



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Our President

This year, 1960, marks another milestone in the race of time. It has been 15 short years since we left our posts in England and scattered to the forty-eight states and even beyond the States; and it has been 15 long years since we have seen or heard from or heard of, many of our friends from whom we parted in 1945.

A war took us from all walks of life, regardless of religion, education, social or financial standings; from every state in the United States; and threw us together in England to sleep under one roof, eat at one table, and serve under one command. We lived, worked, laughed, cried and prayed together for one, two, three and even four years. Through this constant association, friendships were fostered and developed which will live in our memories for the rest of our days.

This is the year to revive these old and treasured friendships. Meet your buddies in Washington, D. C. this October 11th and 15th. Invite your old friends who may not have heard about our reunions. Bring your wife and introduce her to your buddy, whom you have been talking about for the past fifteen years. She will enjoy it as much as you will, and she will be right with you in planning to attend the next year.

Relive again, those times that are almost forgotten, those times that come back as clear as if they were yesterday; when you hear the sound of a familiar voice, the touch of a hand or the sight of an old familiar face. You will hear the planes again; feel the tension of another mission; see the searchlights and barrage balloons again; walk the streets of Norwich and London again; yes, you may even recall the taste of a "Mild and Bitter".

In addition to the above, you will see the Nation's Capital. If it is your first trip, you will see many of the buildings and monuments which lived only in History books. If you have been there before, there is always something new that you had missed. There is always something new in Washington, if it's only a new politician.

As President of the Second Air Division Association for the year 1960, I am proud to be able to personally invite you and your wife, or husband, to come to Washington, D. C. in October. Now is the time to call or write to that buddy, whom you have been promising to contact, and have him or her meet you in Washington.

Many of your friends have been attending the reunions, year after year, in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Hershey and Washington. They will be glad to see you and I know you will enjoy seeing them.

After all these years, let's make this our biggest and best reunion; and I can't think of a better place to do this than in our Nation's Capital.

With best wishes to each and every one of you and hopes that we will meet again in October.

Always your friend

*Dean E. Moyer*

## STATLER HILTON HOTEL WASHINGTON, D. C. REUNION for 1960

Make your plans now to be with us on the 11th, 15th and 16th of October in Washington, D. C. Schedule of events, reservation cards, etc., will be mailed to you around the latter part of August. However, I shall give you the low-down on what to expect in the way of costs. That seems to be of prime interest to us all. The price of a double room for Friday and Saturday nites inclusive is \$18.00 and the price of singles is \$16.00. All rooms are beautiful, air-conditioned and have radio and television. The Cocktail Party Friday night will not be over \$5.00 per person and the Reception, Banquet and Dance on Saturday nite will not be over \$10.00. The hotel is located within walking distance of downtown Washington where you may shop, sightsee or try the cuisine of the many restaurants or cafeterias. Let me also remind you that as a delegate to the Convention, your expenses are deductible on your income tax. We'll see you in D. C.

## HQ, 2D AIR DIV

Tony Aromando along with wife Rose and daughters Camille and Marie, sends Greetings and Best Wishes to all. Tom Messenger also sent his Best Regards to everyone. Chester and Hazel Schmidt sent a card expressing their regret at having to miss the last Reunion but expect to be with us this year. Tess (Rice) Stevens was unable to attend the Reunion last year but she writes that her thoughts were with us. Her son Barney was a freshman last year. My, how time does fly! Jackie Gra Hovac Turchet expects to be with us in Washington, D. C., this year. We hope you can make it. We miss your smiling face.

## 44TH BOMB GROUP

George Federlin sent a card of Greetings to one and all. Morton Weinstein and Ida live at 4949 Coliseum St., Los Angeles, California with son Philip (2). Morton is owner of a dry cleaning plant.

## 93RD BOMB GROUP

Carroll W. (Cal) Stewart and Margaret reside in O'Neill, Nebraska with their children Suzanne, (13); Scott (9) and Sally (8). Cal is the owner-editor-publisher of the Frontier, a weekly newspaper and presently co-authoring a book, "Black Sunday" a non-fiction close-up account of the famous low level battle of Ploesti. Margaret was before her marriage to Cal an ARC club worker-director at Hardwick.

## 389TH BOMB GROUP

Walter and Dorothy Gibson are planning to be with us in D.C. for the Reunion this year.

## 453RD BOMB GROUP

Morris M. Sobel and wife Ruth call 231 Birchwood Road, Linden, New Jersey, home. Ira (17); Carol (14); Leonard (12) and Sandra (10) manage to help them keep it a lively place. Morris is a liquor and wine salesman.

## 466TH BOMB GROUP

"Bob" James R. Carey wanted to pass on some information to the troops who might be interested. He has finished reading a book called "The Longest Day" 6 June 1944 D-Day by Ryan. Bob recommends it to all who took part in D-Day.

## 56TH FIGHTER GROUP

Clinton R. Albright lives at 5021 Fairfield Circle, Fairfield, Ohio, with wife Lois and Jeffrey Lynn (5). Leslie C. Smith and Marion live at 20236 Pierce Road, Saratoga, California, with their three children Lesley (16); Randy (13) and Mark (10). Leslie keeps very much occupied as Assistant Vice-President and Manager of a bank.

## NORWICH REUNION

Plans are still under way for the Reunion to be held in Norwich, England, in 1961 or 1962 for the Dedication of the Wing of the Norwich Library. The response from those interested is still increasing. If you are interested in making this trip send your name to Raymond Strong our Permanent Secretary.

## Fairfield Makes £17,750

A little item of interest to some of you is the following article which I took from the Norwich newspaper:

"By order of the Secretary of State for Air, Messrs. Case & Gamble, of Dereham, sold at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, Attlebridge Airfield, totalling about 314 acres - £17,750, to Mr. Bernard Matthews, Great Witchingham."



Wedding Bells rang for two of our gals during the past year.

Doris Lundgren became Mrs. Fordyce last year on Thanksgiving Day.

Ethel Rudolf became Mrs. Byron Jackson on the 16th of April this year.

Congratulations to both of you and many years of happiness!

## WEST COAST WING



The WEST-COAST Wing is well under way and I thought you might be interested in reading their first Newsletter. Now, how about some pictures of your last Wing-Ding held in Santa Barbara on the 20th to 22nd of May? Know that you all had a good time and we were all with you in spirit. (Spirit?) (As Howie Moore says.)

## MILD AND BITTERS

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\*\* WEST COAST WING \*\*

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### INITIAL ISSUE

That's right, this is the Initial Issue of what is hoped to be a long line of issues of the WEST COAST WING's own bulletin "MILD and BITTERS." Hope you'll like it and will send your news items in for publication.

### REMEMBER WHEN ???

You rode those "Liberty Buses" into Norwich?  
or  
Visited one of the many bars in "Back's"?  
or  
Dined at the "Gibson & Hercules" ballroom?  
or  
Sipped your "Mild Ale", "Mild and Bitters" or Gin and Orzupfruit?

YOU DO! Well if your answer is YES, then you were with us in England and part of 'Ye 'ole 2nd Air Division (6th AF).

### WEST COAST WING ORGANIZED

A long time dream came true for the "modern pioneers" here in the West, when on 26 September 1959 the West Coast Wing of the 2nd Air Division Association was organized.

The future growth of the WING depends on YOU for your continued support will help it GROW, and GROW and GROW.

Check your Christmas card list, perhaps there may have been a former WADER on the list, if so let's get on the ball and get them on our mailing list as a MEMBER.

Membership in the WING is being extended to ALL persons who are Dues Paying Members of the 2nd Air Division Association and who's home is in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona or New Mexico. Further information may be obtained from the Commander of the West Coast Wing.

### CHARTER OFFICERS OF THE WING

Wing Commander: Ed M. Berton (HQ, 2nd Air Div) of Clovis, Calif.  
Wing Executive: Newton L. McLaughlin (HQ BombOp) of Long Beach, Calif.  
Wing Secretary: Cecil J. Bishop (HQ BombOp) of Sacramento, Calif.  
Wing Treasurer: Maria J. (Gra Hovac) Turchet (HQ, 2nd Air Div) of Santa Cruz, Calif.  
Directors:  
Eleanor M. Callihan (HQ, 2nd Air Div) of Sacramento, Calif.  
Robert Burtain (HQ BombOp) of Escondido, Calif.  
Winkle Van Dyke Nettleton (HQ 2nd Air Div) of El Sobrante, Calif.

### PLAN FOR 1960

The number one plan for the year 1960 is the First Reunion of the WEST COAST WING.

The Place: Santa Barbara, Calif.

The Dates: 20 - 22 MAY 1960

### FURTHER INFO IN NEXT

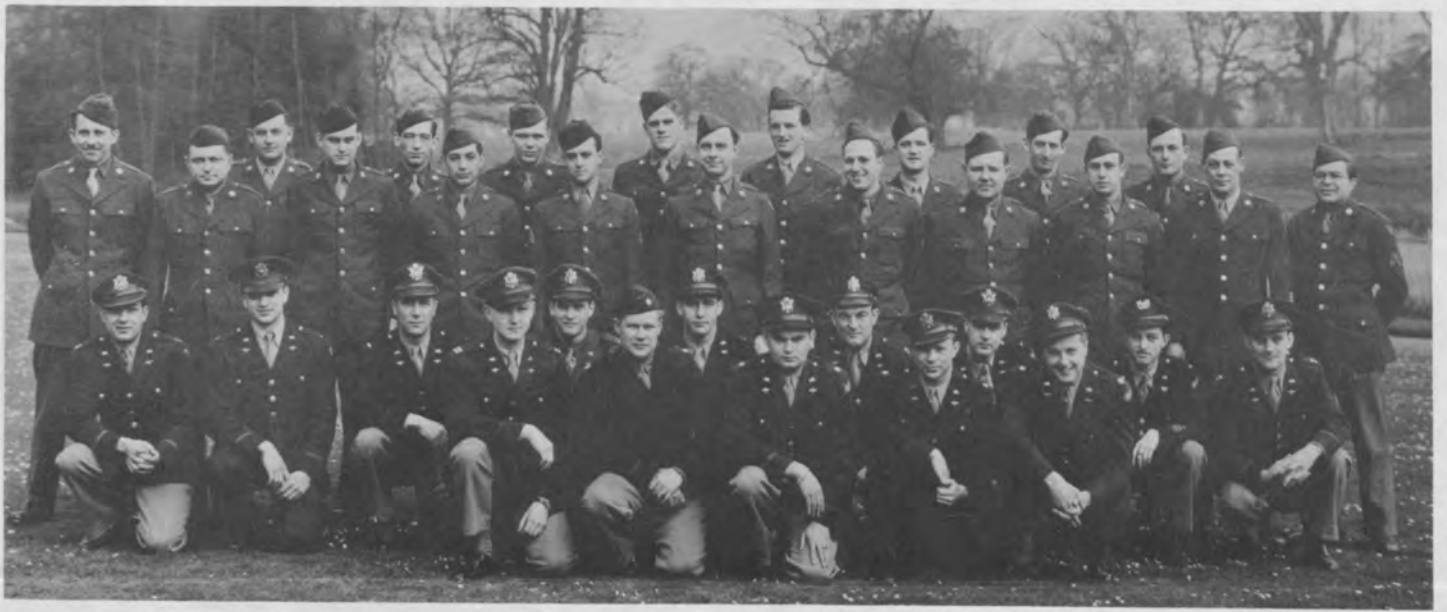
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### WING BOARD TO MEET

The Wing Board will meet in March to formulate plans (final type) for the 1960 Reunion. Any member having any suggestions to offer should forward them to the Wing Commander no later than 1 MAR 60.

\*\* END OF REPORT \*\*



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## ADDITIONS

Hess, Raymond A., Kingsley, Iowa 2 AD

## DECEASED

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of  
Milan (Mike) Vydareny formerly with Headquarters 2 AD.

We also learned of the passing of Edgar H.  
Brohm on 2 March 1949 formerly with the 4th Fighter  
Group.

We're in the process of moving again. Milton  
(the other half of this household - in other words the  
breadwinner) is being graduated from Command and Staff  
College on 10 June and then we proceed to Keesler AFB  
where he will again become a student in the Communication  
Officers' Course for 43 weeks. I shall still be trying  
to gather information for further issues of the News-  
letters so please, please send any and all information  
to Ray Strong and it will find its way to me.

See you in the next Newsletter!!!

Publicity Vice-President

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