

## **HERITAGE HERALD** of the 2nd AIR DIVISION HERITAGE LEAGUE



### **President's Message**

"Those of you who were unable to attend the 2nd Air Division Association meeting in Hilton Head, S.C. certainly missed a wonderful time. Many friendships were renewed and many new ones made.

As for the Heritage League, the Executive Committee held their annual meeting on Thursday and we were honored to have in attendance Mr. Graham Savill, the Honorary Chairman of *The Friends of the Eighth* in Norwich. Minutes of the meeting will be found elsewhere in the newsletter so I want to only say that it was successful.

We were also able to meet separately with others from the Friends Organization and discussed potential plans for the 1990 trip to Norwich. We have several ideas and are asking that for planning purposes that you furnish us with some additional information on your dues renewal questionnaire. Your dues statement is included with this newsletter. Please note that your dues are payable on a calendar year basis. It is much easier that way. **Remember to fill in the additional information** on the dues form. This will help us in planning an activity for the Heritage League in Norwich and ensure a more memorable time.

The annual meeting of membership was held on Saturday and was very well attended. Honorary memberships were given to three individuals who were most helpful in our formation-our accountant, legal representative and publisher. Without these people and their donated time, we could not have had such a smooth beginning.

The slate of officers for the term to July 1990 was presented and all were elected. Remember, we always need volunteers so if you are willing to serve please let someone know. The next elections are in July 1990.

One important item discussed at the meeting was a pen pal exchange between American and English classrooms in the age groups of 5 1/2 - 11 years of age. Our English friends have expressed a desire to get in touch with a sister classroom in America and exchange letters. They want to write to an Indian School, a Hispanic School, an Alaskan School and an Inuit School. We also thought that a 'typical' American classroom would be good too. If any of you are teachers or know of teachers that would be interested in this activity for the children in their classroom. Please let me have their name and address so I can forward the name of the person to write to in Norwich.

It's a great way for our children to learn more about England and share information about ourselves. Please help in this idea to grow and be successful.

May the Holidays be full of good times and the New Year bring Peace and Good Health to Everyone."

Vicki Brooks Waring,  
President  
2nd Air Division Heritage League

The membership of The Heritage League adopted "THE HERITAGE HERALD" as the official name of the League Newsletter at their annual meeting in Hilton Head, S.C. on November 4, 1989. In addition to THE HERITAGE HERALD the other names submitted were the CHRONICLE, THE FLAME WITH A LOGO, THE HERITAGE LEAGUE TRADITION, THE HERITAGE NEWS AND WINGS. **Thanks** to all of you who took the time to submit a name.

Norma M. Beasley, V.P. Communications



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# Heritage Herald

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2nd AIR DIVISION HERITAGE LEAGUE

## Presenting the new members of The Heritage League Board of Directors.

**Ruth Hunter Berkeley**, Executive Vice President, was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. After graduating from college, she became an actuarial mathematician with The Wyatt Company in Washington D.C. and in Cleveland. She married Otey (of the 498th) in 1951. They have two children - Scott and Robin. Scott and his wife Laura have three boys (with one on the way) and live in Ohio where Scott is a Bank Branch Manager. Daughter Robin lives in Hilton Head and teaches outside of Beaufort. Ruth and Otey have lived in their lovely village of East Aurora, N.Y. for 25 years and for 16 of those years, Ruth was affiliated with the Middle School Library. She now loves planning trips for friends, architecture, genealogy and bridge.

**C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain, III** - Vice President, Membership. I was born in New Jersey, but spent little time there because the Air Force created an itinerant life style for my father and his family. In 1960, we moved to Arlington, VA. and stayed because my dad's assignment during his last 10 years in service were in the Washington area. That allowed my brothers and I to attend high school and college from the same home base. In 1969 I graduated from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) with a BA in Economics. Just as dad served in the 2nd Air Division, I served 2 years in the 2nd Armored Division as a tank platoon leader. After my Army service I worked a few years as a claims examiner before becoming a computer programmer. Since that day I have had few days I didn't look forward to going to work. I have two great children, Jennifer - age 17 and Everett - age 4 and a wonderful wife, Kathryn. Of course, they are all League members. We enjoy skiing, hiking, camping, traveling, tennis and Legos™.

**Frank DiMola**, former 2nd ADA Representative to The Heritage League and the new President of the 2nd ADA. Frank was born in Ridgewood, New York. After three and one-half years in the Service, married Elizabeth in 1946. We have three children, one son, two daughters. We have five grandchildren, one princess and four princes. After 35 years, I retired from the New York Telephone Company. Working and managing in the mid-town New York City area for 25 years. I have been the 445th Bomb Group Vice President for eight years and have made many friends. Elizabeth and I love to travel. I love sports and love to challenge mother nature by gardening.

**Richard M. Kennedy**, New 2nd ADA Representative to The Heritage League. Richard was born Cohoes, New York November 23, 1921. Educated Keverly Memorial Academy, Cohoes, New York and Siena College, Loudenville, New York. Married to Bobbie Bartling, 1951. Two Daughters, five grandchildren. Enlisted Army Air Corp. 1942, graduated Radio-operators and Mechanics School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Aerial Gunners School, Fort Myers, Florida, Graduated as S/Sgt. a Flew as Radio-operator with B-25 Group, Columbia, South Carolina Army Air Base then to Davis-Moahan Army Air Base Tuscon, Arizona for B-24 Operational Training. Overseas as replacement crew #45, 448th Bomb Group 8th Army Air Force, Seething, England May 30, 1944 to November 9, 1944. Flew 35 missions, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, three Campaigns with three Battle Stars. Flew Radio Relay (Akerman Relay) Hethel, England, November 11, 1944 - February 15, 1945. Returned to U.S.A. assigned as NCO in charge Base Processing, Maxwell Field Montgomery, Alabama. Left A.A.F. September 3, 1945, rank T/Sgt. Joined New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization December 1945 as inspector advanced to Assistant Manager 1955. Named Assistant Executive Manager, Middle Department Association Fire Underwriters 1967 then Executive Manager 1968. President and Chairman of the Board, Middle Department Inspection Agency June 1972 to date.





**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE HERITAGE LEAGUE**  
**November 4, 1989 - Hilton Head, South Carolina**

The Annual Meeting of the Heritage League of the 2nd ADA held their annual meeting on Saturday, November 4, 1989 in the Hyatt Hotel, Hilton Head, S.C.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Vicki Brooks Warning.

Virginia Belward, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 24, 1988. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Helen Freudenthal reported a balance on hand of \$3,241.00 as of October 30, 1989. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

The Vice President, Membership, C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain III was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, Vicki Warning gave his report. The membership continues to grow and as of November 4, 1989 the membership numbered 472. The report was approved as read.

The Vice President, Communications, Norma M. Beasley reported that 2 editions of the League Newsletter had been published and distributed to the membership including the Officers, Group V.P.'s and Assistants of the 2nd ADA and also the Board of Governors including the Library Staff in England. The 3rd edition of the newsletter is planned for distribution about December 15, 1989.

Vicki Brooks Warning, President reported on League activities for 1988 and 1989. She stated that thanks to the members continued interest in searching out eligible people and signing them up, the League is growing. She further asked those members present to give a show of hands if they were planning to attend the July, 1990, 43rd Annual Reunion of the 2nd ADA to be held in Norwich, England. 20 of the 38 members present plan to attend.

Honorary memberships and plaques for outstanding work or help to the League were then awarded by the President, Vicki Warning. The recipients were Judge Dietrick, Legal Representative, Mabel Wallich, Accountant and Craig A. Beasley, Publisher.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$1,000 to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Librarian Fund.

Anne Barne, a member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust, England spoke briefly about the Trust. The Trust has promoted the Library very successfully and hopes to continue working with the League in its maintenance. The Library is a growing, living thing connecting the Americans to the English. There is consideration of opening branch libraries around Norwich as a result of this successful program. She further stated that our English friends are working hard in preparation for our visit to Norwich and the bases in July, 1990. They are hoping to be able to pair members of the Friends and the League according to age and interest. Plans are in progress for a special get-together.

Donation of books for the blind to the Library and books in general were discussed. It was the consensus of the membership that Phyllis Hunt, the present Librarian, should be contacted to see what is needed. Vicki Warning stated she would get in touch with Phyllis Hunt and advise the membership.

Helen Freudenthal was directed to invest the League's money in an interest bearing account. (See the Treasurer's report)

The following slate of officers for the League were unanimously approved: *President, Vicki Brooks Warning; Executive Vice President, Ruth Berkley; Secretary, Virginia V. Belward; Vice President Membership, C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain III; Vice President, Communications, Norma M. Beasley; Directors at Large (3years) Milton Veynar, (2 years) Helen Low, (1 year) Mary Beth Barnard.*

The name ***Heritage Herald*** for the newsletter was adopted unanimously by the membership. Vicki Brooks Warning Stated that the Bylaws of the League were being reviewed for revision and presentation at the meeting in Norwich, July, 1990.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Virginia V. Belward, Secretary





## Annual Membership Report of The HERITAGE LEAGUE of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF)

As your new membership Vice President, I wish to thank you for this chance to contribute to our young organization. We are going to grow and I hope to not only contribute to that growth but I intend to be able to prove it by keeping accurate records and reporting those to you.

Yes, our membership is growing. As I was writing this piece, another application arrived. That brings the total membership to 491. Of these, 234 are children of those who served in the 2nd Air Division and 81 are grand children. That means, 64.0% of us are of the second and third generation. That is just the mix we need at this point. We need to get the children and grand children and future generations interested to fulfill our mission. It is a pleasure to report that we have 50 associate members, both "Yanks" and "Brits."

I am sure I speak for all the executive board in extending an invitation to each of you to flood us with your ideas. An excellent idea is to have all member dues paid up, not just for 1990, but for 1989 also. Please check your address label or your most recent membership card to see if you are current.

My best to all this holiday season.

C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain III  
Membership V.P.

### Treasurer's Report



**Revenue:**

Dues:	\$1,388.00	
Donations:	<u>81.00</u>	\$1,469.00

**Expenses for Current Year:**

Supplies & Plaques	\$	73.40	
Telephone		9.95	
Printing		119.40	
Postage		208.73	
Registration		5.00	
Donation to 2nd ADA			
Library Fund		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,426.48</u>

Revenue over Expenditures for 1989	52.52
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Revenue over Expenditures for prior year	<u>2,152.07</u>
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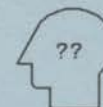
Cash on hand	2,204.59
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At the general meeting November 4th, 1989, the motion was made to use \$1,000.00 in the best possible interest bearing account. Accordingly, on November 23rd the treasurer changed the checking account to an interest earning account, using the \$1,000.00 for the minimum average.





## Heritage League Observations



Our 2ADA Auxiliary, The Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division, is already two and one-half years old. That period simultaneously seems like a long time and no time at all. Making it seem long are the numerous changes we have seen and are seeing in the League's leadership. All of these hands have had a constructive influence and seemed to have arrived on the scene just exactly when needed and then moved on. Some remain and continue to provide valued input to growth. The short term impression derives from the fact that 30 months have literally flown by.

Much of the constructive building to date has been invisible because it involved erecting the foundation. This included understanding the league's purpose, developing its relationship with the 2ADA itself and expanding the mutual acquaintanceship among its leaders and members alike. In short, the Heritage League has been weaving its own identity. These have been expectantly challenging times during which, I am sure, many of us may have wondered exactly what the league was all about. Rest assured, however, that your league is alive and well and maturing every day.

Most recently, at the 2ADA annual convention in Hilton Head, your President Vicki Warning, on behalf of the League, generously donated \$1,000.00 toward the 2ADA "Last Mission" otherwise known as the American Library Fund. This is a substantial return on the \$500.00 investment made in the League at its inception by the 2ADA. Other more visible projects are now coming into view including a pen pal initiative between disadvantaged school children in Britain and America. A similar program might be considered between members of the League and members of the newly formed "Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial" in Britain. As the League gains inertia, new supportive ideas will emerge. Some of these may be suggested by you, the concerned readership.

Having been a Heritage League supporter since its inception, it is most gratifying to see it ripen and take on a stature of its own. I encourage you to continue to grow and to actively propose ways in which you might work with the 2ADA and the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial. In that way, we might further accelerate pursuit of the joint purposes of all three organizations to the ultimate benefit of our 2nd Air Division Memorial and its expanding positive influence.

Seasons greetings to you and keep building.

C.N. "Bud" Chamberlain  
2ADA Immediate Past President

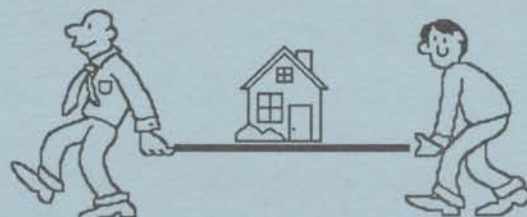


In July, 1990 the Heritage League will meet in conjunction with the 2nd Air Division Association at their 43rd Annual Reunion in Norwich, England. Our English friends are working hard planning for our visit. In order to apprise the League Membership of the purposes of the Second Air Division, USAAF and the Heritage League, and to gain more insight into the 2nd Air Division Association Memorial Library; Memorial Librarian Fund and The Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial, this third edition of the Heritage Herald is featuring articles from members of these groups.

As you read in the secretary's minutes, 20 members out of 38 are planning to attend this reunion. It is our sincere hope that more of you will be able to attend and be able to see the library first hand while enjoying the camaraderie with members of The Friends Association. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Joyous Holiday Season.

Norma M. Beasley  
V.P. Communications





### May I Have Permission to Come Aboard?

*"I consider this opportunity to serve a privilege, and as the newly elected Executive Vice-President of the Second Air Division Association, I've quickly come to realize that one of my most important responsibilities is firmly established in the relationship currently existing between the League and the 2nd A.D.A. As your designated 2nd A.D.A. Representative, may I assure your membership that my best efforts will be expended on behalf of the League.*

*Please bear with me as I begin my studies with respect to the League and it's goals and expectations. I fully intend and expect to be up to speed as rapidly as my absorption rate allows. My early review of the League's existing status certainly reveals a well established foundation. The membership is growing and interest is not only visible, but the members outspoken enthusiasm is being felt by all.*

*We're well aware that Norwich, July 1990 is only a 'few weeks' away when we realistically contemplate the efforts that must be expended, if the 'League' is to put it's best foot forward in the United Kingdom during the 1990 Reunion. May I take this opportunity to remind one and all that we seriously hope to reach our intended goal regarding the funding of our American Librarian. Please, do what ever you can!*

*With the holidays rapidly approaching may Bobbie and I convey our very best wishes for a happy and bountiful holiday season, blessed by good health and good fortune in the coming New Year"*

Richard M. Kennedy  
2nd ADA Representative

### 'FRIENDS' Meet Heritage League at 42nd Convention of 2nd ADA, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

"First meetings can often be tricky,...this one was not. I, and two of my British colleagues, have just attended the very first meeting between the 2nd AD Heritage League and the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial.

The similarity and compatibility of the two groups is remarkable and already plans are being considered whereby an even greater cooperation and coexistence can be achieved...not only for the 43rd 2nd Air Division Convention, Norwich 1990, but well into the foreseeable future. Only good can result! The possibilities of the younger members to work together from across the ocean is endless.

In memory of the youthful lives lost by the 2nd Air Division in WW II, but groups are investigating ways by which they can increase knowledge and understanding for the betterment of all concerned.

One thing seems certain, you have not heard the last of this relationship. I am most pleased and delighted to have been a part of this unity.

With Admiration,

Graham Savill, Honorary Chairman,  
Friends of the 2nd A.D. Memorial  
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 4th November 1989

"WHERE MEN CANNOT FREELY CONVEY THEIR THOUGHTS TO ONE ANOTHER, NO OTHER LIBERTY IS SECURE."  
...WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING





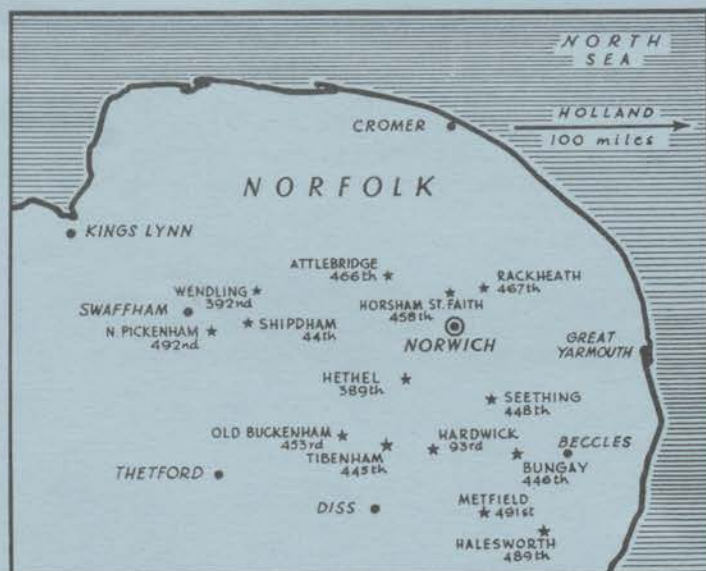
**GREETINGS TO THE HERITAGE LEAGUE  
FROM THE MEMORIAL TRUST OF THE 2ND AIR DIVISION USAAF  
IN NORWICH, ENGLAND**



Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to say just a few words about the unique Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF, a Charitable Trust which is based in Norwich with the responsibility of looking after the living 2nd Air Division USAAF Memorial Library which is a wonderful room housed in the Norwich Central Library in the center of the area of England which contained the 2nd Air Division bases in World War Two. Trust is administered by a Board of Governors, who with the exception of the American Governor Jordan Uttal, are all local people who are willing to give up their spare time to serve the Memorial. Over recent years the Trust has spread its wings far wider than the 2nd Air Division USAAF Memorial Library itself, with new branch library collections being established, as well as a center in Europe for archives and research on the Air War in Europe and the growing educational side. The staff of the Memorial include an American Librarian and a Trust Aide. As you can see, this very lovely room is far more than just a library of American books, but it plays a vital role in our Community to not only explain to future generations the great debt they owe to those 6,400 young Americans who gave their lives for our freedom in the Forties, but to also convey to them America and the American way of life. The links from the Memorial spread far and wide and only last year a new organization was formed, 'The Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial' to establish even closer links with all the Norfolk and Suffolk villages where the airfields were built. Fortunately for us in England, it is still easy for our youngsters to understand what the Memorial is all about, as you can still walk on many of the old airfields, see the runways and enter the huts where you can almost 'hear those American voices', the only thing which can never be repeated is the roar of over 1,000 four engined Liberator bombers as they circled over Norfolk gaining height and formation before setting course for Germany. My generation will never forget those sights and sounds and the great friendship we received from the 2nd Air Division.

Norwich itself has not changed much in character since the war. New buildings have emerged from the gaps caused by the Blitz and the bombing, but we have managed to retain the beauty of the Capital of East Anglia. Even some of the old airfields are still active, indeed Norwich Airport was a 2nd Air Division base and students still learn to fly from Seething and Shipdham. The people who knew the Division during the War still hold fond memories of their 'American Friends' and that is why next year in July 1990, the entire area is already excited about the return to Norfolk of the 2nd Air Division for their Annual Reunion. A great program is being planned, from the official welcome at Heathrow and Gatwick, the special Private Trains to Norwich, the Memorial Service in our beautiful Cathedral and the visits to the Bases and the villages. This year, the main activities will be centered in our new and unique Sport Village in Broadland, the first ever Sports Village complex in the United Kingdom and capable of seating over 2,000 people. During the program we are hoping that our youngsters can get together with any members of the Heritage League who are attending, for there is no doubt in my mind that the long term future of this unique Memorial lies in the hands of future generations. They must ensure that the unique bond of friendship between our two Countries which we built up is never lost, so that the memory of those young men who died will live on forever.

David J. Hastings  
Governor of the Trust.



**LOCATION OF UNITS, JUNE 1944**

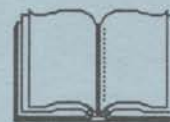
8th Air Force Bomber Command: High Wycombe (three air divisions)	20th Combat Bomb Wing: 93rd Bomb Group 446th Bomb Group 448th Bomb Group	Hardwick Hardwick Bungay Seething
2nd Air Division H.Q. (five combat bomb wings; one fighter wing)	Ketteringham Hall	
2nd Combat Bomb Wing: 389th Bomb Group 445th Bomb Group 453rd Bomb Group	Hethel Hethel Tibenham Old Buckenham	Halesworth Halesworth
14th Combat Bomb Wing: 44th Bomb Group 392nd Bomb Group 491st Bomb Group 492nd Bomb Group	Shipdham Shipdham Wendling Metfield North Pickenham	Horsham St Faith Horsham St Faith Attlebridge Rackheath
NOT SHOWN ON MAP		
65th Fighter Wing: 4th Fighter Group 56th Fighter Group	Saffron Walden Debden Boxted	Steeple Morden Wattisham Bottisham

Note. A bomb wing normally comprised three bomb groups. A group comprised four squadrons based on one aerodrome. A squadron consisted of approximately twelve aircraft.





**REFLECTIONS ON THE 2ND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN LIBRARIAN FUND DRIVE**



Dear Friends of the Heritage League:

In early July of 1989, after my attendance at the Board of Governors meeting in Norwich, and a hectic schedule of visiting all the bases of the 2nd Air Division in Norfolk and Suffolk, and being greeted along with my colleagues with warmth and affection, tired as I was, my spirits were suffused with a warm glow. While recuperating from those efforts, so to speak, with my family down in Surrey, out of the blue, came an invitation to speak to a class of 9 to 10 year old boys at a Public School (private) in Caterham, a history class taught by a retired Royal Air Force Air Commodore.

It was most refreshing to be greeted, the next morning, by these bright young faces and bodies, properly decked out in their green blazers and grey flannel trousers. And, how eager they were to learn about our 2nd Air Division role in the Wary.

Of course, I told them about the Division exploits, the grievous loss of 6,400 fellow Americans, the 2nd Air Division Memorial in Norwich, and the 2nd Air Division Association. The question and answer period that followed was most stimulating to me and went on far past the time allotted, with the Master's permission, or course. To me, the most interesting question was, 'What was the most important result of the War?' My answer came immediately, FRIENDSHIP, and I proceeded to tell them about:

- The close bonds between the men who flew together.
- Equally close feelings between them and the men and women of the Division who made it possible for them to fly.
- The creation of the Memorial in Norwich to honor the memory of the fallen as well as the survivors, and the people of East Anglia who befriended us.
- The Growth of the Memorial and the efforts of the Board of Governors and the people of Norfolk and Suffolk.
- The warm welcome we have always received at each of our six conventions in England as well as our in between visits.
- The Growth of attendance at Association Conventions from 130 in 1948 to the 1,400 who will be at Hilton Head.
- The warmth and affection that is so evident at these conventions irrespective of what group one served with, rank, or wartime job.
- The Fund Drive to raise \$500,000 for an American Librarian, and the generous response from our members, which, in July totalled \$170,000 and which today is \$257,000.
- The formation in the United States of our Heritage League dedicated to preserving the recognition of our efforts, and the sacrifices made.
- The formation in Norwich of The Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial consisting of people, young and old, from the villages around each base, dedicated to support of the Memorial.
- And, finally, how all this represents one of the finest instincts of mankind...the desire to reach out and to hold on to those who have shared an intense common experience. In short the human craving and need for FRIENDSHIP.

On a personal basis, as one of the seven co-founders of the Association in 1948, its President on two occasions, a member of the Board of Governors of the Trust for the past 17 years, and of the Executive Committee of the Association, I cherish the friendships I have made during all that time...the support given me in time of personal stress. I have been profoundly moved by the notes from members in many of the 1,500 checks I have received since the start of the Librarian Drive, notes expressing support for the project, and appreciation for my service to the Association.

Be assured, I have been repaid, many times over, by the expressions of friendship for which I am most thankful. This Association and our Memorial have been very important parts of my life. It has enriched me and enlarged my love for my fellow man. I encourage each of you to keep aglow the torches we have lit...to preserve the memory of those of us, many of them very dear to you, who lived and died as friends.

BLESS YOU ALL.....

Jordan R. Uttal





## FRIENDS OF THE 2ND AIR DIVISION MEMORIAL

*"I am very pleased to tell you that the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial has been well and truly launched. Following is a brief handout of the Friends for information."*

*Geoffrey Goreham*

Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial is a volunteer group formed to act in support of the Governors of the Second Air Division Memorial Room, Norwich Central Library, Bethel Street, Norwich. The Memorial Room is a 'living memorial' to the young American men and women who served on airfields throughout East Anglia during WWII.

The Second Air Division flew from many airfields close to Norwich. Survivors of those 'dark days' of WWII will remember the large formations of B-24 Liberators droning across the East Anglian coastline to attack targets in Nazi occupied Europe. Many local people recall the horror of Liberators limping back, engines on fire, controls shot away, crews injured, often dead.

The 'Friends' does not seek to promote war; it does, however, seek to remember the great contribution made by the Second Air Division. Veterans of this period some 44 years ago are of an age averaging 68 years, and they remember with great affection the warmth of the British people, especially during such austere times of war time. Many friendships were forged then; they still endure to this day. It is the proud hope of the 'Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial' that they extend these friendships across the generations, so as to perpetuate the Anglo-American links of yesteryear.

In 1990, possibly for the last time en masse, the Second Air Division returns to our shores. Then, over 1,000 of them will be in Norwich once again. They will want to know "where they can buy English fish and chips and what became of the pub where they drank 'warm' British beer?" Perhaps one last chance to trace a lost friend...others will wish to visit, some for the first time since WWII, their old airfields, to recall in silent tribute lost buddies who didn't make it back. These fine people, veterans of fearful conflicts so necessary at the time, have not only a special place in history, but a very special place in the hearts of the local people, to this end:

The men and women of the Second Air Division are returning to pay their tribute to the local people of East Anglia. It is their declared aim and wish to meet with the British people, for whom they have great affection and admiration.

The Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial have an important part to play in the success of this forthcoming visit. It is envisaged that schools, clubs, institutes and recreational centers all may wish to host American visitors during their 1990 Convention here in Norwich. There are many ways, large and small, ways which we can all ensure the goodwill of this visit.

Join us as a Friend now, that we might continue to work towards an even greater bond of friendship between our two great nations. What greater tribute then, could we pay them, or ourselves, than that we should ensure that their "living memorial" lives on forever.

To join, send fee to: Mr. John Harvey, Membership Secretary, FRIENDS OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION MEMORIAL, c/o 'La-so-nil', Postwick Road, Postwick, Norwich. Tele: Norwich 33529. Annual subscription: Adult (over 18): £3.00; Junior (under 18): £1.00; Family Membership £5.00.

All Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial are unpaid volunteers. Any proceeds resulting from their efforts will be used in promoting the work of the Second Air Division Memorial Room, Norwich Central Library, Bethel Street, Norwich. All donations and subscriptions will be acknowledged. To assist, a S.A.E. would be appreciated.





### A Message To The Heritage League

I went to Hilton Head with the express purpose of getting to know the Heritage League. It was great to find you felt the same about getting to know the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial.

As the faithful builders of our unique living memorial one by one fold their wings it is up to the next generation to replace these bricks but, as your President said at the banquet: "a living memorial must progress if it is to live". So together the Heritage League and the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial must do more than fill in the fallen bricks. We have a mighty task ahead to keep on adding to our great joint building but never forgetting its foundations.

It is really all about people, those young airmen who came to Norfolk and Suffolk to join in our battle for freedom and those who lived there and made them welcome in their homes and who remembered them in the villages and in the streets of Norwich. Joint danger and suffering makes a very special link between people and we must try to form other special links between their grandchildren in the common aim of keeping our memorial growing, this time in peace and friendship.

When you come to Norwich next year we will get down to planning how we are to work together to further this aim.

Best wishes to you all...see you in July, 1990.

Anne Barne  
Original Governor of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust  
Founder of the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial

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### QUICK FACTS FOR AIR-MINDED READERS

**9 TONS PER MONTH** - The Air Service Command reports that for every Air Force pilot based overseas, it sends out an average of 9 tons of aviation supplies monthly. This does not include food and other items which are handled by the Quartermaster Corps.

**SAVING AMERICAN LIVES** - Litters for 8 wounded men can be fitted into the bomb bay of a Liberator bomber. The Army has speeded the recovery of several hundred thousand casualties by flying them out from combat areas to hospitals.

Reprinted from the August 26, 1944 Collier's Magazine



**LIBERATOR . . . 4-engine bomber**






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**Mail Call**


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Dear Norma;

"I want to thank you for the newsletter that I received today. It was really interesting and I shall pass it on to some of my Ex. RAF pals that are interested in becoming members. I have just written to Betty Wayne and sent her my dues. In your newsletter you are asking for ideas for a new name for it (the letter). I would like to submit the name 'WINGS' for over here once a year we have 'WINGS WEEK' when collections are made for the RAF Association Benevolent Fund for which are used to help all that served in the RAF. This may give you something to think about. Also on the 11th of November, which is our Remembrance Day, we have on sale Poppies made by the disabled servicemen. Last year in church I read out a poem which I have enclosed. I hope you like it. Well Norma, I shall have to close now but will write again soon. Wishing you and the membership all the very best."

David Saltzer  
36 Brockles Mead  
Harlow  
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England



REMEMBRANCE

Without a war it's difficult to appreciate the Peace  
Forces fight war battles, survivors thankful when they cease  
But many fell and many died each one a Mother's son  
Annually remembered by two minutes silence from everyone  
Also by the money spent on Poppies by the score  
However, much is paid for them they are worth a whole lot more  
Proceeds help war wounded, dependants and those in need  
Wearing Poppies proudly show our thanks being free  
Loath to think what life might be had the war been lost  
For many of us living now our lives might be the cost  
They gave their lives to save us  
This gift of Peace they gave us  
Remember them with Pride  
Those that live and those that died.

- David Saltzer

Dear Norma;

"It is true that memorial cemeteries are places of beauty and sadness but memorial American libraries are a great part of our public diplomacy...places of peace, knowledge and guiding blocks to the future of nations. Members of the Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division can contribute with great pride in the memory of the over 6,400 members of the 2nd ADA killed in action.

The exciting thing is the individual responses of children and grand children of 2nd Air Division members writing in on their own to either renew or to become new members. Just in the past few months we have logged in 27 new members. Correspondence indicates there are future new members in the offing. Let's all take the personal responsibility of making a special effort to generate new regular as well as associate members to assist in the growth of this fine organization.

I was asked to serve as membership chairman for one year. That year has come to an end. I must tender my resignation due to my heavy schedule of activities. It is with great pride that I served my term in office and I thank you for the opportunity to help build the future of the Heritage League."

Betty C. Wayne  
Membership Vice President  
1988-1989





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOVING?

In order to keep our membership roster up-to-date, PLEASE SEND ALL NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Vicki Brooks Warning, President  
2736A N. Dayton  
Chicago, IL 60614

Norma M. Beasley, V.P. Communications  
1525 South Garfield Street  
Denver, CO 80210

### NEW NAME?

C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain, III  
V.P. Membership  
9635 West 73rd Avenue  
Denver, CO 80005

Virginia V. Belward, Secretary  
2231 SW 92nd Terrace, Apt 2003  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324



### DUES

Just a reminder, membership dues run from January 1 through December 31 and not reunion to reunion. Please return your application and dues in the self-addressed envelope.

In the spring issue of the Heritage Herald we reported that the WAC's were putting together the 2nd ADA Bomb Group Quilt and were going to sell tickets for a drawing. The winning ticket was held by Margaret Calderalo of the 466th Bomb Group. As a point of interest, Margaret's husband Vito was the tail gunner on the same crew with Bill Brooks, former 2nd ADA President and the father of Vicki Brooks Warning, current President of the Heritage League. Both Bill Brooks and Vito Calderalo have passed away; however, Margaret and Vicki have remained fast friends and both are staunch supporters of the 2nd ADA and The Heritage League.

*Let me know what you would like to see in the newsletter, I welcome your comments and letters. Keep Writing!!!! Next issue, May 1, 1990*

Editor, The Heritage Herald

BE SURE TO LET VICKI WARNING KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE A PEN-PAL WITH SOMEONE IN ENGLAND OR IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

✓ **REUNION DATE IN NORWICH, ENGLAND IS JULY 25, 1990**

Note: Due to limited space and the length of the minutes, only a synopsis of the minutes has been printed in this issue. For a complete set, contact Virginia V. Belward, Secretary.

