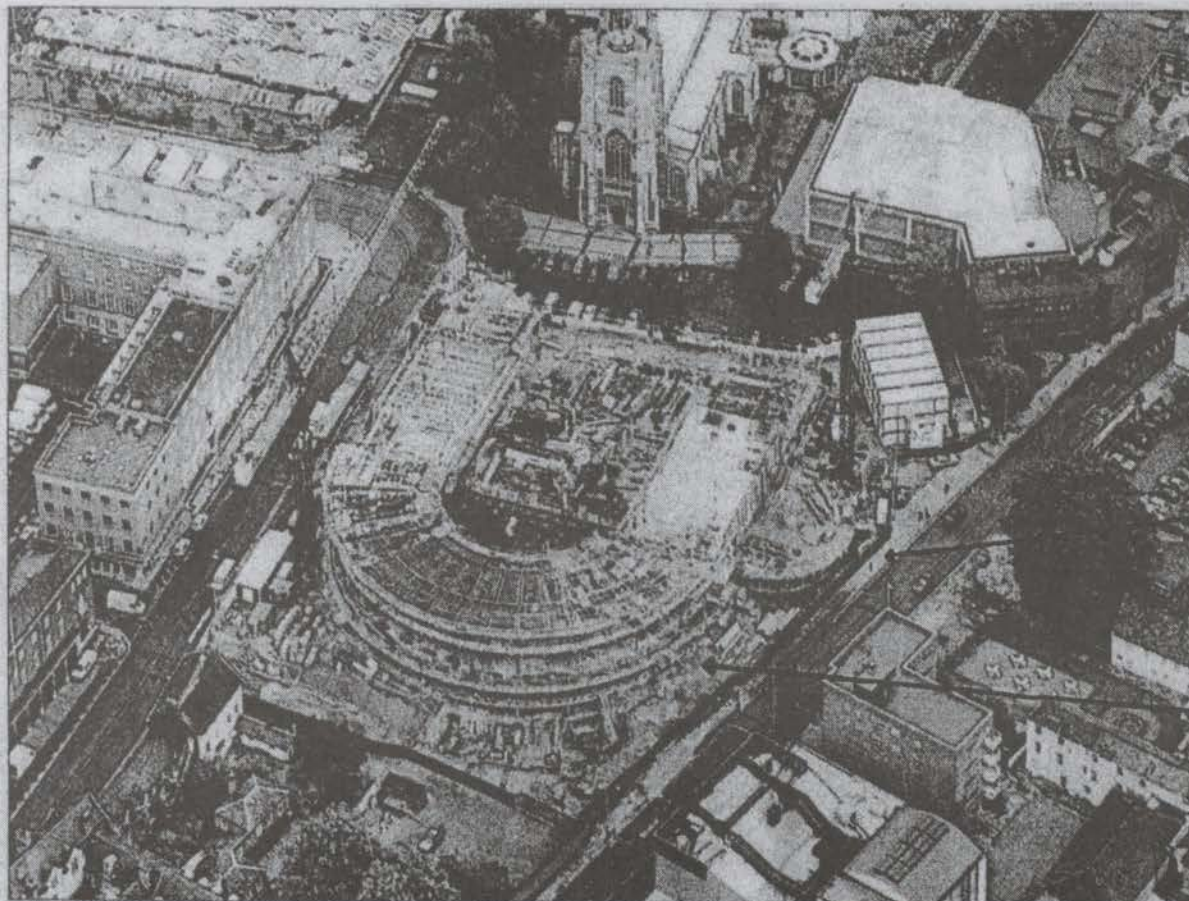


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**Norfolk &
Norwich
Millennium
Library
Building**

HERITAGE
ATTRACTION
CENTRE

2nd AD
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

Thought you might like to see the latest aerial photograph taken of the wonderful new Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library building which is causing so much excitement and pride now in Norwich. With the building now well out of the ground you can see the immense size of this new landmark and the beautiful curve of the west wall. Also the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library is now roofed over with the 1st and 2nd floors well underway. Also visible is the marvelous Heritage Attraction Centre and the 200 seat lecture theatre. There is no doubt that we are leaving our city with a building that future generations can be proud of and it is wonderful to think that your unique and living new 2nd Air Division Memorial Library is part of this truly outstanding £60 Million complex. The **LAST MISSION** is homeward bound.

D. J. Hastings

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CHANGES

Time is an elusive thing. We all talk about time, yet can not see it. Our days come, go, and with it Time. Another way to think about the passing of the hours is in the changes that occur in our lives. Changes can be major or minor, large or small, yet with each day there is some change.

Each of us will experience many things during the coming year, which will be a change and will add to the memories that we have. My memories include the time spent these last few years involved with the Heritage League and with the wonderful people whom I have met. These members were a chain of support while I served as Vice-President, and will be a mainstay as I serve as your new President.

Many members of the Heritage League experienced changes in their lives during the Second World War. Those were difficult times for everyone and yet good things were committed to helping to preserve the momentos so that future generations understand the effect on the lives of those living at that time. This preservation will, hopefully, influence the lives of those who are living now and of those to come.

When we gather at the annual convention of the Second Air

Division Association and when our Heritage League members meet, the time spent is a change to our lives. It is also a time of sharing for the older generation and a time of learning for the younger generations. It is a time to strengthen the bonds with our English Friends who have committed their energy and time to the care of our veterans' memorial. It is a time to be savored. It becomes a new memory to add to our collection.

For all of us who attended our convention in Tampa, Florida, the time went swiftly. There were many friendships to renew and new ones to make. My biggest regret is that I was not able to visit with each person on an individual basis.

The time we had to conduct our business was short. During our meeting, David Hastings gave us an exciting update on the new Memorial Room and all that is happening in Norwich. His enthusiasm for the project is infectious. I only wish that all of our members could hear him speak. The next best thing is to read the copy of his report contained in our newsletter. (see page 7)

As I mentioned at our meeting, one of the officers' wishes is to be able to get to know one another. I asked for suggestions of activities. Keith Thomas, Governor of the Memorial Library, Norwich

suggested a cultural exchange of children and grandchildren. Americans could stay with families in Norwich while visiting the bases of the Second Air Division, the Memorial Room, and other sites of interest. My excitement at this suggestion could hardly be contained. What a generous offer, one which would truly let members from both sides of the Atlantic become friends! I will pursue this in the near future to see if a program could be implemented.

Some of the suggestions for those attending the convention were a bowling tournament, a poolside party, and a pizza party. If members have other ideas about activities, please inform one of the officers. We are beginning to make plans for the coming convention. It is our wish to make the convention a memorable change to the lives of those able to attend. One which will become the catalyst for returning year after year to renew those friendships which have become an important part of our lives and of our memories.

Irene Hurner, President
Heritage League



NOTES FROM THE 2nd AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Jim & Mary Lorenz (466th BG)

Mary and I are delighted that we have been asked by 2nd ADA President Felix Leeton, to continue in our liaison position to the League. The League's annual meeting was well attended by members, English guests and 2nd ADA members - a great indication of their support. We found the League officers to be an active, inquisitive group. Mary and I had breakfast meetings, coke meetings, chance meetings - all to discuss with your officers actions to be considered for the coming year.

Some time ago, the 2nd ADA decided to have logo banners, 30 X 44 inches, made for all 14 bomb groups plus Headquarters to be hung in our new larger 2nd AD Memorial Room in the new Norwich Library. We asked the League Board, if they thought the League should perhaps have a banner there, too - in as much as the League will be the successor to the 2nd ADA some day. The Board liked the idea, especially as the League does have a nice logo. We then discussed this with Evelyn Cohen, who is chairing this banner program. She liked the idea too, and agreed the 2nd ADA would have a League banner made and hung, at no cost to the League. Thanks to Evelyn and the 2nd ADA! Ed Zobac & Kathy Jackson are to get a full color League logo - royal blue with white letters on a white background - to Evelyn; the same logo you see on the Herald, but in color.

I will note again that the only 2nd ADA member meeting in the year 2001 will be in Norwich, Nov.

1-9, 2001. Although reservations were limited to around 500, due to the limited seating at our final banquet, I urge anyone who would like to make the trip to send in the \$50 reservation fee to Evelyn ASAP. She has a waiting list and with our elderly group, some cancellations seem very possible. In fact, you may have heard that this has been referred to as "our last mission"; that is, our last sponsored 2nd ADA meeting in Norwich. As such, Evelyn and David Hastings are planning a special activity day for the younger attendees - with trips, luncheon and events.

A full week is planned to include: a visit to Cambridge, Duxford, maybe Wymondham School, others tours, Memorial service at St. Peter's Mancroft, library dedication, lunch (at new library?), pm banquet and a day at our bases.

Of course, any 2nd ADA or League members, or their relatives or friends will always get a warm welcome when visiting Norwich. The "Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial" have designated 2 or 3 qualified "guides" for each of our former bases. These are local area people who are real history buffs. All a visitor has to do is to notify our Memorial Room Librarian—by mail, email or telephone—of their visit date. They will arrange for a guide to meet you or even "fetch" you in Norwich for a tour of your former base area.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

8th Air Force Historical Society

Oct. 17 - 22, 2000

Hilton Hotel

Salt Lake City, UT

Contact their Savannah office:

Kathy McCurry at 912-748-8884 for details

466th Bomb Group Association

Meets concurrently (Oct. 20 - 22, 2000) with

The 8th AFHS at the Salt Lake Hilton.

Contact: Lou Loevsky, 973-226-4624

2nd Air Division Association

Nov. 1 - 9, 2001

Norwich, England

Contact: Evelyn Cohen, 215-632-3992

466th Bomb Group Association

Stand Alone Meeting

April 18 - 21, 2001

San Remo Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Lou Loevsky, 973-226-4624

Heritage League New Members

Irene Horan	466
Talt Smiley	492/359
Katherine Boone	489
Michael Simpson	445
Kitty Strickland Shore	445
Ellen Gillette Swatek	445
Dorothy Gibson	389
Wayne Thompson	44
Kyle Dugan	453
Irene Prang	453
Walter Godlewski	???
Michael Gilkerson	445
Rosalie Zobac	445
Karen Hunt	389
James Lorenz	466



Dues will increase to \$8.00 for all members effective Jan. 1, 2001.

Renew now at the current cost !!!

The Heritage League Executive Committee is seeking volunteers. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact the person listed.

2nd ADA Committee Observers - Irene Hurner
Publicity - Kathy Jackson
Heritage League Officer Aides- Irene Hurner
Recruiting - Ruth Anderson
Historian - Jim Lorenz
Hospitality - Irene Hurner
Convention - Carol Kendrick

Thank you !

Did you know?

Yellowing paperwork from World War II indicated that Japan and Germany had tentatively agreed to take over the United States and Canada with Japan getting Alaska, Hawaii and the mainland's West Coast back to the Rockies and Germany the rest.

WE DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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The Heritage League :

<http://www.primenet.com/~hl-2ada>

email: hl-2ada@primenet.com

2ADA Memorial:

<http://www.obycity.com/2admemorial/index.html>

The Mighty 8th Heritage Museum:

<http://www.mighty8thmuseum.com>



Tampa, Fl. 2000



l-r: **John Creber**, Principal Assistant Director, Libraries, Norfolk County Council and responsible for Memorial Room Staff
Carson Holloway, our new Fulbright Memorial Room Librarian, as of Aug. 2000
David Hastings, Vice-Chair, Memorial Trust Governors. Liaison to Heritage League
Keith Thomas, new member, Memorial Trust Governors
Felix Leeton, 2nd ADA President 2000—2001



Ruth Anderson—HQ
Dorothy Gibson—389th
 Lighting Blue Candle at the Heritage League Candle Lighting Ceremony



Heritage League Officers 2000—2001
Irene Hurner, President, **Ruth Anderson**, VP Membership, **Edward Zobac**, Treasurer



David & Jean Hastings
 David—Vice Chair Memorial Trust Board of Governors



Biel Family 453rd
 Lighting Red Candle at the Heritage League Candle Lighting Ceremony

2000 2nd ADA Golf Outing

The 2ADA golf outing was held on Friday May 26 at The Eagles Golf Club in Tampa, Fl. A total of 29 golfers participated on a beautiful day on the Forest Course. The winners received 2ADA logo golf balls.

The winners were:

Low Gross	1st	Dick Hagg (guest)	44th
	2nd	Jerry Austin	458th
	3rd	Delbert Shaffer	458th
Low Net	1st	Louise Kelleher	93rd
	2nd	Harry Kelleher	93rd
	3rd	Eugene McDowell	453rd
Closest to the Pin		Dick Hagg (guest)	44th
Longest Drive (men)		Ed Zobac	445th
Longest Drive (women)		Louise Kelleher	93rd

Many thanks go to Kurt and Vicki Warning for organizing the outing !!

Attendees at the General Meeting of the Heritage League Tampa Bay, Florida May 26 - 29, 2000

Vicki Brooks Warning	466	Dorothy S. Dyke	453	David & Jean Hastings	
Edward Zobac	455	Ray Lemons	445	2nd AD Memorial Trust	
Ruth Anderson	HQ	Jean Lemons	445	Carson Holloway	
Caron Veynar	HQ	Jim Lorenz	466	2nd ADA Fulbright Librarian	
Milton Veynar	HQ	Mary Lorenz	466	Felix Leeton	389
Dick Gelvin	445	Jason Watkins	93	Marjorie Leeton	389
Bob Books	392	Ann Hontz	93	Rosalie Zobac	445
Donald L. Myers	445	Barbara J. Hontz	93	Irene Hurner	453
Cecilia (Dede) Knox	445	Garry C. Hontz	93	Barbara Mello	453
John W. Knox	445	Mark Hontz	93	Claire Biel	453
Bud & Mike Chamberlain	489	Helen Freudenthal	489	Dorothy P. Gibson	389
Iris & Keith Thomas		Warren Anderson	HQ	Rose Biel Lighty	453
Gov. Memorial Library Norwich		Ellen Gillette Swatek	445	Don Morrison	93
Earl Wassom	466	Kitty Strickland Shore	445	Donnie Morrison	93

1999 Treasurer's Report

REVENUE:

Dues	\$3,918.00
Donations	\$911.00
Fund Raising	\$122.90
Interest Income	\$424.24

TOTAL REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$1,731.58
12/31/1998 BALANCE	\$12,982.10

TOTAL REVENUE \$5,376.14

CASH ON HAND AS OF 12/31/1999 \$14,713.68

EXPENSES:

Heritage Herald:	
Postage	\$1,233.91
Printing	\$1,044.34
Postage	\$720.27
Printing:	
Renewal notices	\$363.89
Envelopes/Letterhead	\$144.23
Supplies	\$60.01
Miscellaneous	\$77.91

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,644.56

CASH ON HAND BY EACH ACCOUNT

91 Day Certificate of Deposit	\$8,102.21
Statement Passbook Account	\$2,245.71
Checking	\$4,365.76

*Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Zobac
Treasurer*

REPORT TO HERITAGE LEAGUE. TAMPA. May 29th 2000

By David J. Hastings

Good Morning, I am delighted to be with you once again in this very special year in the history of your unique 2nd Air Division Memorial Library and as always can we thank you for all your kindness and friendship.

I bring you greetings from the Board of Governors, the Friends of the Memorial and your many UK members, in this the 60th Anniversary of The Battle of Britain when we were saved from invasion.

Also delighted to have with me today Keith Thomas, the Past Chairman of the Friends and his wife Iris, two people who have done so much for the Memorial.

Sadly as many of you know we lost one of our next generation Bright Star Trust Governors a few weeks ago when John Whitehouse, whom many of you met in Chicago, was tragically killed in a horse riding accident. We flew together for many years, he was an outstanding pilot, businessman and member of our community as well as a great personal friend. He will be sorely missed.

Back to the Library - the excitement in Norwich is now tremendous as our £60 Million Millennium Library starts to take shape and there is no doubt that it will be one of the finest buildings in our City.

The Rebuilding Appeal for £125,000 launched by the Governors after the terrible fire has been a great success, thanks to support from the 2nd Air Division Association who raised half and the Friends of the Memorial who raised a staggering £5000. In addition, the people of Norwich and Norfolk have shown their love once again the Appeal has now reached over £177,000.

This has enabled us to go to one of the top design teams in the UK, Messrs Event Limited of London with our ideas and hopes for the interior design and they have produced a design and concept which is breathtaking, capturing so well the spirit of the Memorial as well as the feel of an American Library.

Your 2nd Air Division Memorial is unique because it is the only one of its kind in the world devoted solely to the

2nd Air Division USAAF.

It is unique because it is built where it all happened all those years ago, where over 6700 young Americans died for the freedom we enjoy today.

It is unique because of the Friendship that was formed in the Forties has grown in strength over the years and will be passed on to future generations.

It is unique because it will be part of an outstanding new building in our city which for generations to come will tell the story of the bravery, sacrifice and friendship of the 2nd Air Division, both those who died and those who survived, a marker for future generations from all over the world to understand the price of freedom.

Finally it is unique because it is part of a city with a history going back over one thousand three hundred years administered and cherished by people who will never forget the debt that we owe to you.

You must all be extremely proud that your Memorial Library has achieved all these things and I know of no other building that has done more to promote the friendship between our two countries. Your friends who died and whose memorial this is, must also be proud to see that you are fulfilling your pledge of ensuring that the flame of their principles will burn brightly and eternally to guide future generations.

The design is so beautiful and exciting that I just wish we had more time to convey our excitement to you as it will be in every way worthy of the men whose memory it perpetuates and of the cause for which they gave their lives.

The new Memorial Library will be twice the size of the original destroyed in the fire and situated in a prime site on the ground floor. The curved wood paneled outside wall will feature circular glass windows so people can look into the Memorial and one big advantage from the old one will be that the room will be self-contained.

As you enter under the huge B.24 Liberator model made by Mike Caputo you will sense the warmth of an American library with the easy chairs

and tables in the meeting area.

The reception desk will be centrally sited with a good view of all the library and book shelves holding over 42,000 volumes, plus videos and periodicals.

Moving on past the WAC Key and Freedom Shrine you will enter a specially designed quiet area housing the Role of Honour and the Standards, flanked on both sides by the Group Banners, a place for reflection and memories.

On either side of the walls of this area will be 6 study desks each equipped with a networked PC and one of them will also have the unique B.24 Flight Simulator, given to the Memorial by the VIP Group from Canada, which will enable people of all ages to try their hand at flying a 2nd Air Division B.24 - it really is outstanding and I have flown it already many times. No other Library will have this facility.

The curved end wall will have windows and a door leading out to the new Memorial Garden. We will also have the librarians office as well as a most useful meeting room, for use the the Trust, Friends and visiting Groups and on this wall the facility for showing videos. Finally along the entire length of the interior wall will be the wonderful new Mural, designed by Event which will tell the complete story of the 2nd Air Division USAAF as well as incorporating the Tail Fins and Group records. Also there will be display areas and other features.

This great new millenium building will also house the new Central Library, the Norfolk Studies department, a Business Learning Centre, a Tourist Information Centre, a restaurant and bar, a 200 seat lecture and film theatre (ideal for the Friends), the huge atrium which will be useful for so many city events and the massive underground car park, as well as the new City Centre Plaza leading down to St. Peter Mancroft Church. (New Glass door).

Finally, there will be the exciting Heritage Visitor Attraction centre, also designed by Event Ltd, which on three

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floors will tell the history of Norwich and Norfolk in sound and vision right from the Vikings to the present day, including of course a special feature on the 2nd Air Division USAAF.

The plans for the opening in November 2001 are now well advanced and everyone is very excited about your return.

Our web site now has the new server in place and Judy Jerome has done a tremendous job in modernising and making it pro-active. Still more to come. The site address is now: [http://](http://www.obycity.com/2admemoial/index.html)

www.obycity.com/2admemoial/index.html.

On the Friends side, they are very active under the Chairmanship of David Neale, with many events last year including a superb Hangar Dance at Norwich Airport, the Thanksgiving Dinner and Airfield visits and they will play a big part in the 2001 programme with a planned meeting with the Heritage League.

We pledged that we would rebuild the 2nd Air Division Memorial to be the finest of its kind in the world and the DREAM HAS COME TRUE.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

Those who died for our Freedom, those who survived and all the families both now and in the future.

The New Memorial in this outstanding Millennium Building will always be a beacon for the future and a reminder of the Bravery, Sacrifice and the unique friendship of the 2nd Air Division USAAF.

David J. Hastings

Vice Chairman & Heritage League Liaison Officer

An Update From Our President - Irene Hurner

In another article written for this issue, I mentioned changes in our lives and the effects those changes have on us.

Today I am writing to let you know of other changes. This time in the life of our organization. I am excited to report to you that members of our Executive Committee were able to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana on the weekend of August 26th and 27th for a very worthwhile meeting. The change and excitement relate to the fact that this was the first mid-year meeting of this group since the inception of the Heritage League.

During our meeting we discussed many issues. We conducted a review of our past activities, discussed the goals of the Heritage League, and have begun to make plans for the future. This truly is an exciting time. David Hastings wrote just this week that the beams are being put up for the roof of the new library in Norwich. Progress is being made in many ways. Appointing Heritage League Observers to the Second Air Division Association was the first order of business. Our Observers attend various committee meetings of the 2ADA to learn how things are

done. Then, those Observers report to our Executive Committee so that we are able to understand how business is conducted and also write a report for our Herald. This is a wonderful benefit for all of us in the Heritage League, as we are learning from the experience of others.

Other topics included a decision to give a donation to the Memorial Library in Norwich and to the Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA. There will be more on our donations in the next issue of the Herald. We discussed having a stand alone reunion for the members of our Heritage League. That is another change the Executive Committee is looking forward to bringing to fruition in the future. I will write more in the next issue bringing you up to date on our progress.

One of the last things we discussed was the need to raise our dues. Our Communications V.P. stated that the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter is about \$1.00 per Herald per issue. After noting dues for members have been the same since the organization was founded in 1987, the Executive Committee agreed that an increase was in order. Desiring to put the least burden on our members, the Committee agreed

that if renewals are received by December 31, 2000 the dues of \$6.00 for Regular members and \$4.00 for Associate members would apply. There has been some confusion in the past as to the amount members should pay. By making dues the same for everyone, it is hoped this problem will be eliminated. After January 1, 2001 the dues will be \$8.00 for all members.

I want to take this time to thank all who have worked so diligently to keep our Heritage League the wonderful organization it is. Without the help of all of our members and friends, our vision for the future would not be possible. With enthusiasm, I look forward to changes that will continue to bring us closer together here at home and closer to our English friends who diligently support the Memorial Room.



Man of the Century

*Reprinted from the 361st fighter group newsletter
May 2000*

At the close of the century last year, Time Magazine named the "American GI" as the most influential man of the century. General Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wrote the Introduction to the award. Following is an excerpt from his speech.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I referred to the men and women of the Armed Forces as "GI's". It got me into trouble with some of my colleagues at the time. Several years earlier the Army had officially excised the term as an unfavorable characterization derived from the designation, "government issue." Sailors and Marines wanted to be known as such, and Airmen, notwithstanding their origins as a rib of the Army, wanted to be known as Airmen. Collectively, they were blandly referred to as "service members." However, I persisted in using GI's and found I was in good company. Newspapers and television shows used it all the time. The most famous and successful government education program was known as the "GI BILL", and it still uses the title for a newer generation of veterans. When added the most common boy's name to it, you got GI Joe.

GI is a World War Two term that two generations later continues to conjure up the warmest and proudest memories of a noble war that pitted pure good against pure evil, and good triumphed. The victors in that war were the American GI's, the Willies', the Joes', the farm boy from Iowa and the steelworker from Pittsburgh who stepped off a landing craft into the hell of Omaha Beach. The GI was the wisecracking Marine from Brooklyn who clawed his way up a deadly hill on a Pacific Island. He was the black fighter pilot escorting white bomber pilots over Italy and Germany, proving that skin color had nothing to do with skill or courage.

For most GI's, World War II was the adventure of their lifetime. Nothing they would ever do in the future would match their experiences as the warriors of democracy, saving the world from its own insanity. You can still see them in every Fourth of July color guard, their gait faltering, but forever proud. Their forebears went by other names: Doughboys, Yanks, Buffalo soldiers, Johnny Reb, Rough Riders, but GI will be forever lodged in the consciousness of our nation to apply to them all. The GI's were the surest guarantee of America's Commitment.

In this 20th century, hundreds of thousands of GI's died to bring to the beginning of the 21st century the victory of democracy as the ascendant political system of the face of the earth. The GI's were willing to travel far away to give their lives, if necessary, to secure the rights and the freedom of others. They wanted nothing more than to get the job done and then return home safely. All they asked in repayment from those they freed was the opportunity to help them become part of the world of democracy and just enough land to bury their fallen comrades beneath simple white crosses and Stars of David.

As the 20th century closed, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, but full of promise. Near the top of any listing, the most important people of the 20th century must stand, in singular honor, the American GI.



Diamond Lil Lands in Toledo, Oh

I have never seen a B-24 in flight so I left work early one day and drove out to the local airport to watch Diamond Lil come in. Unfortunately, I was too late, she had already landed. I looked around some then left, disappointed. A few days later, I heard this tremendous noise and went outside to take a look. Although it wasn't Lil, it was the B-17 Yankee Lady! As I watched it fly by, I could only imagine our English friends and what they must have been feeling as the planes flew

over their houses. The next day, my dad (Chuck Yant - 448th - copilot) and I went back out to see the planes. What a thrill to have a first-hand guided tour of a B-24 given by my father!!!! He explained the different versions of the B-24's, how this one was equipped differently than his and shared a few of his experiences. It was truly an honor. Thank you Dad!!!

Kathy Jackson, Editor



IF YOU WERE ASKED

WORLD WAR II By The Numbers

Reprinted from The Ringmasters Spring 2000 and The Bluenoser of the 392nd Fighter Group

Estimated deaths worldwide – 53,447,000
 Soviets – 22,320,000 (military and civilian)
 U.S. – 292,331 (military only)
 Jewish population prior to war (Germany/other nations) conquered – 8,851,800; Postwar – 2,917,900
 Peak strength of major combatants:
 Soviet Union – 12.5 million
 United States – 12,364,000
 Germany and Austria – 10 million
 Japan – 6,095,000
 France – 5 million
 China – 5 million
 United Kingdom – 4,683,000
 Italy – 4.5 million
 Killed in action – 8.6 per 1,000 American service men; dead of other causes – 3 in 1,000, non-mortal injuries – 17.7 in 1,000
 American draftees – 61.2%; rejected – 35.8%
 Average duration of service – 33 months
 Number working in non-combatant jobs – 38.8%
 Average base pay: enlisted – \$71.33; Officers – \$203.50

Direct economic cost: Worldwide – 1.6 trillion
 By Nation:
 U.S. – \$285 billion
 Germany – \$212.3 billion
 Japan – 41.3 billion
 Pow's held by Germans:
 French – 765,000
 Italian – 550,000
 British – 200,000
 Yugoslav – 125,000
 Americans – 90,000
 Pow's held by Japan:
 British – 180,000
 Dutch – 20,000
 Americans – 15,000

Weapons produced:
 Aircraft – 443,031
 Gun(rifles to artillery) – 49,392,462
 Ammo (bullets to bombs) – 82,352,314,472
 Ships (naval and merchant) – 79 million tons
 Vehicles (jeeps to tanks) – 5,157,458

MAILBAG.....

Dear Ruth,

I enjoy your "Heritage Herald" no end, it's a fine publication. I was interested in the article "The Origin of Taps" in the April 2000 issue. It makes for a good story but there is much evidence that it is untrue, a good story but nothing more and the author is unknown. The more accurate "Origin of Taps" as supplied by M/St. Jari A. Villanueva of the United States Air Force Band follows:

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than "Taps". Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune borrowed from the French called "Lights Out". In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days Battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Douglas Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men. Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story...

"Showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, he asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day, I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music, which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually

taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 it was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became mandatory at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

Marv Speidel
446th Bomb Group

Dear Craig,

I recently finished reading the April issue of the Heritage Herald and, I must say, I am favorably impressed with the development of your organization. As you know, I have more than a passing interest in it far greater than the meager comments I send to you and Kathy on your progress. Though my input may be wanting, you are constantly and warmly in my thoughts.

As a rough yardstick on where you are today, perhaps it may be helpful to compare the Heritage League to a 2ADA milepost. To do so I have come upon a spring 1975 issue of the 2ADA NewsLetter (now Journal). At that time, the 2ADA was about seventeen years old. The Heritage League is about thirteen years of age. Granted, there are four or five years difference in the comparative ages, but that is close enough to draw some reasonable comparisons: not the least of which is the identical page count (12) in the respective newsletters.

Another important and useful factor is membership. Page 2 of the enclosed and referenced 2ADA Newsletter indicates the membership was "over 2000 names and current addresses;" while reported in your December 1999 Herald is "721 members in the League presently." the next issue of April, 2000 adds another 30 members for a total of 751. At that rate, over the next four years, the League should enjoy another 300 members reaching more than half the 2ADA level at a similar age. And this achievement comes without the natural camaraderie of a war time veterans group of many mutually good friends..

So, naturally, it will take a longer time to develop a similar symbiosis among individuals having nothing in common but an indirect relationship through their parents and an appreciation of a seriously important event in American—nay—world history. Our national mission was to achieve peace with freedom. Our succeeding generation's mission is to preserve those qualities. This will require as united an effort among our heirs as WWII did among us veterans. When that is fully appreciated, support organizations like the Heritage League will grow more dynamically. Also, as you work together toward that end, you will develop your own camaraderie and solidify your organization. Keep the faith and keep up the good work you all are doing so effectively.

With deep affection,

C. N. "Bud" Chamberlain
Past President (2ADA)

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To whom might be of help:
My uncle who is 79 years old at this time has told me of one of his experiences in the 2nd World War while he was a pilot in the Romanian Air Force.

On the day of August 1, 1943 there was a heavy attack on the refineries in Ploesti, Romania by the B24 aircraft.

One of them was gunned down and the people in it have survived because of his act of help to keep the local peasants from not killing the American GI's.

He has not met any of them since, and wonders if the people that were in that airplane that was incapacitated are still alive. Do they belong to some kind of an organized veteran league, etc. Is there a way to find their names, etc.

He would like to visit with them and speak with them at sometime. Do you think I can find this information for my uncle? He is still in Romania, retired for a long time.

Thank you for your response.

Regards,

Viorel Drambarean
Email: vioreld@megsinet.net

I contacted Jim Lorenz who stated that the 44th BG and 93rd BG of the 8th and the 98th BG and 378th BG of the 9th AF flew that day. Of our 36 planes, 11 went down. I passed this information along to Mr. Drambarean, follows is his response:

Editor

Kathy,

Thank you very much for your response.

Yes, I know that it is very difficult to find out of 177 planes that flew, who really was still alive and walking

after being downed, unless somebody wrote about it. Through a quick search of the internet, I found that about 1/2 of the planes did not return, same with the personnel. It must have been one of the most tragic missions the Air Force has had. This mission really affected a lot of people on both sides of the war.

Thanks again,
Viorel

Do you have a listing of living Air Force chaplains from the 8th Air Force 2nd Air Division? Addresses? My Dad, Irving M. Day, Jr. from the 446th is doing some research.

Thanks for your help,

Clark Day
Email: CDay288769@aol.com

I was an original member of the 446th BG which was formed in Tucson, AZ in April 1943. My pilot was Solomon Cutcher, who later moved to Squadron Commander. Jim Wylie, co-pilot under Cutcher became the airplane commander. Roy Thurlkill became the co-pilot. Since completing our tour of 30 missions in June 1944 I have not seen or heard from Thurlkill. Would you have any records on him? Bombardier, Smith W. Harsell has lived in Manhattan Beach, Ca. for years. He was quite ill. Have not heard from him in four to five years. Do you have anything on him?

Engineer and radio operator respectively were Robert Bonner, originally from Gary, In and Walter Stowers, from the state of Washington. Do you have any

information on those names? If so, it would be appreciated if you would send it to me.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Eugene D. Rosen

Email: Ednorsen@aol.com

Hello, my name is Jeff, and I am trying to find some information on my father, Charles Pate. He served in the 8th Air Force as a B-24 crewman from 17 June 1943 through 25 October 1945. He has said he was in the 392nd Bomb Group, but doesn't remember a squadron, or where he was stationed. His discharge papers list him as "Private 1st Class Squadron B561 AAF VU". Also in the line designating decorations and citations, it states "6 Bronze Stars Per Ltrs 453 BG". Any information you may have would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Email: FiveR5ter@aol.com

Good Day:

I'm trying to find information on the following veteran. His name was George Dickinson, he served in the 8th AAF and was a crew member on a B-24. What I'm trying to ascertain is what BG and Squadron George served in. George was from New Jersey. He originally came from Peapack-Gladstone and in later years lived in Millstone. My Dad and he were best friends for over 40 years, both are now deceased. Any info would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Bob Kalinak

Email: robert.kalinak@ltpf.com

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Kathy:

Good morning. Thanks for your help tracking down George Dickinson's Bomb Group. From Richard Baynes I have found out the following:

Bob:

I have a roster of the 2nd Air Div members and could not find a George Dickinson. The only Dickinson listed is Hazel L. Dickinson, listed as an Associate member, which could mean she is a widow or daughter, or relative of a member. The Bomb Group listed is 448th.

Good luck,
Dick Baynes

Hazel is George's widow so Dick and I are surmising that George was in the 448th. Now we have to find out his squadron. Unfortunately the folks at The Mighty 8th Heritage Museum in Savannah could not find anything about George. You had mentioned that once we arrived at the BG you could get a contact for the 2ADA Group VP for that bomb group. I would appreciate that info. Thanks again for your help. By the way Will Lundy of the 44th BG has been helpful in getting me info on George's Brother John who has been MIA since 21 Jan. 1944.

Sincerely,

Bob Kalinak

I found George Dickinson's name listed in John Rowe's book about the 448th, so I forwarded this info to him and we heard back from Mr. O. K. Smith.
Editor

Kathy,

Your name came to me from John and Agnes Rowe wanting information about one of my crew members George Dickinson. George was a member of Capt. William C. Beall's crew. He was a Staff Sgt and a waist gunner. He died some years ago and his widow Hazel Dickinson's address is as follows.....

My name is O.K. Smith. I was the radio operator and flew 30 missions with George. My wife and I will be in Savannah for the 448th reunion. Oh yes, George was in the 713th Squadron stationed at Seething. We would love to visit with you and hope to see you at the reunion.

O.K. Smith and Carolyn

Dear Kathy:

In your latest issue of the Heritage Herald there is a letter from a William J. Keeler, Jr. whose last sentence reads "I would like to figure out what BS My Dad was with while with the 44th and to know the names of his crews and missions, if possible". I have pulled up his Dad's 44th record on our database. His father flew 23 missions with the 44th. I can print out his list of missions and the names of the crew members on each of his 23 missions. That is what is so great about our database and why it is so valuable for furnishing the record of one of our members to a relative seeking information. If you send me Jr.'s address I will be glad to send him the records he is seeking.

Dick Butler

We did just that, Mr. Butler sent Mr.

Keeler his father's combat record and here is his response:

Mr. Butler,

Thank you and I did receive the package which my brother and sisters and I are working our way thru. I have already spoken to one of the lead navigators (Bud Glickman) who had at least one flight with my dad and, it turns out, has a chapter in his unpublished book that described that flight. He was kind enough to forward a copy of the chapter and it has thrilled us all. We are also trying to track down information from my dad's records and boxes and will be glad to pass along anything we find which might be of interest.

Thank you again.
William J. Keeler, Jr.

Hello,

I am contacting you to see if any members of your organization would like to attend an event to Honor a Bomber Pilot who lived in our community and was shot down with all his crew KIA. We recently had a Big Band event with a 1944 USO theme on Memorial Day and it was a big success being attended by a member of the U.S. Congress and many other Dignitaries. We even served soda in vintage period bottles. We will also dedicate a 5 x 4 frame to hang in our Pavilion (Dance Hall) filled with a print, photos, medals, and information on the pilot. This event looks to be bigger then the last to which we received good Press coverage. If you have a newsletter can you place this in it in case you have members

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who live in the area who may want to attend. We are located in North Salem, N.Y. on Peach Lake called Vails Grove. We are about 1 1/2 hours drive north of New York City and a few miles west of Danbury, Connecticut right off of Interstate 84 & 684.

There is plenty of lodging in the area. So if you would love to hear and dance to the tunes of Glenn Miller and others with a 15 piece orchestra on a beautiful New York State Lake, contact me. This event is also to relive the same event 55 years ago in our Pavillion upon the official ending of World War II. Tickets are only \$20 a person and all profits go towards improving a park in the Veteran's honor.

This event will be held September 2, 2000, a Saturday from 7pm to 11pm.

Thank you for your support to remember One of America's Brave Fallen,

James Joyce

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The League received a letter from David P. Smith asking for clarification on why his father, who was in the 445th BG, 701st BS, would have a camel colored dress jacket with a flying tigers patch on one side and the 8th AF patch on the other. His father's name is Donald Hale Smith of SLC, Utah.

Thought from Jerry
Reprinted from Ringmasters Spring 2000

I think that my experience with

doctors in the group may be interesting. When we were flying our 15th mission I developed tonsillitis, which was a serious problem in those days. I wasn't very sick but I had a great deal of trouble coming down from altitude. Dr. Russo wanted to put me in the hospital but I didn't want to miss any missions so we compromised. I flew but when I got back I went into the hospital. He put me on a new wonder drug called sulfa, which worked very well. However for a few days while I stayed in the hospital life was great. The nurses and doctors were very kind to me. It fortunately wasn't too busy and the crew came every night to see me (although Boychuk spent his time trying to make out with the nurses) and was a very pleasant experience. Because of this when I was discharged I went to medical school and eventually became a surgeon. I did part of my training during the Korean war. So the influence of the doctors and nurses of the 491st station hospital had a great influence on my life and I will always be grateful to them.

H. Gerald Rock, M.D.
Chief of Staff
Kent Hospital

THANKS FROM ENGLAND
Can Jean and I once again thank the Heritage League members for all your kindness and friendship to us and the other British members who visited the Tampa Convention. As always it was like coming home to the "family" and to be your liaison officer with the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF is indeed a great privilege.

We were so delighted to bring you

all the exciting news on the rebuilding of your unique and living 2nd Air Division USAAF Memorial Library, the only one of its kind in the world. Now that the massive new Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library building is up to the 2nd floor you can appreciate the beauty of this new landmark in our city. Everyone is very excited with the progress and we look forward very much to welcoming you back to Norwich in November 2001. Once again I am delighted to be helping Evelyn Cohen on the superb Norwich Convention programme and there is no doubt that it will be a memorable week.

As I mentioned in Tampa, the long term future of your memorial Library lies in the hands of the next generation of Trust Governors, The Heritage League in the USA and the Friends of the memorial here in the UK. I know you will continue to carry the torch in memory of the 2nd Air Division, their bravery, sacrifice and wonderful friendship, for this tale must be continued to be told down the ages.

David J. Hastings
Vice Chairman Memorial Trust and
Liaison Officer with the Heritage
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