh.



Left side of head table: Ceil Rokicki, Hathy Veynar, Rick Rokicki (newly elected VP), Hazel Robertie and Dean Moyer (looks like Hazel & Dean are up to no good!)



Right side of head table: Earl Zimmerman, Evelyn Cohen, Bill Robertie, Deannie Moyer and Milt Veynar, who likes to illustrate a point with gestures!



Warren Alberts lights candle for fallen comrades.



Banquet. Meal finished, tables cleared (mostly) sit back, relax and smoke as speakers speak. Only a portion of those who attended.



Emma & Al Franklin respond like experts to the band's lively rhythm. That's a real pretty dress Emma.



Jordan's task was not always an easy one.



Pete and Mary Henry trip the light fantastic.



Prexy Earl Zimmerman & Wife June make a fine couple according to the photo man.



When this sign appeared in the Lobby it surprised everyone except Dick Brackus who arranged the whole thing.



2nd AD acquires two new 'Aces'. Lillian Cohen (blonde) and Mae Wolf (Brunette).



Hazel and Bill Robertie just trip. Who said that!!!



President Earl Zimmerman states his feelings regarding the 2nd ADA.



Incoming Prexy J. D. Long calls for a Bigger and better 2nd ADA and promises to lead the way.



Dean Moyer accepts checks for the Memorial Library Fund. Dean has always had difficulties refusing checks for the Memorial Fund. He feels more comfortable pitching horse shoes — preferably with the horse not attached!



Must admit that some 44th folks get prettier each year. Jackie Gabrielson models western hat. So who needs the hat?

That Galloping PR Man Pete Henry

As I've mentioned in earlier Newsletters Pete Henry travels quite a bit in his line of work and whenever he stops in a strange town he takes the time to write to the local newspaper or newspapers as follows:

Dear Editor:

The Second Air Division Association is making every effort to locate anyone, and everyone, who served with the 2nd Air Division of the United States Eighth Air Force in England during WWII.

All personnel ever identified with the following Bomb Groups and Fighter Groups are eligible to join the Association. Bomb Groups: 44, 93, 389, 392, 445, 446, 448, 453, 458, 466, 467, 489, 491 and 492. Fighter Groups: 4th, 56th, 355th. Scouting Force: 361st and 479th. Also all attached units.

Anyone who served, at any time, with one of the above listed units please contact Pete Henry, 164 B Portland Lane, Jamesburg, New Jersey, 08831. Each member receives the Association Newsletter, published quarterly, and a copy of the latest Roster of Members which now numbers almost 2,800 names and current addresses.

The next annual reunion will be held at the Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego,

435rd BG Reunion News

by Don Olds

The Lake Geneva convention has come and gone and I'm hoping all those attending enjoyed themselves as much as our family did. The 453rd again had an excellent turnout and I was pleased to see so many who had attended their first reunion last summer in Valley Forge returned a second straight year.

Our mini reunion facilities were not as good as they were at Valley Forge. However we managed to get our Chinese dinner eaten and then many of us retired to the 453rd hospitality room for story telling, refreshments, etc. We would like to thank Don Baldwin and Sol Greenberg, who sent money for the refreshments and to Joe Moran and Jim Kotapish, who supplied most of the rest. About the only thing semi-official to come out of that room was the fact they reappointed yours truly to serve another year as 453rd chairman.

I'm starting another year by asking each of you to please send me any names and addresses of ex-453rd people you might have, even old WW 2 hometowns. For some reason I have a hard time getting this information out of our members. I've written to some

California in July 1978. Plans are also being made to hold the reunion in Norwich, England in 1979.

Yours truly,

While driving to Lake Geneva this year — supposedly on vacation — he took the time to send the above letter to many local newspapers in the cities and towns he and Mary passed through.

Up to reunion time he had written to 38 newspapers. From these 38 letters he received 103 replies. Unfortunately many of them came from B-17 types who had served in the 8th and wanting to know if they were part of the 2nd AD. In spite of that, Pete did pick up 25 new members he knows of, and probably more.

We and the Group VPs are rapidly running out of old addresses of people who served in the 2nd AD and this 'Letter to the Editor' plan is now our best bet to gather in new members. We know that if every single member wrote a letter such as the above to his local paper or papers our membership would jump dramatically. We urge you all to give it a shot.

In your letter you can list yourself as the person to contact or Evelyn Cohen, 404 Atrium Apts., 2555 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19114. In any event please give it a chance.

more than once asking about men from their crew etc., and received no reply. It's difficult to have a good turnout at the reunions if I don't know where to look for prospects. I'm looking forward to you West Coast people to be especially anxious to assist since the '78 reunion will be held in California.

Several men from the group living in the Wisconsin area came by Lake Geneva and spent part of a day with us but were unable to attend the banquet. Some of them drove a couple hundred miles one way. Among them were Ed Jackson, Carl Lessing, John Ersparmer, Jim Reidy, Herb Reis, Quentin Kroeger, Charles Christburg, Gordon Adeo and John Fiorillo. After the reunion on my way through Minnesota I visited with two former group originals, Frank Krob, a 735th Sq. gunner on Lang's Crew #68, and G. R. (Bob) Johnson, pilot of 733rd Sq. Crew #24.

Andy Low has spent a lot of time and some money trying to put a group history together and he presented a rough draft copy to the assembly at Lake Geneva. It seemed to be generally well accepted and I'll try and have more information about it in the next newsletter.

A Big Note of Thanks

I think you will all agree that the photos in this issue are excellent and for this we owe a big vote of thanks to Bob Coleman (93rd) and Pete Henry (44th).

Pete has been my mainstay for reunion photos for several reunions in the past and if it hadn't been for Pete (I'm the worlds worst photographer) recent reunion issues would have been devoid of photos. Pete continued his excellent work during this reunion and you can see the results on the back page.

This year Bob Coleman who served in the photographic section of the 93rd during the war volunteered to share his 'nostalgic' photos (circa 1942 - 1945) with us and has had a page of photos in the last several issues. He also volunteered to take on the job of Association Photographer at the reunion. I'm sure you all saw him setting up his complicated array of equipment wherever and whenever there was anything of importance taking place. He ended up with many more photos than we could accommodate in the Newsletter, but I'm sure you will all agree that his work bears the mark of the true 'Pro'. Welcome aboard Bob and please stay with us.

If you see yourself in any of the photos we have used and wish a copy write to Robert T. Coleman, 210 W. Lawrence, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073. There will be a slight charge as film and paper does not come cheap, but the charge will be nothing like what you would pay to have a copy made by a commercial firm.

Clarence Hooks plays no favorites



Here he braces the P-51



And here he 'gets near' the P-38!

Sorry no reunion pictures of the 453rd were ready for this issue of the newsletter. Perhaps we can get a couple in for the next issue.

Finally, thanks to all who attended Lake Geneva and to all who helped me out in the past couple of years. I'm looking forward to serving you as best I can in the coming year and look for a big crowd of 453'ers in San Diego in '78.

LETTERS

Dear Bill:

We had a tremendous time at the reunion and wish to congratulate all those who made this possible. This was our first reunion but it certainly won't be our last.

I do have one suggestion. The Registration area was like a cattle pen and I think much of this was caused by people at both ends of the table selling gift items pertaining to the B-24 and the Association. I might add that I bought one of everything in sight, but the confusion and congestion was inescapable.

My suggestion is that tables be set up in a special room well removed from the Registration area where such items could be sold in a 'shopping area' atmosphere. I'm sure those selling the items would appreciate the extra elbow room for the display of their items.

On to California in '78!

Sincerely,
Horace Glickschmidt

(Ed, We recognize the problem Horace and you can bet the next year will be different. I like your idea of a 'shopping area' and that could be the answer.)

Dear Miss Cohen:

Enclosed is a \$5.00 check for my membership dues for 2nd ADS. I was glad to see the reunion notice in the VFV magazine and this is how I found out that my old Bomb Group has been having reunions.

It was very interesting to read and enjoy the Newsletter of Nov. 1976. If you have any past issues I would like to catch up and read all the ones I have missed. I noticed a photo of one of my very good friends in the issue — his name is Ed Goldsmith from Chicago. He was nicknamed "The Gold Dust Twins" and was a very good friend of Steve Petroch, Al Guarneni. We visited many a "Pub" in England.

We started together in McGowan Field in 1943 in the 700 BS 445 BG went to Tinitshall, England. It was reorganized to form the 492 BG and then I went to the 490 BG in North Pickenham.

I have many photos that I have saved from England. I am enclosing them hoping you can reprint them and publish them in the Newsletter.

Please return them when you are finished using them. I would like to have Ed Goldsmith's home address and phone number if possible.

Thanks again for a night of memories that I had today — it was great.

Sincerely,

Frank DiMola

(L to R)
Frank Dimola
Joe Fernandez
Ed Goldsmith
Al Guarneri
(kneeling)



Dear Evelyn:

Enclosed a \$5.00 check for membership dues in the Second Air Division Association. I did not know of the association until I saw a notice in the Denver Post a few days ago. Pete Henry sent a letter with information concerning membership.

I was with the 67th Squadron, 44th Bomb Group at Shipham for about a year. My address is below.

Roy A. Howard, Jr.
722 Ash
Akron, Colorado 80720

Dear Bill:

Here's hoping this finds Hazel and yourself in good health and spirits.

I'm sorry I haven't written in recent months but I've been up to my ears in various projects and I know for a fact that you get just about snowed under with correspondence etc, so I'm not feeling too guilty about it.

However as Tony North, Chris Gotts and myself have devised and have ready a permanent Memorial to the 458th Bomb Group for display at their old home, Horsham St. Faith, now Norwich Airport, I thought you might like to see a photo of the painting I am presenting as my own donation to this memorial.

It's about the same size as the one I presented to you for the 2nd A.D. Memorial and shows B-24H "Paddlefoot" which was one of the Group's original ships.

The rest of the Memorial will comprise a large glass-fronted frame containing color photos of 458th aircraft, a set of four Squadron badges which I am painting now and an inscribed plaque.

Unfortunately the Terminal Buildings at the airport are rather primitive and not really the ideal setting for these items but as we consider the 458th should have some sort of recognition we will just have to make due with the facilities on hand and make the most of it.

Maureen and I still talk with pleasure of the reunion in Norwich and the lovely get-togethers we had with you all.

Well Bill: I guess that's all for now so cherrio old mate and keep smiling.

Sincerely,

Mike Bailey



Dear Bill:

I received my copy of the latest Newsletter just yesterday, and as I got out my correspondence concerning the 2nd AD, I noticed that we first corresponded in March of '74. I find that hard to believe! I am ashamed that I haven't written sooner to acknowledge the safe return of *The 56th Fighter Group in World War II*. I hope the information it contained was of some value. I also want to thank you for the pictures of the nose art of B-24s that my uncle piloted. I hope "Texan II" shows up in your files someday.

I'm sorry to report that I never received any reply to the letter I sent to my uncle's crew chief from the 56th. I was sure that his discovery was a break I needed, but it didn't work out that way.

What really prompted today's letter was the article "Mission 18 September 1944 — Supply Drop - Holland" for that was the mission — at least that was the date — on which my uncle was killed. That article plus the opening of the movie "A Bridge Too Far" jogged me out of my lethargy.

Since you are involved with the history of the 44th, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a rather hastily compiled list of the 25 combat missions my uncle flew. I could identify the targets of some of them. Could you identify any of the others?

I hope I am not intruding too much. Thanks again for all you have done.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Wiggs

Mr. William G. Robertie:

Just finished reading cover to cover your fine Newsletter. It keeps getting bigger and better. Something I await eagerly every quarter, as do most of us 2nd Air Div. We certainly appreciate the skill and effort that is so evident. It holds us all together, even makes us stronger.

I read Roger A. Freeman's article "Centurians" with a great deal of personal interest — jumping from sentence to sentence expecting to see one of the 67th Squadron planes (44th B Group) up among the leaders of the 100+ mission planes. But I came up empty — and just a bit disappointed — cause "Old Iron Corset" wasn't included.

So I dug into my old pile of photographs and 67th records to verify my aging memory. Sure enough, I located two photos of the plane, a B-24H #42-95318J. One, I took of Carl Hall, the Assistant Crew Chief (now deceased) showing the name of the plane. The other has crew chief O. E. "Curley" Nelson standing near the left side of his plane displaying proudly 129 Bombs, plus 5 enemy planes.



As I said, time has poked many holes in my memory — I can't remember just when I took the snaps, but it must have been towards the end. I don't know if the plane completed any more missions. But I do know that it survived the war as I was fortunate enough to be a most happy passenger aboard her on her trip home. I guess the pilot was eager enough too (again the holes cause I can't remember his name) as we were the 40th plus plane to take off from Greenland and we were the first plane over the field — Bradley Field, Conn. It was a good, fast plane — a great experience for an assistant inspector.

To prove the accuracy of my statements, I am enclosing those two snapshots. After all, we must get the 44th the credit it deserves. I have no record of aborts, but with at least 129 missions, let's not look at the negative side. Our crew chiefs and crews were as good as any of the others — we were at it long enough.

Incidentally, don't let some of the data I've related here fool you — I kept a little notebook of the more noteworthy events that helped plug some of the holes.

Have never been fortunate enough to attend any of the reunions — they have all been too far from Southern Calif. But next year I retire and I'm surely going — wherever. I wish you all a grand time in Illinois this month.

Sincerely,

C. W. "Will" Lundy

(Ed: Cheer up Will. Next year we will be in your backyard, Del Coronado, Calif.)

Dear Mr. Henry,

My mother recently sent the article about the 2nd Air Division Association.

My husband was a pilot (B-24) with the 446th Bomb Group and would very much like to be a member and receive the Newsletter and Roster.

Mrs. Richard H. Groverman

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for forwarding Mr. A.C. Blue's material on to me. I had heard of the incident before hand, but the inside knowledge of the accident was something I didn't know about.

I just had to write and thank you for helping me out so much. I recently acquired an old copy of your Newsletter which I thought was smashing. Just the job for keeping the old hands in touch with each other, and to remember the debt we owe to the boys you left over here and in Europe.

I hope to meet some of your members on the next visit over here, so I am keeping my fingers crossed. Thank you for all your help, all the best for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Ives
2 Victoria Place
Thirstin, Honley
Huddersfield HD7 2JE
Yorkshire, England
21st June 1977

Dear Bill:

I would appreciate any widespread announcements you might give to our book "History of the 392nd" at the Reunion. I know you also have lots of other things to do, but if you can do so the 392nd would be most grateful to you.

Until November 31st, the book can be ordered from me at my address, cost \$16.45. The first limited edition run was 300, but I can get second runs in very short order (approx. 3 weeks) on advanced subscription orders for those wanting a copy. Any plugs you might give would be most helpful, Bill, and many thanks in advance.

Have a fine Reunion, Bill, and I just hope that I can get there!

Warmest regards,

Bob Vickers
6424 Torreon Dr., N.E.
Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87109

(Ed: I had a copy of this book at the registration desk but it vanished the first day without my getting a chance to read it. Will try to give this a full review in the December issue. From what I did see it was quite comprehensive.)

Dear Evelyn:

I sent the following letter to all my crew members. Hope they all join.

I am on a recruiting campaign for the Second Air Division Association and earnestly urge each of you to join.

When I learned of the existence recently of the organization which only costs \$5.00 per year plus whatever you feel able to contribute to the Memorial Fund, I immediately sent in my membership. The newsletter alone is more than worth the dues.

Also I believe the 467th is not very well represented and truly it should be. The group had an enviable war record and even though we all had complaints I for one still have fond memories of Rackheath. We all remember 'Witchcraft' and how we worked to help build the 100 mission record. As I recall we flew her on several of those efforts — one time on three engines most of the way and back. Well, my heart really sang when I read about her achievement in a recent issue of the Newsletter.

Lets get behind the Association and each of us join and try to get other members as well. Send your dues to: Evelyn Cohen, 404 Atrium Apts., 2555 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19114.

Don't let the old aircraft commander down. You'll really get more than your monies worth.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Epting, Jr.

Dear Evelyn,

Enclosed is dues statement for 1977 with accompanying check No. 3682.

My apologies for the effort on your part in a follow-up. Mrs. Thompson writes the checks and with two children in college ... there might have been a slip-up.

The information that other members send in additional funds to help those who may not be in position to pay ... reminds me of the courtesy, thoughtfulness, and kindness extended by the mail clerks, ground crew, armorers, to those of us ... combat flying personnel ... this, as you know ... goes right to the top ... Col. Charles B. Westover ...

Often times ... when I think of the selfishness, materialism of my fellow man ... and the frustrations as a result ... I think back to the paragraph above ...

My name shall not be removed from the membership list until it appears in the obituaries.

Charles O. Thompson, Jr.

Dear Evelyn:

Enclosed is my long overdue check for the year's dues, plus another fiver towards the Memorial Library fund. Sorry I was so late, but my time was all taken up with acceptance of the "No Bill" Procrastination award for late letter writing.

Many times I believe you pass along some of the correspondence to our worthy and hard working Newsletter VP, Bill Robertie, and if you happen to do so with this letter I'd like to use the opportunity to see if someone out there would let me know if they have a clue on the whereabouts of my pilot, Ray L. Sears, and bombardier, Leonard E. Phillips. I've maintained contact with the navigator, Eugene (Gene) Minor who happens to live at 5209 Locke St., Ft. Worth, Texas. I believe that if Don Olds sent him a copy of the Newsletter, and you send a statement, we'll have one more member. Incidentally, we were the first crew to rack up thirteen (lucky 13), missions and have the honor of the first flak leave, for the 453rd Bmb. Grp., 734th Sqdn. Our plane, Shamrock 1, became war weary in a relatively short period of time and was replaced by Shamrock II - "Notre Dame". I suppose it isn't hard to guess that our chief engineer's name was Burkhardt and the crew chiefs name was Shaner! (He married a girl from Norwich and we had a very nice wedding reception to attend!) Again, I certainly would like to track down those two, plus the other crew members for the forthcoming reunion.

Oh yes, while we are about it I suppose you should send a couple of dues statements to: Norm (an) Crabtree who is head of the aviation division in the State of Ohio and formerly with the 2nd Air Division, as was his brother, Hayden, who lives in Bowling Green, Ohio. Addresses: Norm: 1028 Lincoln Avenue N., Columbus, Ohio 43229; Hayden: PO Box 147, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. (Both are incidentally brother Sigma Chi's). Keep up the good work, Evelyn, which is much appreciated by all of us even though we don't tell you too often.

My wife's ankle bothers her occasionally, but she is earely looking forward to another reunion in Norwich, which we assume will be a couple of years hence?

J. G. "Jim" Kotapish

P.S. If any of the old (poor choice of words) buddies of the 453rd happen to be passing through this area sometime throughout the year, the Buncher 6 Club 'arf & 'arf flag will be flying at the dinner hour, which means anytime from 6 AM to midnight!

Dear Earl Zimmerman:

Just getting around to applying for membership in the 2nd Air Div. and hope you will still have me — qualifications be damned!

I returned in 1960 as a permanent full, retired Colonel and my heart still swells a bit when I think about the ole 389th.

M. vanBenthuyzen

Enclosed \$10.00 check.

Dear Evelyn:

Please find \$5 bill enclosed. Certainly agree that with the high cost of postage you cannot dole out free copies of the Newsletter to every Tom, Dick and Roger! Sorry that I did not respond when your bill arrived — every intention of doing so but somehow it got mislaid and forgotten. My correspondence is in a perpetual state of disarray.

Pleased to see the Association goes from strength to strength and I'm well aware that but for the effort and hard work of you, Bill and a few others this would not be the case.

Everly success and all good wishes.

Roger Freeman

Dear Evelyn:

Enclosed is a check for Association membership.

My husband was a member of the 389th, 446th and was also at Hdqs. 2nd Air Division.

Therefore he is interested in members of all three.

We attended the reunion in Colorado Springs — he couldn't believe he knew so many. Unfortunately we couldn't go to England due to a son's graduation that year, but have visited the old area in 1955, 1970 and in Nov. 1976 we visit English friends he made during the war.

Please send a roster and latest newsletter about the reunion at Lake Geneva.

Ruth Spooner

P.S. Received a letter from Clarence Hooks, this is in response.

Dear Bill:

In both the November 1976 and the June 1977 issues of the Newsletter were requests from English gentlemen for information concerning a Staff Sgt. Curtis B. Anderson who was the sole survivor of a B-24 air crash October 9, 1944 in the Pennine Hills.

Sgt. Anderson was very seriously injured but recovered in time to the extent that he was able to be married and have a family, I am told by a mutual acquaintance.

His present address is Curtis Anderson, 567 Bonita Ave., Pleasanton, California 94566, Telephone 415-846-2691.

Will you please forward this information to both R. C. Collier and to R. Ives. Will you please also forward the enclosed letter to Mr. R. Ives?

L. W. Wilkerson

(Ed: Done. Note that you are not a member of the Association. How about joining up?)

Dear Evelyn:

Enclosed check for membership in the 2nd Air Division Association.

I was with the 328 Station Comp. Sqdn. With the 489th Bomb Group stationed at Halesworth, England in 1944.

Will be especially anxious to learn if there are any members of this 328th Sta. Comp. Sqdn. that are members of the Association.

Will be looking forward to receiving my copies of the Newsletter.

Roy D. Armentrout

Dear Dean:

The ladies and gentlemen of the 44th Bomb Group are proud to donate \$800.00 to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library Trust Fund.

This money was derived from the proceeds of an Art Auction, profits from the "SHIPDHAM PUB" and individual donations of both time and money from the members towards our goal of 1980.

Charles Joseph Warth
Vice President
44th Bomb Group

(NOTE: I wish to take this opportunity, in behalf of the members of 2 AD, to thank you and your Group for the fine job you are doing for the Memorial Trust Fund. This acknowledges receipt of the above \$800.00. Thank you.

Dean E. Moyer, Treas.

Dear Evelyn:

Sorry for being so tardy in answering your letter, but as usual it has been hectic around here.

Spring is always a busy time for everyone — cleaning up the gardens, planting, etc. We are also painting our house.

My art school finishes for the summer on May 27th — but have made quite a few things for our sale at L. Geneva. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Evelyn, we would like to bring six guests to our banquet on our last evening which will be on the Saturday evening. Our Minister and his wife, two dear friends, my daughter and son-in-law. Would you kindly let me know how much we owe you for this and I will send you our check to cover this.

Cliff and I want very much for them to meet our Air Force family and feel the comradeship we have in one another. In these days of unrest it's good to have a group like ours to share with others. Wanda and Tom, the "Polka Kids" will be our house guests, also Sally and Don Peterson.

Wanda isn't sure she can get off from work for the re-union — so she couldn't make reservation at the Playboy — we told her if at the last minute she could make it to stay with us.

Warmest regards

Jan Wold

Dear Evelyn:

I am somewhat belatedly enclosing herewith my dues for this year and next. I do not want to terminate my affiliation which as I recall began some years ago when you very graciously furnished me with your copy of 1,000 Destroyed which was a history of the 4th Fighter Group which was the group in which I served in the ETO.

The 4th Fighter Group had a very successful reunion June 17, 18 and 19 at Nashville, Tennessee. More than 150 members of the group were on hand and in excess of 300 attended the banquet. This is the fifth reunion we have had and 25 of the pilots attended. I have been able to attend all five and it has been most interesting meeting those who served with the group and ended up as Prisoners of War or had served their tours and returned to the States before I was assigned to the group.

I am sorry about the delay in getting my dues in but the first of the year I assumed the Judgeship in our Municipal Court and have been phasing out my private practice which has put me somewhat behind in many areas.

Very best wishes for a successful get-together of the association and hopefully my schedule will be such that I will be able to start attending in the not too distant future.

Richard J. Rinebolt

(Ed: No better place to start than Del Coronado.)

Dear Evelyn:

Upon completion of crew training we ferried a B-24 to Scotland via the northern route. We then joined the 467th-789th Sq. as replacements late in May. After flying numerous practice missions to the "wash" we finally got checked out and completed 10 missions before taking on a load of "flak" over Belin on the 21st of June 1944. We were lucky to make a belly landing at Malmo, Sweden with no casualties. After interrogation by consular officials we spent 6 months in the beautiful little town of Falun.

We lived in a boarding house with other internees, wore civvies, received our pay every month in kroners, and were royally "entertained" by the local population.

In Dec. '44 our crew was repatriated. I was selected to stay to work on the interned aircraft. I was sent to the city of Vasteros, lived in the "Stora" hotel. Rode to and from the Hasslo airfield each day in a charter bus. We had lunch in a Swedish Air Force mess hall. Spent the work day running-up engines, changing plugs, and performing minor maintenance on B-24s. We also had B-17s and their respective work crews. We maintained this fleet until they were ferried back to England in June and July of 1945.

The Swedish government purchased 10 B-17s for a "token" price of 1 dollar each! 7 of these B-17s were converted to civilian transports by Saab.

They were used to train SAS crews and actually made some trans-polar flights to New York and return to Sweden. All in all it was a most interesting experience.

I learned about the 2nd Air Division Assn. thru Col. Al Showers and Joe Ramirez. I hope you will accept me as a member.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Ford

Dear Evelyn:

Sorry I'm late with this but I didn't realize it wasn't paid.

Here is \$5.00 for me, \$5.00 for someone who needs it and \$15.00 for the Memorial Fund.

Sorry I won't be able to get to Wis. this year. My business (Laundry and Dry Cleaning) burned and I'm still trying to build it back. Maybe next year —

W. P. (Bill) Sineath

Dear Evelyn:

Some time ago I wrote a letter to the Editor of the Erie Times (Erie, Pa.) regarding all the interest, countrywide in the Eighth Air Force. (Erie is where I signed up for the AF 'way back in '42.) Because of the letter being published I received a nice letter and a check for five bucks from a Ralph Williams to join the 2nd Air Div. Assn. Since the check was made out to me I just cashed it and here is mine . . . in payment for him for 1977 dues. He is:

Ralph E. Williams
2627 Carter Avenue
Erie, Pa. 16506

Ralph was a pilot for the 567th Squadron of the 389th BG at Hethel, from Dec. of '43 until June of '44 when he was interned in Sweden until Dec. of '44.

I will send him all the info re the Lake Geneva reunion as he will be on a camping trip at that time and will include that on his itinerary. Aida and I will be there too! Can we call you Bunny Evelyn then?

As ever

John Hildebran

(Ed: If you do expect a fat lip!)

Dear Bill:

Now you can add an Editor's post-script to the letter I wrote to you re "Jerk's Natural". Bob Harms has asked me, as mediary, to get him enrolled in the Association.

With copy of this letter I'm sending Bob's check for dues to Evelyn Cohen.

Bob seems quite impressed with what I've told him about the Memorial, and I'm sure he will further welcome the materials you have sent to him. Also, I feel that he will be a regular contributor to the Memorial Fund.

As to a visit in Ipswich, we can't promise anything at this time, but now we do have your number handy for the next time we are in the area. We've a son in Billerica, attending Lowell Univ., and we hopefully will be visiting his little family sometime in the next year.

Del Coronado! A very lovely place, but I hope that the plumbing has been improved since I was there in 1961. If we can swing it, Edith will get to see the Pacific for the first time. She's never been West of Colorado Springs.

All the best, Bill. It's been nice chatting with you.

Sincerely yours,

Leon O. Meyer

Dear Bill:

Good to get your letter of the 7th, and thanks for returning the photo of A Dog's Life — sooner or later somebody will want it — hate to part with the neg, and can always send the print.

I certainly did enjoy the last Newsletter, but then that's nothing new, I enjoy them all — the 16 pages just make it a little more of the good stuff. In fact, I read it just as soon as it comes, then sit around wishing another was coming next week. How does that grab you? Seriously, you do a tremendously good job for a one-man operation, and believe me, after that book I published, I can appreciate the hard work and many, many frustrations you have on each and every one. Everyone that I've had any contact with says the same thing, and I'm sure they all equally appreciate the time and effort you put into it — the good publications just take it, no other way to go.

Had a letter from Vincent yesterday, and he's finally contacted the last member of his crew — a gunner living in Baja, Mexico. I'll get a note off to Evelyn and ask her to send him an application and Newsletter. I think the story in this last issue will impress him since he was on the mission and didn't expect to get out after the bird went into the hammerhead stall.

There are several I'm hoping will be at the reunion. With just a few more facts from a couple of them, think I can tell a few hair-raisers in future Newsletters.

Well, guess I'd better get on with the program. Thanks again for your good work, and see you. . .

George A. Reynolds

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is some information on the Pitsenbarger accident at North Pickenham on 6 August 1944. This is in response to the letter from a Mr. Ives that appeared in the last issue. Since his address was not given, perhaps you could forward this material to him. You may recognize that portions are copied from my book on the 492nd, The Fortunes of War. I still have the originals of the photographs of this event should he wish copies.

The high quality of your editorial efforts continues undiminished. Although our contacts have been relatively few of late, I want you to know that the arrival of each Newsletter is still a treasured moment.

Sincerely,

Al Blue

Dear Mr. Robertie:

Just had to drop you a line today. I received the June issue of the Newsletter and discovered that a member of the air crew I was on had written a letter to Ms. Cohen. After all these years it was a real lift to the spirits to even see the name of a former crew member in print. I've written to Don Olds requesting Mr. Anthony C. Carfos home address so that I can get in touch with him. I was a radio operator (replacement) on Capt. Boyd's crew and that (famous?) old B-24 "Cooter". (I flew 12 or 13 missions with the crew until they finished their tour).

So, Mr. Carbo if you read the letters to the editor — let me hear from you!

Sincerely,

T/Sgt. V. G. Templer Jr.
(USAF/Ret.)

(Ed: He will read it, so brace yourself!)

Dear Bill:

Barry Gilkes, 3320 Cardenas Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, is seeking information on Sergeant Kenneth Rigg, on the crew of Lt. K. C. Christiansen. Rigg was killed following the Hanau mission on December 12, 1944. They were in aircraft #178 of the 704th Squadron, 446th Group. Power failed four or five miles off Lowestoft and the aircraft went into the Channel, turning over on its back as it struck. Three survived the crash, but died

of injuries before rescuers could get them to Great Yarmouth. Gilkes is looking for a photo of #178 and would like to hear from anybody with the 704th at the time — Rigg was his cousin and he never knew his fate until he looked through some 446th Group records a couple of years ago.

I sent a similar request to Mr. Hooks, who heads up the 446th within the ass'n., back in April, but no reply. I hate bothering you with this, but Barry is a very old friend and I think he's working partly on behalf of Riggs' family, who never knew the story.

Steve Birdsall

Dear Evelyn:

I became aware of the Association through a notice in the American Legion's magazine Pete Henry sent me the information to contact you.

Enclosed is my check for membership dues in the Association.

I was originally assigned to the 389th Bomb Group about mid-1943 and served with that Group until December 1943 when I was shot down and spent the rest of my time at Stalag Luft I until May 1945. Guess that is the reason I did not know about the Association until recently.

Thank you.

John J. Long

Dear Bill:

Lake Geneva was great. It was my first and I hope not my last "Convention". At some point I visited briefly with you in the lobby where I was buying everything in sight. I mentioned that I would like to buy back issues of the very excellent Newsletter you put out and you indicated some were available. All I have are: Vol. 12, No. 2; Vol. 14, No. 4; Vol. 15, No. 1; Vol. 15, No. 2.

At your convenience, let me know how many issues (back issues, that is) are available and their cost.

Many thanks

William E. Smith

(Ed: You should have what I have by now. If not let me know.)

Dear Earl Zimmerman:

I certainly wish I could be with you on July 28-31. However, I have another commitment in Canada at that time, so I must forego what sounds like a very exciting event.

Meeting all those flyers would be a high spot in my career, but I am committed.

Please give everybody my best and maybe sometime later I can join you.

Bob Hope

Reunion Attendance — PLAYBOY

466th

Jim & Edna Auman
Lee & Marilee Paynter
Milo & Alice Noble
Ernie & Jean Keith
Carl & Bonnie Mikel
Ed & Lillian Mello
Ralph Beggs
George Parker
Joe & Irene Arbaugh
Leo & Mildred Mower
Dorothy Brooks
Pappy & Roberta Daniels
Dick & Lillian Foster
Hank Tevelin
Jack Springer
Jim & Betty Carey
Joe & Marjorie Campbell
Kurt & Vicki Warning
John Bratnick
Bill Brenner
George & Doreene Snowden
Olaf Rogness

448th

Leroy Engdahl
Charles & Betty Yant
Dick & Lorraine Neurer
Milt & Ruth Nichols
Dale Bottoms
Stu Barr
Gay & Dorothy Graf
Joe Michalczyk
Ed & Kathryn Schroeder
George & Lauretta DuPont
Leo Nikula
Gail & June Irish
Jim & Alice Cooper
Courtland Crandall
Allan Carey
Joe & Mary Rose Szopo
Walt Johnson
Sonny & Ginny Mainieri
Roy & Naomi Stroop
Bill Demetropoulos

361st

Dick & Barbara Shults
Ross & Ruby Clark
Martin Gutskey
John & Virginia Hoffman
Duane & Judy Mork

93rd

Clarence & Dolores Neumann
Bob & Ellen Coleman
Paul & Jane Steichen
Bob & Mike McKeever
Francis & Florence Stepp
Carl & Elsie Tanner
Joe Thorley
Floyd & Dorothy Mabec
Pat & Marge Larson
George & Laverne Metcalf
John & Bea Sullivan

492nd

Herman & Betty Rieker
Gil Green
Floyd & Eleanor Kingsley
Archie MacIntyre
John Lossee
Pat & Viola Corriere

489th

Charlie Freudenthal
H. M. Burch
Carl Hillstrom
John Kernoodle
Charles & Mary Bouchard
Loren Bryan

389th

Ralph & Helen Fowler
Ed Young
Bruce Helmer
Jack Albright
Paul & Delores Lewis
Bob Levine
Lowell & Wilma Minch
Bill & Val McCracken
Frank & Vera Rutledge
Ted & Natalie Katz
Russ Hayes
Earl & June Zimmerman
George & Gaynell Clark
Lloyd & Clara West
John & Louise Gillotte
Dal & Betty Howard
Dorothy Adcock Norman
Mary Lou Adcock Petty
Dick & Marjorie Littlefield
Lee & Carol Rackley
Bud & June Koornydyk
John Klemp
Frank Schwermin
Tom & Jane Wagner
Bill & Helene Denton

44th

Pete & Mary Henry
Bill & Hazel Robertie
Cliff & Janet Wold
Al & Emma Franklin
Al & Mary Jones
Don & Betty Turner
Bill Hawkins
Joe & Jo Warth
George & Anna Federlin
Tom & Wanda Laskowski
Dave & Helen D'Amico
Harold & Jeannette Faust
Stan & Shauna Langcaskey
George & Ruth Washburn
Art & Lois Hand
Ivo & Ivy DiPiero
John Kirby
George Russell
Leland & Clela Tripe
Don & Sally Peterson
Mike & Kaye Fusano

491st

Sherman & Muriel Levitt
Stan & Jennie Zak
Guy & Mildred McElhany
Paul Schmit

392nd

J. D. & Emily Long
Keith & Wanda Chapman
Art & Vivian Egan
Vern & Hulda Baumgart
Bob & Marilyn Lane
Cliff & Mary Peterson
Leon & Bernice Rogers
August & Angelyn Vetrano
Bill & Mary Smith
Don & Ruth Sharp
Curt & Ardyce Haukom
Emil & Margaret Rih
Floyd & Roberta Bull
Birdie Schmidt Larrick
Cyril & Barbara Dobson
Pat Burns
Bill & Ruth Nock
Earl & Delphine Hall
Bob & Fran Edmond
Larry & Marjorie Gilbert
Bill & Connie Whiteaker
Grant Oasheim
Bob & Francis Tays
Floyd Refsal

Cecil Rothrock

Bill Cetin
Fred Wald
Jim & Laverne Blanco
Wayne Byers
Guy Carnine
Vic Mastron
Don & Rita Reed
453rd
Don & Mame Olds
Russ & Nell Mays
Andy Low
Russ Harriman
Al Dallmeyer
Jim Mathie
Russ Schnauffer
Ed & Dee Perro
John & Hazel Phillips
Del & Doris Wangsvick
Herman & Shirley Neeck
Paul Harper
Joe & Pat Moran
Chris & Lois Christensen
Morris & Harriette Elisico
Bob Victor
Ray & Millie Hunt
LeRoy & Gloria Berg
Frank & Jackie Thomas
John & Aida Hildebran
Harold & Myra Rohmer
Roy & Ramona Myers
John & Marie Roth
Will & Marion Adler
Allen & Elaine Ek
Larry Thomas
Joe Crowley
Ed & Kathryn Rolodziej
Jack & Elizabeth Tisch
Phil & Nina Parsons
Jim & Betty Jane Kotapish
Hubert & Anne Frisbie

Hdq.

Evelyn Cohen & Lillian Cohen
Jordan & Joyce Uttal
Harold & Barbara Coverdale
Dean & Deanie Moyer
Rhoda Bandler
Merton & Helen Roberts
Hathy & Milt Veynar
Caron Veynar
J. Livingston Jones
Jackie Hanify
Milan & Ruth Gra'Hovac

Warren & Norma Burman
Mae & Edie Gerrez
Howard Moore
Warren Alberts

458th

R. W. & Millie Nyman
Paul Betzold
Bill & Geraldine Sanders
Bob & Jane Grahmann
Walt & Helen Stynetski
John & Gail Krause
Margaret Richardson
Bill & Maurice Jameson
Rick & Ceil Rokicki
Ed Robbins
Elden & Gert Gebaroff
Clint Wallace
Glenn Matson
Dick & Lois Fairfield
Jack & Joyce Baum
Stan & Royna Johnson
Stan & Alice Dreyer
Bill Beckley

467th

Ray & Doris Betcher
Jim & Jean Newhouse
George & Katherine Church
Roy & Edith Rainwater
Tom & Betty Lou Shaughnessy
Ed & Anita Goldsmith
Fred & Marie Enck
Jim & Helen Martin
Lloyd & Carmen Haug
Joe & Florence Haenn
Lew & Thelma Huggins
John Logan
Clair & Betty Worch
Rocky & Ida Rothchild
Adam Soccio

446th

Ed & Gert Holgate
George & Grace Shanks
Paul & Maryann Halecki
Jim & Charlotte Marsh
Clarence Hooks
Erdie Stevens
Dick & Carma Brackus
Jim & Grace Payne
Tom & Sue Shedd

445th

Dave & Joan Patterson



Since we finally decided that this was the 30th Convention we can use the same sign again next year. 'Red' and Lois Hand.



Part of Pete Henry's Crew: Al Jones, Bombardier, Peggy Jones, 'Red' Hand, Gunner, Lois Hand, Mary Henry and Pete Henry.



Mary Henry, Bill Henry, Mary Henry (again) Tom Laskowski, Pete Henry. Bill is Pete's son and Pete signed Bill up at the banquet as 2nd AD Associate member. The second Mary Henry is Bill's wife. So what's in a name?



L-R, Pete Henry, Mary Henry, Bunnie Carol, Bill Henry, Al Jones and Peggy Jones.



Dean Moyer and Family. Dean is on the far right of course. What else?



Evelyn Cohen in her control tower. X equals Z.



B. J. and Jim Kotapish (453rd BG). B.J. looks a little sprier than she did on the airplane coming home from England with her leg in a cast.



Jenny and Stan Zak (491st BG). Stan is the guy who introduced Pete Henry to the 2nd ADA. Thanks Stan.



Joyce and Jordan Uttal enjoy buffet line at mini-reunion banquets.



Items auctioned off by the 44th BG which brought in \$800.00 for the Memorial Fund.

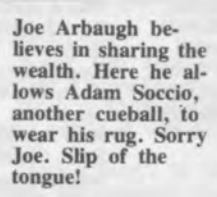
Photos by Pete Henry



Going once, going twice and Pete Henry goes home the winner!



Waiting for That Mississippi River Boat on Lake Geneva



Joe Arbaugh believes in sharing the wealth. Here he allows Adam Soccio, another cueball, to wear his rug. Sorry Joe. Slip of the tongue!



467th 'Playboy Bunny' Helen Martin. So who needs the Playboy Bunny? Down Jim.



How can you smile after that 'Brute' al beating George Federlin, Pete Henry, Al Jones and Floyd Kingsley.



Rhoda Bandler, Howard Moore and Joyce Uttal renew old friendships.



Mildred and Guy McElheny and son Patrick. Mildred and Guy honeymooned at Lake Geneva 31 years ago.



Dick Nyman (sporting the 458th stabilizer colors), Bill Sanders and Glenn Matson.

John Kirby (44th BG) with rug hooked by 'Red' Hand that John bought at auction.

