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A Teachable Moment: Nose Art— Naughty But Nice

by Lisa Niehoff

Nose art is a type of airship painting, or for lack of a better phrase, a form of aircraft graffiti; a term used for new, creative and original works of art customized and painted on the fuselages of aircraft, giving it a name, and painting a picture on it. Moreover, being the proud American that I am, I would like to say nose art was primarily attributed as American, a Yankee-pride thing, and con-

sidered as traditional as Spam, mom's miracle meat. And speaking of mother, I seriously doubt a nurturing mama would have given a thumbs-up for the rather risqué names the artwork transferred into words. This would-be mommy-dearest just might have painted a not-so-pleasing wallop of her own! Regardless,

Between the years of 1918 and 1938, the

production of kid's cartoons, which were first seen as children's entertainment, served a purpose in America's war chest with a treasure trove of propaganda films aimed to educate moviegoers about their enemy.

Hollywood

studios were drafted into turning their specialty to the war effort solidifying resolve in all sectors, with creative energy and humor. Walt Disney's animation was a great influence along with Leon Schlesinger Productions

it or even risk being too close other than the adversary who's attempting to bump you off?

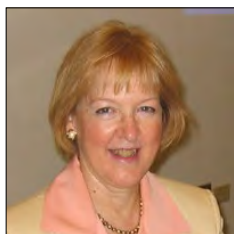
Actually, America is only 'recognized' for bringing nose art into prominence. Nose art was born of mili-



One of hundreds of "Lil' Abner" references emblazoned on USAAF planes in all theatres of war.—via Andy Wilkinson.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Note: Sad to say, there will not be a Southern California Luncheon this year. Peggy Learman is heartbroken that she can't organize it, since this event is the highlight of her year each year. Please keep Peggy in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy return to good health, and enjoy these photos from the spectacular luncheon in 2016 on pages 11-14.

Dear Members,

Happy Memorial Day to all our veterans, and especially to our 2nd Air Division veterans!

Our big news in this issue is the details of our 2017 Heritage League Reunion. As it was two years ago, it's concurrent with the 8th Air Force Historical Society (8AFHS) Reunion, from Wednesday, September 27-Sunday, October 1, 2017 in New Orleans. Please review the information in this issue, and make reservations early to assure you have a spot at the reunion hotel. On your registration form, please be sure to include "Heritage League" as well as your Bomb Group affiliation. That information will be used to assign group Hospitality Rooms at the hotel.

The Annual Meeting of the Heritage League will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 4:00-5:00 pm during the reunion, and it will include the biennial election of officers. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact our nominating committee; Brian Mahoney and Marybeth Dyer. Their contact info is on the back page of each Heritage Herald.

Our Heritage League Executive Board, with members all across the US, meets via Skype on the first Tuesday of each month. If you have a topic you would like addressed, please contact any of the members.

If you are on Facebook, please follow "Heritage League of the Second Air Division—USAAF" and "Like" the page to get updates in your News Feed. We now have over 350 followers!

Our public Heritage League website at <http://www.heritageleague.org> is a great place to explore excellent content. It is maintained by our Executive Vice-President Mike Simpson.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Heritage League, fill out the "Volunteers" form newly on-line on our website! Or contact VP of Volunteers, Christopher Clark.

If you buy things on Amazon.com, you can contribute to the Heritage League by selecting us as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com. Look for "Heritage League of the Second Air Division (USAAF)" and know that your contributions make a big difference to our relatively small 501(c)(3) organization.

I look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans!

Beverly Baynes Tomb, President, Heritage League and
Governor, 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust

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who produced popular cartoons for Warner Brothers Studios featuring Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny.

Squadron pride and pilots go hand-in-hand. Bomber crews, which suffered high casualty rates throughout WWII, often created strong bonds with their planes and affectionately decorated them with nose art. Many believed that nose art brought good luck. There was also great enthusiasm from which came individual expression. However, those industrious and imaginative souls, young and old alike, bless their hearts, basically didn't go out, purchase paint from the local ma and pa store and slap it willy-nilly on

a plane. A few units had skilled artists, and those that didn't selected enthusiastic amateurs. Both the Axis and Allies took part, although the American military powers-that-be never officially authorized it. In many cases, the artwork was located on the left hand side of the plane. However, depending on the individual aircraft, the nose art and names could be on either side as in the case of "Sentimental Journey." A smiling Betty Grable was photographed from behind as she looked over her shoulder in swimsuit and pumps. I imagine having



Esprit'd Corps was already 'old hat' when the historic 94th Aero Squadron of WWI emblazoned their Spads with 'Hat-in-the-Ring' insignia, here seen with Ace of Aces, Eddie Rickenbacker. —via Wikipedia.

this iconic beauty on either side of your craft could have been intentional just so that an enemy flying by on the 'wrong' side could still be distracted; Woof! Woof!

Americans have always been unique and peppered with a smidgeon of rebelliousness dating back to The Revolution. However, American nose art became masterpieces that were not only lovely artifacts of war, if war can indeed be considered lovely, but thought by many as historical works of art. They were hand-painted and very time-consuming. For example, "Strawberry Bitch" sported a voluptuous pin-up model in a blue dress splayed across the air craft's belly. Yes, the word "bitch" was considered offensive during WWII, but wouldn't even fly in today's world. My, oh my, but things have changed. Was "Strawberry Bitch" the feminine image of power, mystique and grace? Nope. Simply put, she was a gorgeous painted lady, one amongst thousands, who inspired and boosted the pride and morale of lonely service men living under highly stressful conditions. In today's life and times, such aircraft art wouldn't be considered as workplace friendly, feminist approved, or even something Beaver Cleaver would bring home from Miss Landers' art class. I don't believe current military powers would permit such designs on their hardware.



Another rich pun. 'Thunder mug' was a slang term for 'chamber pot' in households that still did not have indoor plumbing...still not uncommon when our vets were growing up. Those twin .50 cal Browning machine guns in this illustration would have been loudly firing... 'something'...at the Jerries. —via Andy Wilkinson.

Nose Art has not always been associated with only planes, however. From what I've seen on YouTube, Hitler had the Stuka JU87 dive-bomber fitted with a siren that sounded like one long whistling scream, which grew louder and louder as airspeed increased, making the plane especially terrifying when dive bombing. It was a beautiful plane remembered for its bad history of doom and gloom. I suppose this was a sort of 'psycho-ops' scare tactic. America had the sexy, painted ladies and the Germans had the sound thing; a non-lethal weapons strategy on both sides. Of course, a bomber doesn't need nose art to look or sound menacing; an exploding bomb can do the job just as well! The terrifying whistling scream was not nose art, but a frightening facsimile all the same. I'm unaware of individual Luftwaffe pilots painting pictures of half-bare, naughty ladies riding on the skin of a plane or anything similar. Perhaps Hitler or even Hermann Göring were uptight prudes. Who knows? I never met the men. However, aerial warfare was as it should be, in many cases based on deception.

Almost any design that can be imagined decorated the noses of planes. They were labeled with names like "Diamond Lil," "Witchcraft," "Liberty Belle," and "Bungay Buckaroo." Americans didn't always have total freedom regarding what they put on their craft, either. It was up to their superiors to overrule their teams' craving for a "Mischievous Miss" on their nose when the chaplains came calling. Therefore, not all aircraft were given feminine attributes. In addition, not all of them were necessarily sexual in nature. Some-

Multiple puns. Humor can't always be explained, but giving Millennials some context of their grandparent's era will do the trick on this very sophisticated word play. One did not need to study Latin in the '30s to know tons of phrases we no longer use, but you may have noticed "E Pluribus, Unum" on US paper currency; "Out of many, one." Add this to the aluminum drives across America early in the war, to directly support aircraft construction...and mix the two thoughts: out of a lot of scrap aluminum... this B-24! —via Andy Wilkinson.

had ferocious shark teeth or images of warriors to strike fear into the heart of the enemy, although these images didn't win the war for America. Disney cartoon characters influenced nose

art craftsmanship since they were appropriate subjects for amusing and patriotic themes. Dog Patch and Moonbeam McSwine from Al Capp's "Li'l Abner" strip were copied which raised the spirits the troops with reminders of home.

Because of changes in military guidelines and the attitude toward the representation of women, the amount of nose work-

manship declined after the Korean War. However, nose art experienced a restoration amid the Gulf War and has turned out to be more regular since then, being still very much alive, even though the art has ended up low key and less colorful. Numerous teams are partnering fine art with camouflage patterns. The United States Air Force had informally authorized the arrival of the pin-up girls, but completely dressed, with the Strategic Air Command allowing nose workmanship on its planes. The continuation of notable names, for example, "Memphis Belle" was empowered. The practice continues as a robust reminder that modern-day customs, courtesies and strategies are rooted in US military tradition.



We imagine what happened to the original! 'Flak' (anti-aircraft artillery fire) stands for "Flieger Abwehr Kanone" (tr.: canons against flying forces). —via Andy Wilkinson.





Derivative, but really well done! Skilled and patient craftsmen often copied printed matter, which abounded with 'suitable' subject matter in the era. —via Andy Wilkinson.

<https://thinkingouttabox.wordpress.com/2013/11/10/airmen-fly-girls-and-shark-teeth/>
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http://www.paperlessarchives.com/wwii_clifford_berryman_cartoon.html
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZZ504TGDpE>

The following is a list of sources for further reading:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nose_art
<https://eastofeton.wordpress.com/tag/nose-art/>

November 2016 Trust Governors' Meeting Update

by Beverly Baynes Tomb

For the third year, I participated in the November 14, 2016 Annual General meeting in person at 10:30 am GMT. For the first time, we met not in the tiered auditorium of the Council Chamber, but in a room next to it with a large rectangle of tables.

Chairman Richard Middleton introduced Jan Holden who succeeds Jennifer Holland as Head of Libraries and Information. We stood in silence in memory of Joe Dzenowagis, Sr., a navigator with the 467th Bomb Group at Rackheath, and the other veterans who had 'folded their wings' during the year. Ronald S. Packowitz was welcomed as a Governor, representing the US Embassy.

The accounts for the year ending, 5th April 2016 were formally accepted and signed. The Chairman thanked Jonathan Powell who has agreed to become chairman of the Finance sub-committee. The finance sub-committee will interview eight investment brokers (including current firm Brewin Dolphin) in January 2017.

Libby Morgan, Trust Librarian, reported that although the number of visitors to the Library was down, virtual visitors continue to increase. Since the launch in May 2016, the new 2nd Air Division Digital Archive website had been visited by 840 users who viewed 14,168 pages. Jane Appleton is a new library assistant. Don Allen and Danielle Prostrullo are the 2016/2017 UEA American Scholars.

Two new library volunteers, both working online: Nathaniel Sikard-Youngs has created a 2nd Air Division Stories blog <https://2ndairstories.wordpress.com>, using material from the digital archive; Carol Tuckwiller is helping to transcribe the State Registers of American Red Cross Club, from the Bishop's Palace in Norwich.

This year, 2017, will be the 75th anniversary of the arrival of USAAF in East Anglia.

I gave the Heritage League report, which included a membership update (411 members as of August 2016), Treasury balance of over \$42,000, and a reminder of our most recent Heritage Herald



President Beverly Baynes Tomb presents a Heritage League check for \$3,000 for the Memorial Library to Trust Chairman Richard Middleton during the Governors' Meeting on November 14, 2016.

newsletter with photos from our October 2016 Heritage League Convention in Washington, DC. I mentioned the plans for our 2017 Convention with the 8th AF Historical Society in New Orleans in September, and our plans to digitize the pre-2001 paper copies of the "2ADA Journal," and finished by presenting a check for \$3,000 from the Heritage League to Chairman Richard Middleton.

Professor Alan Taylor, the 2016 Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American Studies at Oxford University gave an outstanding annual public lecture in memory of Chuck Walker at the University of East Anglia the afternoon of the same day.

Beverly Baynes Tomb, Governor, 2nd Air Division Memorial Library Trust
President, Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF)

The 2nd Air Division Memorial Library's Book Endowment Programme

by Libby Morgan

Over the years the Heritage League has presented thousands of dollars to The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAAF. This money has been invested by the Trustees, and the investment income is used: (1) to support the running costs of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich; (2) to support the provision of a continuing American presence in the Memorial Library, currently provided by two young American PhD students studying at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, and, (3) to support the purchase of books for the Memorial Library.

Most of the books in the Memorial Library are purchased with the income from book endowment funds, given in honour or in remembrance of an individual or group of people. This funding enables the Library to provide the latest and best books about all aspects of American history, life and culture, and new books on the history of the 2nd Air Division and US 8th Air Force. The current value of the Heritage League book endowment is £2,155, which this financial year will produce an income of £138 to spend on purchasing new books for the Library. Each book displays a commemorative bookplate with the following text: "Presented by the Heritage League of the Second Air Division (USAAF)." Supporting the Memorial Library through our Heritage League book endowment ensures that it will remain for generations to come a "living memorial" to those brave Americans who served with the 2nd Air Division in East Anglia during the Second World War.

The 2AD Library Endowment List July 2016

*2nd Air Division Memorial Library Endowment:
Heritage League 2015-2016 Report
Presented by The Heritage League
of the Second Air Division (USAAF)*

Hiking Arizona: A Guide to the State's Greatest Hiking Adventures

by Bruce Grubbs

The American Circus

by Susan Weber

Unconventional and Unexpected: American Quilts Below the Radar

by Roderick Kiracofe

Tourist Trains Guidebook

Trains Magazine

Empire of Deception

by Dean Jobb

Things to Consider When Donating Memorabilia

by Irene Hurner

I was at the last 2ADA convention near Chicago in 2012, and attended the final meeting of the 453rd Bomb Group Association when the veterans in attendance voted to disband. A discussion took place to determine the eventual disposition of the collection of photos, documents, orders, and so on, that were in the care of Don Olds, Group Historian. Over the years, Don would attend conventions, take his albums, and ask for identification of individuals or places where there were blanks. He was available to answer questions of the veterans, family members, and friends relative to Old Buckenham and the many missions flown, the ground crews, etc. The veterans recognized that there were going to be some items that would not be accepted, but wanted it to go to an institution which would make the albums, paperwork, etc. accessible for study and review, and be housed where it would be properly preserved. The fellows designated Don Olds, Group Historian and me to find a suitable place.

Since then, I have consulted with members of the Heritage League Board who are familiar with various institutions that have archival facilities, and contacted several regarding the collection in Don's care. We found that one must be in touch with each institution to find out whether it is accepting donations, and what kind of items are desired. Someone from each facility returned my enquiry with a letter listing items currently being accepted. There were variations. Examples included: the donor is expected to submit an inventory of his collection and, in some cases, estimate an approximate value of the items to be donated, and include pictures of the items to show the quality of the item. The primary lesson Don and I learned from our research is that the institutions want to receive original items, whether photos with as many names as possible, or documents such as orders, letters, etc. Generally, photocopies

and newsletters are not accepted. This one step takes time and isn't always resolved with the first contact.

After I spoke to Trust Librarian, Elizabeth Morgan, while visiting Norwich, toured the library storage facilities, and reviewed with Don the list of items that the library was accepting, we made the decision to send the items to the Memorial Library. Shipping those items can be expensive. We tried various shipping companies, got estimates of charges with and without possible discounts, and then grew very frustrated. While discussing the situation with our Vice-President Mike Simpson, he suggested trying the US Postal Service. Mike explained that he has had a satisfying experience and looked up shipping rates on line as we spoke. I passed the information on to Don Olds. He was pleased and found the post office the most affordable of the options that we investigated. Thus, the "precious" album shipments began. Don wrote that after the second shipment he was beginning to get the "hang of the process." It does take time to fill out the custom forms for the donations and the forms need to be filled out in some detail and accurately.

Don has nearly all of the items sent to Norwich. Each has arrived in good condition within approximately ten days of shipping from the Midwest. To date all has been satisfactory. We look forward to a time in the future when the albums will be digitized and on line for all to see. In the meantime, we feel that the collection has found a home where it will be appreciated, available for study and housed in a manner that will preserve it for the future. Members of the Heritage League Board, Mike Simpson, Brian Mahoney, and Chris Clark, were a tremendous help as they shared information and advice to aid Don and me to fulfill the wishes of the 453rd Bomb Group veterans.

Thank You, Don

by Jenny Christian and Libby Morgan, 2nd Air Division Memorial Library

Over the years we've been fortunate enough to acquire many excellent photographs of Liberators, crews and more, but Don's albums are unique. Whilst they certainly contain many fine shots of crews and their aircraft, there are also many more of scenes that we don't get to see often, if at all. These are of the guys who kept things going on the ground—and not just servicing and repairing the aircraft. There's the armaments shop, communications room, NCO bar, sheet metal shop and Red Cross nurses. There are supply missions to France and a liberty run to Paris at Christmas—oh, and a guy called James Stewart! An added bonus, and invaluable to researchers, most people featured in the photographs are named.

In many ways these photographs tell 'the story' more effectively than the written word, giving us unique insight into the day-to-day lives of all those who served with the 453rd Bomb Group here in Norfolk during WWII.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Don for donating these wonderful albums to the Memorial Library. Thank you, Don!



Personnel and English lads. English youth Pat Ramm and an unknown friend joined the GLs for a photo. Pat remained an untiring friend of the 453rd Bomb Group, laying wreaths each year on Memorial Day and Remembrance Day, attending reunions, and acting as a guide of the Old Buckenham base as long as he was able.



Ready to capture the action on film.



"Pin-up Guy" Sgt. William Sharp.



"Forceps please!" Lifesavers at work.



Feline comfortably CAP-tured.

Call for Volunteers to Power Our Mission

by Chris Clark, VP for Volunteers

As I have asked in past issues of this Herald, we are always looking for people who can run projects that we would like to get done but just don't have the time to accomplish. Can you take on a project from the start; do what is needed to see the project to completion? We are also looking for someone to help with the digitizing of past Second Air Division Journals.

Have you written a grant request? The Heritage League is looking for help with obtaining grants from such organizations as Daughters of the American Revolution, which can help us with the digitizing of the journals.

Does any VETERAN have a story that you would like to tell us? We would really love to print something from you vets!!! A story about your crew, a mission that went well? A mission that did not go well? Did you meet anyone like Mrs. Belfore (a great poem from the last Herald issue)?

Does any family member have a story about their veteran? We need some new stories, so put on your thinking cap out there, sharpen your pencil, (or key board) and write, write, write it down.

My contact info is on the back cover.

Flower Fund Update #4

by Christopher Clark

Since March of 2014 when the Heritage League Executive Committee started a Flower Fund back in Issue #54, three quick years have gone by. This update is to say thank you for this past fund effort over the Christmas holidays. The purpose of the Flower Fund is to place a flower wreath at each of the 13 American Battle Monument Commission cemeteries that hold Second Air Division Airmen. Again, a big THANK YOU to all of those who gave a little extra to the Flower Fund.

Donation info: Make your check payable to "The Heritage League" and in the check memo write "Flower Fund". Send to: Marybeth Dyer (458th) 6410 Valley Oak Plaza, Martinez, CA 94553. Marybeth will record this and send it to our Treasurer, Sue Risley.

Shopping Alert



The Heritage League is participating in the Amazon Smile program. The idea is simple: you shop Amazon Smile and

they donate a portion of the proceeds to the Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division—USAAF.

Here is how it works: visit <http://smile.amazon.com>. Log in with your Amazon account username and password. If you don't have an account, create one.

Select the (charity) Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division—USAAF.

In the future, whenever you shop Amazon, shop smile.amazon.com, the Heritage League (name) will be on the top.

Best part—every eligible purchase is a donation. It's easy and we all win. Thanks for the support.

Special League Supporter

by Brian Mahoney photo via Beverly Baynes Tomb

We have just learned of the March 11th death of the ultimate 'Representative of the 2ADA to the Heritage League,' 392nd veteran and Honorary Life Member Oak Mackey. With his wife of 62 years, Maxine, he was a stalwart advocate for a strong and enduring Heritage League, when such was critical within Second Air Division Association leadership. In this role, they followed long-time representatives Jim and Mary Lorenz (466th), who as a couple were in the first class of inductees to our Hall of Fame.

In 2012, we were proud to induct Maxine, who died the year before, into the Heritage League Hall of Fame, the first posthumous inductee. We made the presentation to Oak at our convention in Chicago, also the Second Air Division Association's last. The Mackeys, as members and officers, participated significantly in the 392nd BG Association, as well as in the 2ADA and the League.

HL Executive VP Mike Simpson was able to represent us officially at the funeral, and offered much appreciated remarks.

Oak, 94, was the last of 7 Oklahoma siblings. After 33 combat missions, Oak was a career commercial aviation pilot. He and Maxine raised 6 children who have been kind enough to request memorial contributions to the Heritage League in Oak's name, and we invite our readers to join in this very suitable commemoration. Send checks to Treasurer Sue Risley, indicating Oak Mackey on the memo line. Back page of each Herald gives contact info for all of your HL Executive Committee members.



HL President Beverly Baynes Tomb shares a smile with Oak Mackey after the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Heritage League in Omaha, NE. Barb Mello is seated in the background.

Memories of the 35th Annual 2nd Air Division Southern California Luncheon

story and photos by Beverly Baynes Tomb

Galpin Ford Motors of Van Nuys, CA and the Heritage League of the Second Air Division (USAAF) sponsored the 35th Southern California Regional Brunch of the Second Air Division, Eighth Air Force on June 4, 2016 at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in Van Nuys, CA. World War II veterans, family and friends marked the 72nd anniversary of D-Day and the 71st anniversary of V-E Day on a perfect warm, sunny California day.

Brett & Betty Boeckmann represented Brett's parents, Bert and Jane Boeckmann represented Galpin Ford, and President Beverly Baynes Tomb represented the Heritage League. Peggy Learman and her daughter Kelly Learman Browne organized the event, with special guests, Matthieu Clouvel, Deputy Consul General

for France in Los Angeles and Marthe Cohn, a French, Jewish spy during WWII.

Bill A. Jones, graciously performed the Master of Ceremonies duties and entertained the gathering as he has for several years. The lovely Christina Challey, of the Paper Dolls, dressed in seamed stockings and a WWII uniform, charmed the veterans with her singing and dancing. The "9 Carat Gold" band played wonderful Big Band music of the WWII era after the luncheon on the outdoor terrace.

Keynote speaker was History Professor Roger McGrath, a Marine veteran. Barbara Betts spoke about the experience of her late husband Bert Betts. Beverly Tomb read from her Dad's memoirs, and Elmo Maiden shared some of his experiences as a B-24 pilot.



Barbara Betts speaks about her late husband, Bert Betts. Her son, Bruce Betts, also shared information about his father.



Peggy Learman arranged for a Civil Air Patrol color guard to open the luncheon.



The Dining Room at 94th Aero Squadron was set up with WWII-era posters, a "Missing Man" table set in the corner, and memorabilia on each table.



Elmo Maiden and Marthe Cohn, (yes, she really is that petite) both wearing their French Legion of Honor medal. Marthe was a French, Jewish spy during WWII, and has spoken at prior 2AD Luncheons.



Elmo Maiden dances with his daughter Nancy Maiden Shattuck.



The "9 Carat Gold" Band.



Barbara Betts and son Bruce Betts take a spin on the dance floor to the music of the "9 Carat Gold" band.

Jack was a Navigator on a B-24 during WWII, and came with his lovely wife and some fascinating documents showing both the planned and actual flight path on one of his missions.



HL President Beverly Baynes Tomb in the packed dining room listening to the pre-lunch presentations.



Patrick Byrne wrote the invocation that Beverly Tomb used at our 2014 Reunion in Norwich England, and she was delighted to meet him in person at the D-Day luncheon. Both had fathers who were veterans of the 2nd Air Division.



The generous co-sponsors of the luncheon from Galpin Ford, Brett & Betty Boeckmann, chat with Peggy Fish Learman, the amazing organizer of the event.



A serenade by Christina Challey brings a big smile to the face of WWII B-24 pilot Will Davis after the luncheon.



Inspired by the music of the "9 Carat Gold" band accompanying the vocals of Bill Jones and Christina Challey, WWII B-24 pilot Will Davis dances and even dips his wife Dee!



Sponsors from Galpin Ford, Brett & Betty Boeckmann, pose with Matthieu Clouvel, Deputy Consul General for France in Los Angeles with his son Soral, and Kelly Learman Browne, who assisted her mother Peggy with the event.



WWII veteran Bill Brown with his son Randy, attended the luncheon. Bill even danced with the lovely Hollywood performer, Christina Challey.

The lovely Hollywood performer, Christina Challey, dressed in seamed stockings and a WWII uniform, charmed the veterans with her singing and dancing and sparkling smile.

Prime Source Documents Say a Lot in a Few Words

Ask Us Your Questions; Send Us Your Observations.

(Brian Mahoney & Chris Clark)

December 22, 1944.

Mrs. Mina B. Burke,
278 East Broadway Street,
Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Burke:

For reasons of military security it has been necessary to withhold the names of the air crew members who were serving with your son at the time he was reported missing.

Since it is now permissible to release this information, we are inclosing a complete list of names of the crew members.

The names and addresses of the next of kin of the men are also given in the belief that you may desire to correspond with them.

Sincerely yours,

Clyde V. Finter
CLYDE V. FINTER
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

1 Incl
List of crew members & names
& addresses of next of kin

1st Lt. Charles B. McCann	2 Mrs. Louise B. McCann (mother) 3250 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.
1st Lt. Richard A. Fromm	3 Mr. Charles E. Ludwig (father) 2710 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.
2nd Lt. Edward Anthony Globis	Mr. Joseph A. Globis (father) 3961 South Campbell Street, Chicago, Illinois.
T/Sgt. Joseph J. Rackis	Mrs. Josephine Rackis (mother) 13 Main Street, Somerville, Connecticut.
T/Sgt. Russell C. Lene	Mrs. Marjorie A. Lene (wife) c/o R E A Office, Benson, Minnesota.
S/Sgt. Raymond E. Bence, Jr.,	Mrs. Bertha A. Bence (mother) 24 Atherton Street, Braintree, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt. William N. Brower	Mrs. Ruth E. Brower (wife) 1512 Lawrence Street, Rahway, New Jersey.
S/Sgt. Joseph F. Williams	Mrs. Frances J. Tahaney (sister) 32 Thorndike Avenue, Beverly, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt. Lee H. Coffin	Mrs. Mina B. Burke (mother) 278 East Broadway Street, Milford Connecticut.

Always In Our Hearts and Minds—Pearl Neale

by Colin Mann

It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of Pearl Neale who died peacefully on Monday 28th November at 1 pm.

For many years, Pearl was Secretary and Treasurer of the Friends and organized our Thanksgiving dinners for 100-plus people in several different venues. She also accompanied many coach trips to interesting places, all to raise funds and awareness of the 2nd AD and the Memorial Library. Her late husband, David, who was a Korean War veteran from the Royal Navy, had been Chairman and newsletter editor of the Friends, and was succeeded in the former role by myself.



Pearl Neale, (in red), center, pictured with cane, with members of 93rd Bombardment Group Association at Madingley American Cemetery in England. Pearl and her husband David, who predeceased her, were both great supporters of the 2nd AD and founder members of 'The Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial library.'

I first met them at the 93rd Bomb Group Museum where she was quick to recruit me as a member of the Friends. The 93rd always held a special place in both their hearts.

Certificate of Appreciation ***Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial***

The Committee and members of the Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial wish to acknowledge:

Mrs. Pearl Neale

For her long service in the Friends as membership secretary and treasurer, her long and tireless work to raise funds and awareness of the friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial and keeping the Anglo-American friendship and warmth going for another generation, her organizing of events and trips, film shows and the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Friends and embodies perfectly the selfless acts of remembrance of which we the Friends value so highly.



Paying Our Respects At The Wall of the Missing...

story and photo via Beverly Baynes Tomb

At the American Cemetery, Cambridge, by the Wall of the Missing on Veterans Day 2016 are Stan Bishop, who placed the wreath for the 8th Air Force Historical Society (8AFHS), Jeff Hawley, representative of 8AFHS in England, Beverly Baynes Tomb, HL President, who placed the wreath for the Heritage League and Colin Mann, special friend of the Heritage League in England. Of the 5,127 names behind them on the Wall of the Missing, 905 belong to 2nd Air Division personnel. (Note: Stan Bishop and his brother Cliff Bishop have written many books on the 8th Air Force.)

In Memory of Frank Grdenich

by Kathy Grdenich Fleming



Kathy Grdenich Fleming wrote this poem in memory of her Uncle Frank Grdenich who crashed in France in his P-38 on June 19, 1944. This is what she feels he would say to those who survived WWII. Hopefully she will write a future article about the research she did to find him, and the ceremony in Aubusson France where his remains are buried.

Your Fallen Comrades

*Though I am not here with you
I had my goal in sight.*

*We won the battle and the war
And Hitler lost the fight.*

*Thank you all for standing
And being by my side.*

*The day my life was taken
I know, inside you cried.*

*But, everything is fine now
Yes, freedom's price was paid.
Just remember what you fought for
And don't let that memory fade.*

*You were always my support
I valued what you'd say.
Friends in war are precious
Cherish what you share this day.*

*But as for me, please do not cry
For there will come a day.
When you and I will meet again
And goodbye we'll never say.*

— Kathy Grdenich Fleming, 2000

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Bombs Away! —Anthology of B-17 and B-24 Bombing Missions...

by Ralph Welsh, Laura Joakimson, Ed., Vol. 1 327 pp, Vol. 2 260 pp, both with photos, glossary, un-indexed, \$17 and \$14 respectively, from Amazon. Reviewed by Brian Mahoney

This enjoyable book is an expansion and reorganization of an earlier self-published work (“Wow!”) by the same author, which had been favorably reviewed in the 8th Air Force News. The author flew 33 missions out of Seething with the 448th BG. With some still-valuable exceptions, the articles concern 8th AF writers and anecdotes from WWII, many of which have been lovingly gleaned from various publications and saved over the years. There are also a handful of un-credited articles in each volume where our anthologist-author speaks well and clearly to us on a range of subjects from WWII in Europe, and a few interesting post-war items broadly related to the men and events of that time. For example, he eulogizes the great Jimmy Doolittle, who died in 1993, and describes the B-47 jet of the 1950s in technological succession to ‘heavies’ of the 1940s. Herald readers will likely recognize the names of several of the article authors, who served in the 2nd Air Division and stayed active in associations of their groups. The articles have been selected, it seems, for good readability and imparted insights. This format, with hundreds of items each less than three pages, and the authenticity of airmen ‘who were there’ makes the book readable in short and enjoyable sittings—perfect for your nightstand—but also tempting to read right through. Without being overly technical, many of them do add richness and detail on subjects with which one may already be broadly familiar. It is a nice read for the general audience with a taste for irony, humor, insight, and human interest, but also deserving of a close reading by the more advanced student of ‘the war.’ A good anthologist at least has an ear for good storytellers and, in this case, he himself shines through as a great raconteur himself.



Masters of the Air —America’s Bomber Boys Who Fought The Air War Against Nazi Germany

by Donald L. Miller. Simon & Schuster Paperbacks; \$20 soft cover, 671 pp; map, newly published photographs, index. Reviewed by Christopher Clark

The first thing that caught my eye recently in my favorite book store was the title of this brilliant work on my favorite subject—World War II, and specifically the air war in the European theatre. If you are reading this, you have some connection to the 8th United States Army Air Forces. In evaluating a non-fiction book, one of the first things I like to look at is the index. Miller’s index is good—38 pages breaking out this scholarly research of easy-to-read text by one of today’s best writer’s on this subject. (Previous work includes *D-Day in the Pacific* and *The Story of World War II*.) Next I look at the bibliography (31 pages in this case) to see the sources that are used. To my complete and utter joy, Mr. Miller cites as one of his sources, that jewel perpetuating Second Air Division legacy, “the Second Air Division Memorial Library, Norwich, England.” Miller not only cites NARA, National Archives and Records Admin., but the HOLY GRAIL of research of the bomber boys, Record Group 18 that holds the original records, produced in Europe during the war by the groups that were there. This is where the Heritage League went last September during our “Research and Reflection” reunion. The Heritage League mission played out there, when the HL helped aerial gunner Sam Mastrogiacomo (445th) prove his three claims of shooting down German Fighters on a single mission, plus his two other ‘kills,’ making Sam an Aerial Ace. Next, I look at the foot notes. Mr. Miller again shows his scholarly hard work: a total of 520 notes run to 80 pages. I respected this book before I even read the story. Miller will grab your attention from the first page and not let go. For someone like myself who has read mountains of info, data, and stories and likely even for those who actually flew a mission, Donald Miller places the reader in that

bomber aircraft. His story telling and the use of all the facts make this book, in my opinion, a must read. (This is the book that is now being made into a movie by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks; Google “8th Air Force movie trailer.”) Go to the World War Two section of your favorite book store, and buy this book. You will not be disappointed.

We appreciate the generous gifts from members inspired by an individual to whom we are all connected. We wish to thank members who have given the Heritage League recent contributions as follows:

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF

James Arthur Adovasio (Jim Adovasio)
Franklyn Bachman (Helen Bachman)
Albert H. Biel (Barbara Mello)
Francis P. Birmingham (Amy Meier)
Francis P. Birmingham (Robert Birmingham)
Francis P. Birmingham (Shary Whalen)
Francis P. Birmingham (Marie Sanchez)
Francis P. Birmingham (Mark Meuer)
Francis P. Birmingham (Joan Davis)
Francis P. Birmingham (Karen Cormia)
Francis P. Birmingham (Irene Hurner)
Francis P. Birmingham (Eric Paul)
Charles H. Booth, Jr. (Col. Charles H. Booth, Jr.)
Julian Braun (Patrick Finnegan)
Alfred F. Brunner (Patricia Botie)
Norman J. Canfield (Caroline Canfield)
Clarence “Bud” Chamberlain (Dana Chamberlain)
SSgt. Charles Franklin Clark (Chris Clark)
William Croft (Carol Wagner)
Francis Di Mola (Jennifer Di Mola)
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Burton Madison (Deborah Simms-Watson)
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1st Lt. Sarah A. Massaro (Fred Massaro)
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Major Kenneth W. Root, Jr. (James Root)
SSgt. Gale M. Rucker, (491st) (Stephen Rucker)
William F. (Bill) Sheely (Billy Sheely Johnson)
Col. William R. Smith (Connie Heffner)
George W. Smith (458th) (April Reed)
Jack (John) E. Stevens (Pam Stevens)
Fred Strombom (Mari Johnson)
J. Fred Thomas (Terry Johnson)

—Folded Wings—

<i>Samuel Poppel</i>	01/10/14	392 nd
<i>Richard Rosenberry</i>	05/02/14	492 nd
<i>Vince Lozowicki</i>	05/30/14	389 th
<i>Hardy Richard</i>	11/30/15	392 nd
<i>Fred Holdrege</i>	02/13/16	467 th
<i>Clifford Bouche</i>	08/25/16	491 st
<i>Earl Monroe Hawkins</i>	11/06/16	466 th
<i>Abner Musser</i>	12/06/16	445 th
<i>Francis Birmingham</i>	12/27/16	458 th
<i>Charles Dyott</i>	01/17/17	458 th
<i>Oak Mackey</i>	03/11/17	392 nd

Minutes of Heritage League Annual Membership Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn, Arlington, VA Thursday, September 15, 2016

President Beverly B. Tomb called us to order at 10 am. Marybeth Dyer gave an invocation remembering her father, and Ralph Winter then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Beverly recognized the attending veterans and spouses, first from the Second World War, and then from all military service. She then pointed out 2AD Memorial Librarian Libby Morgan in her welcome. As a bit of 'show-and-tell,' she held aloft some of our early records, specifically Book #1, brought by Previous President Billy Sheely Johnson, along with other legacy records that Beverly will now store for the League.

Reports

President Beverly Tomb. In absence of Communications VP Lisa Niehoff, Beverly reviewed recent website revisions by Mike Simpson (webmaster as well as Executive VP), our Facebook page (now with over 300 'likes'), and forthcoming Herald (#60, our third for this year). She updated us on the ongoing Flower Program, recently enlarged to include Veterans' Day at Cambridge, and complicated by the cessation of one-point ordering through the American Battle Monuments Commission, for flowers at the 13 sites holding 2AD dead or commemorating those still missing. She mentioned volunteer opportunities and specifically outlined the upcoming project to digitize the full run of the 2AD Journal in the coming year, using both volunteers and grant funds (in application) to scan and produce accurate, searchable text layers of each page. Beverly indicated that our next annual meeting and reunion would, once again, be alongside the 8th Air Force Historical Society, in New Orleans, September 27th-October 1, 2017.

Executive VP Mike Simpson was unable to attend, but was recognized for his substantial contributions to our website and to the Mighty D8a Project.

Treasurer Sue Risley reported \$42,793 on hand after outstanding bills of \$1,670 are paid. She explained that our healthy balance is in substantial part owing to the generosity of the Bernie Newmark bequest, and donations from the 2ADA and various bomb group associations as they dissolved over the previous three years. Sue reiterated the importance of high value volunteers; if we can find one to lay out the Herald, we will eliminate our largest single regular expense.

Secretary Brian Mahoney asked if there were corrections to the published minutes of the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting, and hearing none, those minutes are now accepted as final. He read into the record the Delegate Committee Report, and explained that the Executive Committee continues to make effective use of online meetings (Skype) and shared collections of files (Dropbox). He augmented Beverly's mention of the digitization project by referencing the fully searchable digital collection of all Heralds from #31 onward, and how that scheme will apply to the full run of the Journal.

Communications VP Lisa Niehoff was unable to attend, but was commended for her continuing amazing work in producing the newsletter.

Membership VP Marybeth Dyer reported that, after long years of steady and even surprising continued growth, we are finally seeing a slight contraction in our total rolls, and that as the vets die, legacy members often lose interest. We need to grow our younger membership in the 3rd and subsequent generations. As of August 1, with the closing of the 2016 renewal drive, we have 411 active members. 183 of these are Honorary Life Members (2AD vets) or their widows in a few instances, and 228 are dues-paying regular or legacy members. She reminded all that renewal is now possible on the website with payment through PayPal. Member contributions to the

Flower Fund in this cycle totaled \$750.

VP for Volunteers Chris Clark reported that member direct support for the Flower Fund was very strong and encouraging and acknowledged Brian's work and the desirability of others helping in the now complex annual ordering of floral decorations for Memorial Day and D-Day commemorations at American overseas cemeteries. He indicated that the 'volunteer application form' is up and running now on the website, and encourages all interested to use it to let us know what tasks we may tap them for, as an all-volunteer organization with so many ways to actualize our mission. He also mentioned the Journal digitization project as ripe for a motivated 'project manager' volunteer.

Special Reports

- Beverly read aloud a warm letter to us from Mary and Jim Lorenz. They served for many years as our very effective Liaisons from the 2ADA to the Heritage League and on our Executive Committee, providing keen, timely, modern advice in all areas.
- Beverly read from Trust Chair Richard Middleton's nice message to the convention.
- 2AD Memorial Trust Librarian Libby Morgan, attending from Norwich, reported on the recent activities and successes of The Library. Jennifer Holland retired at the end of September, 2 new part-time staff have been added, and the passing of Tony North (onetime librarian and notable B-24 historian and artist). She described the American Scholar program, endowed by the Chuck Walker Fund is strong in its second cycle now, sending two Brits to the US for academic work. She went online to show us the 2AD Digital Archives website based on holdings at the Norfolk Records Office. Projected full digitization costs are in the £40-50,000 range, but not presently planned. A revised Memorial Library brochure is now available, in print and digitally. The "8th in The East" multi-year cultural and archaeological project is wrapping up, having

been a great success.

- The Mighty D8a Project (pronounced 'Mighty Data'), operating in its second year under League auspices, was reported on briefly by Brian. Chris rang in on its ultimate value as a comprehensive research tool and accessible presentation of heretofore unassembled prime source data. It will make interpretation and presentation of the story of the Eighth USAAF in WWII clearer for future generations.

Presentation

Gold Star member Ralph Winter was given a Certificate of Appreciation, in light of his substantial work on the reunion committee.

Adjournment 11:05

Meeting Delegates (attendees):

Cathy Leopold Aiello and
Rhoda Leopold (466th)
Bob and Jim Birmingham (458th vet and son)
Chris Clark (489th/44th)
Barb and Harold Coverdale (2 AD Headquarters)
Marybeth and Steve Dyer (458th)
Allan Hallett (389th vet)
Dave Hart and Sue Risley (446th)
Tom Johnson (467th)
Billy Sheely Johnson
(Gold Star daughter, 492nd)
Mary Betz Lord and Richard Lord (458th)
Brian Mahoney (492nd/467th)
Sharon and Bill Marcander (392nd)
Sam and Joan Mastrogiacomo
(445th vet and wife)
Coleen Mersmen (491st/44th)
Russell Neatrour (453rd vet)
Don O'Reilly (491st/44th vet)
Martha Pedersen (44th)
Beverly Baynes Tomb (466th)
Viki and Kurt Warning (466th)
Shary Whalen (458th)
Ralph Winter (Gold Star son, 392nd)

8th Air Force Historical Society/ Heritage League Convention 2017 Sept. 27—Oct. 1, 2017 Hilton—New Orleans Airport

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

1:00pm - 6:00pm	Reunion Registration
1:00pm	Memorabilia/Gathering room open throughout reunion
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Welcome Reception, followed by dinner on your own
7:00pm - 9:00pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
7:00pm -	Hospitality Suites open

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30am - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast for Package #1 participants
8:00am - 11:30am	Reunion Registration Open
9:30am - 2:30pm	WWII MUSEUM <i>(description follows)</i>
1:00pm - 6:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Curator's Corner
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Buffet Dinner w/ Speaker (tbd)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30am - 8:30am	Full Breakfast for Meal Package participants
8:00am - 11:30am	Reunion Registration Open
8:00am - 9:15am	Group Meetings
9:30am - 2:30pm	WWII MUSEUM <i>(description follows)</i>
1:00pm - 6:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Q & A WWII Vets
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Cash Bar Reception
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Rendezvous Dinners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30am - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast for Meal Package participants
8:30am - 12:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
8:45am - 10:15am	General Membership Meeting
10:30am - 12:30pm	Researchers/Webmasters Meeting
10:30am - 3:30pm	CITY TOUR <i>(description follows)</i>
10:45am - 3:45pm	PLANTATION TOUR <i>(description follows)</i>
12:00pm - 3:30pm	8th AFHS Board Meeting
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Reunion Registration Open
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Cash Bar Reception at the hotel
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Transport from hotel to WWII Museum for Banquet
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Gala Dinner and Program, followed by transportation back to hotels.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30am - 8:30am	Full Breakfast for Meal Package participants
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**8th AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REUNION
HILTON NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT
SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 1, 2017**

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please see the information on the hotel and make your reservations immediately. Once your hotel reservation is confirmed, proceed with the activity registration. See choices below and complete the Registration Form noting your event choices and personal information. By "WWII GROUP," we're asking for the group or unit in which you served (specific Bomb Group, Fighter Group, PRG, HQ, etc.). We use this information for tallying totals for each group, nametags, and seating arrangements. If you prefer to sit with a different group, please give us that information too. We do not need your squadron. Remit by mail with check or money order payable to Armed Forces Reunions by August 25, 2017. You may also register and pay with credit card online at www.afr-reg.com/8afhs2017. A 3.5% convenience fee will be added to online credit card reservations. Forms received after August 25 will be accepted on a space available basis only. Hotel reservations should also be made by August 25, 2017.

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MEALS / EVENTS CHOICES

Meal Packages are intended only for those staying at the headquarters hotel, The Hilton New Orleans Airport. Please confirm your hotel reservation first, before proceeding with the activity/meal registration.

MEAL PACKAGE 1 \$232

Package includes 4 breakfasts at the hotel on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and dinners on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

MEAL PACKAGE 2 \$162

Package includes 3 breakfasts at the hotel on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, along with dinners on Friday and Saturday.

The continental breakfasts include juice, assorted breakfast breads, oatmeal, and coffee. The breakfast buffets include juice, fruit, hard-boiled eggs, sausage biscuits, cereal/milk, and coffee/tea.

CHOICE #3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Thursday's Buffet at \$51 is included in Package 1 but can be purchased separately. Friday's Rendezvous Dinner at \$40 and Saturday's Banquet at \$50 can be purchased separately as well, but are included in both packages above.

TOUR OPTIONS

Tours and trips are described on the Reunion Highlights Pages. Prices are listed on the registration form. Driver and Staff gratuities are not included in the tour prices. All trips require a minimum of 35 people. Please be at the bus boarding area five minutes prior to the departure time.

HILTON NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT – NEW ORLEANS, LA**(504) 469-5000 or (800) 445-8667**www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/louisiana/hilton-new-orleans-airport-MSYAHHH/index.html**Location**

901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062

Located directly across from the Louis Armstrong International Airport and just minutes from downtown New Orleans

Reservation Information

Please call (504) 469-5000 and reference the 8th Air Force Historical Society or you can go to www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/louisiana/hilton-new-orleans-airport-MSYAHHH/index.html and use Group Code **AFH**

Group Name: 8th Air Force Historical Society**Reunion Dates:** September 27-October 1, 2017**Rate:** \$129 + tax (currently 14.75%). Group rate will be available three days before and after the reunion dates, based on space and rate availability.**Room Rate Discount:** In an effort to make the reunion more affordable, the Society will offset the room rate by \$10 (plus tax) each night (up to 4 nights). Rates will be confirmed at \$129, and then the \$10 discount will be adjusted at the front desk. Please confirm the final rate of \$119 at check-in.**Cut off Date:** 08/25/17. Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival date, after this time a charge of one nights room plus tax will be charged to credit card. An early check-out fee of \$50 will be charged if you depart the hotel prior to your original check-out date. Please advise the hotel of any changes to your dates before arriving at the hotel to ensure no extra charges occur.**Overflow Hotel:** There is a strong likelihood that the Hilton Airport will sell out of rooms at the group rate. Please make your hotel reservation first, and then proceed with the activity registration form. Only those confirmed at the Hilton Airport should register for a meal package, as transportation to/from the overflow hotel can't be guaranteed for the group breakfasts. If you find the hotel has sold out, please check the following webpages for updates on overflow hotel plans:www.afri-reg.com/8afhs2017 or www.8thafhs.org/reunion/. You may also call 757-625-6401 for more information.We strongly discourage you from making reservations at other hotels without first finding out where 8th AFHS has contracted additional rooms.**Unit Hospitality Rooms & Friday Events**

A limited number of hotel meeting rooms on the main floor will be used as hospitality rooms for individual groups, as well as meetings and dinners on Friday. Rooms will be available to set up beginning Wednesday afternoon, and should be vacated by Saturday night at 11:30pm. Groups are allowed to bring in their own beverages and dry snacks, and ice will be provided. These rooms will be used for unit business meetings and dinners on Friday, as well, based on groups meeting the minimum number required (tbd based on final counts). Hospitality Room bars must be closed when Receptions show on the reunion agenda (each evening). Rooms will be assigned based on the size of the group after the cut-off date and may need to be shared if lots of groups are interested. Please contact Donna Lee, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. at DonnaLee@afri.com by May 1 to let her know if your group is interested in a hospitality room.

Parking & Shuttle Information

The Hilton New Orleans Airport will offer reunion attendees a 50% discount off the daily parking fee which is currently \$10. The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport; operating 24 hours a day on demand. The van pickups at the Transportation Center, are located on the first-floor lower level across from the baggage claim area. The shuttle drops off curbside on the second-floor departure level per airport regulations.

Wheelchair Rental

ScotAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit www.scotaround.com for more information or to make reservations.

8th AFHS Activity Registration Form–Sept. 27 - Oct.1, 2017

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will participate in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as confirmation. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/8afhs2017 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received on or before August 25, 2017. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. Your contact information will be shared only with reunion attendees.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

322 Madison Mews

Norfolk, VA 23510

ATTN: 8th AFHS

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/25/17

	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Includes meeting expenses and other reunion expenses.	\$40		\$
Reg. Fee for children ages 8-16 attending more than 1 function & staying at hotel	\$25		\$
<u>MEAL PACKAGES</u>			
<i>Package #1 includes 7 meals beginning with breakfast on Thursday</i>	\$232		\$
<i>Package #2 includes 5 meals beginning with breakfast on Friday</i>	\$162		\$
<u>SEPARATELY PRICED MEALS (if not purchasing a package)</u>			
Thursday, 9/28: Dinner Buffet (Braised Beef & Fried Catfish)	\$51		\$
Friday, 9/29: Rendezvous Dinner (Chicken Piccata)	\$40		\$
Saturday, 9/30: Banquet Buffet at the WWII Museum – transportation included. (Beef Tips & Mildly Blackened Redfish)	\$50		\$
<u>TOURS</u>			
Thursday & Friday, 9/28-29: World War II Museum (box lunch included both days)			
WWII Veterans Price	\$66		\$
All Other Attendees Price	\$94		\$
Please choose one of the following two tours:			
Saturday, 9/30: City Tour	\$39		\$
Saturday, 9/30: Plantation Tour	\$77		\$
Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u>			\$

Please Print. **If a WWII Veteran is registering on this form, please list his name first.**

MEMBER NAME (for nametag) _____ ☐ VETERAN ☐ NEXT GEN ☐ OTHER

IF A VETERAN, PLEASE CIRCLE: WWII Cold War Era Korea Vietnam Gulf War Desert Storm Iraq Other _____

WWII GROUP AFFILIATION FOR UNIT TOTALS & SEATING ARRANGEMENTS (please list BG, not BS) _____ /Heritage League

SPOUSE NAME (if attending) _____

GUEST NAMES _____ ☐ NEXT GEN

PHONE # (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM. WHERE IS YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION CONFIRMED? ☐ HILTON AIRPORT ☐ 8AFHS OFFICIAL OVERFLOW HOTEL ☐ OTHER

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

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ANSWERS TO YOUR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

-by Pete O'Tube, Expert
(Chris Clark and Brian Mahoney)

The first time the Herald ran this semi-regular column, in Issue #31 (Fall 2002) was nearly 15 years ago... coincidentally about the time Secretary and Past-President Brian Mahoney came on board. We figured that its explanation of the column name, a rather good read in its own right, would be of interest to those who have not otherwise realized that it is a pun. It has been 'a while' since Pete last penned a fresh column (#54, August 2014) but he has several unanswered reader-questions for which he is gathering informative answers. VP for Volunteers Chris Clark has recently made himself available to Mr. O'Tube as a plucky researcher, which seems to have re-energized Pete! —Eds.

Dear Pete,

Some folks may think this letter is some sort of a 'put-up job,' just because your column is brand new and you are already getting question letters like this. But, I guess we need to start somewhere, and maybe if other readers are clever enough to wonder about that, then we will get them to keep you busy with even more interesting questions! So, here's mine; where'd ya get the unusual name from?-

—Konfuzed in Kankakee

Dear Konnie,

Well, the flattering picture of me above does not show those strange stalks you have noticed coming out of the "cheeks" of the front end of a Lib. I had 'em surgically removed by a clever guy with an artistic license. (Couldn't get him to pin back the ears, but that is another story...) Back in my flying days, though, my pilots needed to know their air speed. Those two prongs were my pitot tubes—rhymes with my name!) Holes at their leading points admitted air from way out in the airstream, where it was not yet disturbed by the bow wave from my, er, um, BLUNT nose. Indicated air speed is only the same as ground speed when there are NO winds moving the airmass I am flying in. But I can tell you of plenty

of times when we were in such a strong headwind that our ground speed was very slow, and the German flak gunners had lots of time to perfect their aim. And taking off or landing I always wanted to be heading into the wind, so that my indicated air speed was above my stall speed. My lifting and control surfaces are no good without enough air passing over them. When my air speed indicator, connected to the pitot tubes, showed I had achieved the correct calculated airspeed, the pilot could 'rotate,' which is fancy for point me up in the sky and take off. This was usually just as we were about running out of runway and starting to sweat a bit.

Dear Pete,

What's the deal with that dripshaped thing along the top of Liberator, and under the chin of a B-17, and seen on a host of WWII era planes?

—Ima Taken

Dear Ms. Taken,

Some guys called it 'the football'; it contained a circular wire loop antenna, which could be freely rotated inside that aerodynamic housing without being damaged by the wind. Once the radio operator turned that loop for strongest reception of a certain radio signal, it would be pointing at the beacon, the location of which was shown on the maps. By repeating the exercise while strongly tuning the signal from a beacon at a different location, he could plot the two lines and have a pretty accurate indication of his position. It was called the Automatic Direction Finder, or ADF. (Thanks to M/Sgt. James Peters, an internet friend who flew as top-turret gunner/radio operator on a B-17, for help on this one.)

—Got a question about an acronym or a procedure? Pete will try his darndest if you e-mail him at archivist@brianmahoney.com. Use the subject line "Question4Pete."

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