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New By Laws Being Drafted

Late in 2005, Executive VP Tina Woods accepted a key appointment by President Brian Mahoney to head an *ad hoc* By laws Committee, on which Brian also serves and which has received excellent active feedback from most of your Executive Committee members. It had been thought, as newer officers are oriented (and bring with them wide business and organization experience) that some of the language in the present Heritage League by laws, unchanged since 1987, is needlessly limiting, dated, or inconsistent with our current practice or best non-profit practice.

For example, while we have formally moved to adopt 'real time online meetings' for transacting Executive Committee business, the present language did not anticipate that. Tina's committee is also charged with migrating our IRS charitable organization exemption class from 501 (c)(19)—veterans' organization—to the more broad 501 (c)(3) category—educational and charitable organization.

By approximately June 25th we will publish this proposed new draft to the website for your close examination. If you are a paid-up voting member, we would like your participation in the following steps to legitimize this important growth step:

1. REVIEW our proposal. Go to <http://www.heritageleague.org>. If you do not have an internet connection and would like to see the proposed draft, please contact Brian Mahoney or Tina Woods (see our addresses and phone

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Heritage League in Savannah - Some Slots Still Available!

We still have some spaces available for those who haven't registered yet for this year's Heritage League Convention in Savannah, Georgia, August 13-16.

- Special convention rate of \$79/night at the Holiday Inn West Savannah or the Best Western Bradley Suites
- Admission to the museum and exhibits for the entire weekend
- Down-home style, Friday night low-country boil/indoor barbecue dinner in the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum
- A multi-generational special registration deal
- Saturday night banquet under "the parachute" in the rotunda of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum

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President's Message

Just 5 weeks from this writing, or less than a month from your reading, the League will convene its first truly 'stand alone' reunion, with all of the 'main events' at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum just outside of Savannah. This represents several important passages.

First, there is the inexorable passage of *time*. I am one of the 'second gens,' those whose parent served in the Second Air Division during WW II, and are striving to keep alive the lessons paid in lost time, lost innocence and thousands of lost lives. History vitally clarifies, and periodically re-clarifies, the need for free and sovereign peoples to battle tyrants and bullies. It lays clear the important role of selfless service, often in military uniform, to keeping a democracy free and strong. My father's generation not only secured a long and crucial peace and the defeat of fascism, but they left us with compelling, timeless guidance. The passing of time and those veterans has handed my generation the responsibility to preserve and present those lessons to coming generations.

Second there is the passage of *leadership*. Our 'parent organization' (The Second Air Division Association set us up in 1987) will soon wind up operations, per plan from the beginning, when the diminished number of its remaining WW II vets takes away the energy needed for running conventions and publishing a wonderful Journal in their twilight years. In their staunch support of the unique Memorial Library in England over the years, in their long term deep friendships with 'Brits' of all ages, in their high quality publication, and in their continuous annual reunions, they have shown the power of coordinated volunteer effort serving worthy causes. The vacuum of their passing cannot be offset in any way, but the 'large hole' that will remain when their association winds up, can and must pass to mine and following generations. 2 ADA President Alan Senior is determined that there will be a true passing of the torch, substantial as well as symbolic, from 'parent to child' organization, and important meetings are already planned for this fall. We pass from following their lead, to showing what we have learned and taking the lead.

Finally, as the Heritage League 'picks up the torch' of leading, there is the *transformative passage* from an organization respectfully lying in wait, preparing for a perpetual mission of honoring and remembering, *to a much more active outfit*. We have a thrilling big mission, and we are

energized to create programs, to collaborate with others, and support the exciting efforts of allied organizations—notably the 8th Air Force Historical Society—who also are committed to keeping alive the stories and glories of the Greatest Generation, on into the future.

We are all too aware that we must soon carry on 'without them.' We are both humbled and inspired to have personally known so many who survived the combat, and were our first-hand witnesses to the ultimate sacrifice of nearly 7,000 of their comrades in the 2nd Air Division. We want to assure them that we are committed and competent stewards of their priceless legacy. We want to find and embrace our extended family of the descendents, admirers and friends of all "...who served in the Second Air Division... or any units, British or American, attached or assigned." And starting this July, we want to offer them our hospitality at all our reunions.

It is not too late to be there! Go to our website (<http://www.heritageleague.org>) and follow directions for 'online' registry and payment, or complete the registration form right away and mail it in with your check. This special Herald highlights several treats in store for the 'first ever,' which we already know will be talked about for years to come. The biggest treat of all, though: as of now, we already have 8 veterans, and 5 of their siblings or spouses, in our party. So far, 31 are registered for the whole program, and guests at the Historians' Roundtable and the Friday and Saturday banquets number an additional 13. Friends in the 93rd Bomb Group Association will join us for the Old Savannah Tour and lunch on Friday, golf on Saturday, and the Memorial Service that afternoon. The numbers—and the excitement—are sure to grow. The hotels will only hold our group rate through the end of June only... so get off that fence!

DC in Springtime—the place to be!

Recent HL Executive VP Carol Kendrick, daughter of our 'reps' from the 2ADA, 466thBG Jim Lorenz and wife Mary, is Principal of the Desert Shadows Middle School in Scottsdale, AZ. She and several faculty brought the entire eighth grade on a late March trip that hit all of the most appropriate attractions in the nation's capital for her enthusiastic and receptive students.

HL President Brian Mahoney was able to grab lunch and act as 'docent' for a handful of the interested boys, Carol and three of her colleagues, for an in-depth walk through of the fine WW II aviation gallery of the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum on the Mall.

The group's main stop the next day was to be the US Holocaust Museum, and a provocative conversation about the limits—and capabilities—of our strategic bombing and intelligence regarding the concentration camps, showed the caliber of Carol's charges and quality of their school's program.

Memorable Memorial Day

As last year, Billy Sheely Johnson arranged for laying of Heritage League wreaths on Memorial Day at the American Battle Monuments Commission Cemeteries in Cambridge (Madingley) England, Netherlands (Margraten), Belgium (both Henri-Chapelle and Ardennes) and Normandy, France.

Our 'Friends in the Friends,' Pearl Neale and Colin Mann, once again served as our personal ambassadors to the very well attended ceremony at Cambridge.

Graves and Walls of the Missing in each of these stunningly beautiful and poignant settings record the names of Second Air Division men lost in combat. We are heartened to learn recently that all of these gravesites have respectful and appreciative European individual 'stewards,' individuals pledged to visit 'their' gravesite and learn what they can of the soldier, sailor, airman or marine who died securing their freedom.

Stateside, many by chance caught the CBS Evening News Weekend Edition broadcast on Saturday May 26th. Taking the recent San Diego reunion of the 467th BG as a starting point to honor all of the WW II American servicemen and women, producer Jenny Josephson produced an eloquent 'spot.' The Mahoney family were delighted to avail them of original color footage which their late father shot in combat and in the Rackheath environs; this material and present day interviews with Ralph Davis, Ray Betcher and others, was very well integrated and presented.



Officer Reunion. President Mahoney with recent HL Exec VP Carol Kendrick, inside entry hall of Air & Space Museum.

-Carol Kendrick



Low element. B-24 Memorial in San Diego, supported by a Heritage League donation, is close to approach path for airport. Attractive casting has elements of every major variant of the B-24, and a visible means of support! -Brian Mahoney



Colors of Remembrance. US and British military personnel at Madingley Wall of the Missing on Memorial Day. -Colin Mann



Never Forgetting. Wreath laying in our behalf by Friends members Pearl Neale and Colin Mann means a great deal to Yanks in four generations. -Colin Mann

Airshow at Andrews

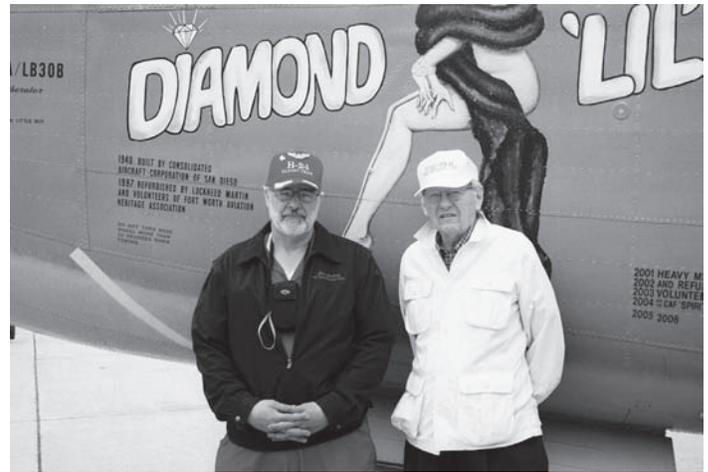
-By Brian Mahoney

Variable flying weather on Friday, May 19th, made for a memorable DOD 'Joint Service Open House.' Local 8th Air Force Historical Society friend George Hoidra, son of a B-17 man in the 447thBG, offered me 'comps' to the VIP area on the exclusive preview day, and one of our newest Honorary Life Members, 'Jud' Long, Vice President of the 3rd Strategic Air Depot Association, was able to join me for several hours among static and very dynamic displays of very old and very new aircraft, as well as field armor and personnel carriers used by our present day ground forces.

The 28 different 'aerial acts' over 6+ hours included 'heritage flights,' dogfights, US and Canadian military and one civilian precision acrobatic team performances, stunt flying, and a mass drop of the 82nd Airborne from three full C-130 Hercules.

Spits of rain between sun, and lowering ceiling, made for a dramatic back drop to several 'low shows', and made the various 'missing man' salutes very effective, as the peeling of aircraft really did 'just disappear' by pulling up through the 2500' deck.

Different chapters of the Commemorative Air Force brought their treasures for close inspection, and it was interesting to see 'classics' of different areas in close proximity to one another. Evolution of specialized a/c roles over three generations were demonstrated by having, on the same tarmac, the tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey, now operational with the Marines, and a venerable and pristine Catalina Flying Boat. A C-54 that did service in the Berlin Airlift was near the gigantic C-17 and the even bigger C-5A Galaxy. A Hurricane, a Spitfire, A Mustang and a Tomahawk all regarded closely the stealthy and angular F-22 Raptor. A B-17 made up as 'Memphis Belle, and the Liberator type "Diamond Lil," which made a transatlantic crossing in 1992 with our dear friend David Hastings in the right seat, was also there, receiving visitors. Visit <http://www.b29superfortress.com/lilhist.html> for more on 'The Lil.'



2 generations of support. Commemorative Air Force pilot, and WW II Air Depot man Jud Long, in front of never-delivered British variant of Liberator. Diamond Lil still managed to make it to the ETO about 50 years later.

-Brian Mahoney



Precision Team. Ground support team for Navy's spectacular Blue Angels included the announcer and his helper; their routine was crisp, professional and entertaining while the F-16s held us spellbound by wing-to-wing performances.

-Brian Mahoney



Finest hour. Legendary British Supermarine Spitfire, with the Hawker Hurricane, helped heroes of the Battle of Britain put Hitler off of UK invasion in 1940, when freedom was in greatest peril. Catalina Flying Boat beyond, T-38 Talon back left.

-Brian Mahoney



Gargantua visits Lilliput. Galaxy C-5A dwarfed visitors and nearby C-17.

-Brian Mahoney



Crouching giant. Galaxy can lower to ground for the big heavy loads... note how high engine #3 is above grown man passing beneath. Main gear consists of 24 wheels in 6 trucks, nose has 4 wheels. Payload of 120 tons can go 5,500Km on one big drink of fuel.

-Brian Mahoney



USAF Heritage Flight. Fanning out from tight formation shows off the clear identifying profiles of WW II and Korean era P-51D Mustang in middle with present day F-16 Fighting Falcon right behind; F-15 Eagle to left and Vietnam era F-4 Phantom heading straight up at right.

-Brian Mahoney



Front Line and stealthy. F-22 Raptor is getting very high marks from pilots. Note low contrast paint job.

-Brian Mahoney

Heritage League in Savannah

Things to See and Do in Savannah

Web sites with general information and links regarding Savannah attractions and activities. Including golf, beaches, shopping, historical sites, and dining:

<http://www.ourcoast.com/attractions/>

<http://www.chsgeorgia.org/>

Highlights include:

RIVER STREET

<http://www.riverstreetmarketplace.com/visitorinfo>
Stretch your legs and stroll River Street, Savannah's most popular attraction. Restaurants, shops, and an open-air market all overlooking the banks of the Savannah River. Or just relax and watch the ships come and go.

FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT

Fort Pulaski, between downtown and Tybee Island was built in the 1800's to guard the sea approach to Savannah, was designed in part by Robert E. Lee.
<http://www.nps.gov/fopu/local/index.htm>
US Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 912.786.5787

ROUNDHOUSE RAILROAD MUSEUM

<http://railga.com/oddend/roundhouse.html>
<http://www.chsgeorgia.org/roundhouse/>
601 West Harris Street Savannah, Georgia 912.651.6823

More than 40,000 visitors each year stroll through exhibits inside seven historic railroad structures and see the museum's growing collection of locomotives and rolling stock. Interpretive displays include a large model train layout of Savannah as well as exhibits explaining steam engines and belt-driven machinery. The Museum has restored the massive operating turntable in the middle of the Roundhouse.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW GIRL SCOUT HOUSE AND MUSEUM

<http://www.ourcoast.com/savannahcityguide/visiting/museums/juliettelow.shtml>
10 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia
912.233.4501

Tour the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA. Built in 1821, the house has been elegantly restored to reflect the 1880s and furnished

with many original Gordon family pieces, including artwork by Juliette Gordon Low. Located in the heart of the Savannah Historic District, "the Birthplace," as it is commonly called by Girl Scouts nationwide, was Savannah's first National Historic Landmark.

Oatland Island Education Center

<http://www.ourcoast.com/outdoors/oatland.shtml>
711 Sandtown Road Savannah, Georgia 912.898.3980

Wildlife education center on marshlands that are five miles east of downtown Savannah. Popular field trip destination for local schools.

SUMMER WAVES WATER PARK

<http://www.jekyllisland.com/summerwaves/>
Jekyll Island, Georgia 912.635.2074

Ready to cool off? This water park features slides—the "Pirates' Passage—is five stories high, Nature's Revenge is a 330-foot long twisting and turning slide into a refreshing pool of water. Force 3 is a tamer version of a water slide. After that excitement, relax a bit and hop into Turtle Creek, a slow, winding lazy river float. For guests who are less than 42 inches tall the Kiddie Pool has slides and water sprays, and The Splash Zone features sprays and bubbling water features.

SAVANNAH BEACH, TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA

<http://www.ourcoast.com/outdoors/tybee.shtml>
912.944.0455 or 877.728.7662

Tybee is a resort with a full range of restaurants, modern hotels and motels, luxurious condominiums and quaint cottages, it offers an atmosphere that's considerably more laid back than the glitter of the larger beach towns to the north and south.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA MARINE EDUCATION PROGRAM AND AQUARIUM - SKIDAWAY ISLAND

<http://www.ourcoast.com/attractions/aquarium.shtml>
30 Ocean Science Circle Savannah, Georgia
912.598.2496

Heritage League in Savannah

Things to See and Do ...continued

The Aquarium at Skidaway Island is part of the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service, which offers a variety of educational programs and services to inform and enrich the public's knowledge and appreciation of coastal and marine life in the Low Country. The aquarium is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Saturday, noon-5 p.m., with a modest admission charge.

SAVANNAH RIVERBOAT CRUISES:

East River Street, PO Box 10086, Savannah, Georgia 31412
<http://www.savannahriverboat.com/>

We are invited to join our 93rd BG friends for their Sunday brunch tour... the web site should whet you're appetite for this delicious and comfortable cruising. Their organizers, who you should contact right away, are:

Joe and Phyllis Duran
 309 E. Santa Paula St
 Santa Paula, CA 93060
 Phone: (805) 525-4681

Email: dogpatchraider@msn.com

Restaurants to Try:

MRS. WILKES' DINING ROOM

107 West Jones Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401-4507,
 912.232.5997

Cuisine: American Price range: \$11-16

Open Monday through Friday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm only,
 cash/checks only

Down-home cooking, served up family style in a boarding house setting. The menu, which receives rave reviews, includes items such as Fried chicken, beef stew, pole beans, mashed potatoes, yams, carrots, okra, spinach, rice, creamed corn, corn bread, biscuits, pulled pork, all of which are passed around the table in large bowls. Beverages are limited to water and sweet tea. Arrive early, and expect to wait to be seated. This place is popular.

THE PIRATE HOUSE

20 East Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401,
 912.233.5757

<http://www.thepirateshouse.com/>

Since 1753, The Pirate's House has been welcoming visitors to Savannah with a bounty of delicious food and drink as well as rousing good times. Situated a scant block from the Savannah River, The Pirate's House first opened as an inn for seafarers, and fast became a rendezvous for blood-thirsty pirates and sailors from the Seven Seas. Here

seamen drank their grog and discoursed, sailor fashion, on their exotic high seas adventures from Singapore to Bombay and from London to Port Said.

The entire family will enjoy Savannah's most intriguing restaurant. At the Pirate's House, our most precious treasure is our food, acclaimed for over three decades. Our extensive menu includes dishes for all tastes and our varied selection of scandalous desserts is sure to delight. Like a tale of the high seas, The Pirate's House rambles in all directions with 15 separate dining rooms each one with a distinct charm all its own.

RESTAURANTS ON AND AROUND SAVANNAH'S RIVER STREET:

http://www.riverstreetsavannah.com/info_pages.php?pages_id=33

Restaurants and bars on and around the River Street Walk are many and include local seafood, Low Country, Cajun, Caribbean, and Southern-style cooking.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING! PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION INFORMATION ON PAGE 9 OF THIS *HERALD*.

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book notices
& reviews

“WINGS OF MORNING” by Thomas Childers

1st printing March, 1995

Reviewed by Jim Lorenz, 466th Bomb Group

This book was written by Dr. Thomas Childers, Professor of German History at University of Pennsylvania, whose uncle, T/Sgt. Howard Goodner was the radio operator on 1st Lt. Richard Farrington's B-24 crew #487 in the 466th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force in England in WW II. Published after all Childers did have access to relevant government 'secret' papers, declassified in 1992, though they actually were not of much help. I was also a pilot flying my tour of 35 missions in the 466th BG at this time, and found this book to be very factually correct. Dr. Childers does note in his credits that he had read my memoirs in our 2nd Air Division Norwich Library, plus two other 466th diary collections, in addition to interviewing seven other 466th Bomb Group members.

The story begins with 18 year old Howard in college at Western Kentucky—seeing his buddies not waiting to be drafted, but enlisting. Howard talked with the Navy and the Marines, who said they accepted only the drafted men. Thus he was drafted in March 1943 and he was on his way to be in the Army Air Corps and trained as a radio operator-mechanic. He had several chances to go to communication cadet class but refused, as he wanted to get into action. He met his B-24 crew late in June, 1944—they just called out random names and that made a “crew.” By August, Farrington's crew had finished their training. They were assigned to go overseas by ship, and 13 days later were in England as a replacement crew in the 787th Bomb Squadron in the 466th BG at Attlebridge.

The chapters on the combat training at Attlebridge are very complete, as are the chapters on their first combat mission on Nov. 5, 1944, 446th BG mission #137 to Karlsruhe, Germany. This was a secondary target, as the primary target was under clouds and very close to our front lines. (Reviewer's note: The reason this crew was then delayed in getting in their first mission was that the 466th was taken off combat missions on September 19-30 to fly gasoline to support Patton's race through France. Some 310 flights, with each B-24 carrying 1400 gallons ,

were flown by the 466th Bomb Group—with no mission credits!)

The 466th BG resumed flying missions on Oct. 1, 1944. After 5 combat missions, lead crews usually had a 3 day pass to go to London. The chapter on these trips was right on target—as to possibilities and problems in London. In December, Farrington and another pilot (Beitler) were told that one of their crews would be asked to transfer the 784th BS, to become a 'Lead Crew.' When neither pilot volunteered, the major suggested a coin flip. Neither pilot called it! The major pulled out a penny and stated “Heads, its you (Harrington) and tails you, Beitler.” The major flipped the coin and stated “Heads”—Looks like you are it Dick (Farrington).” Farrington stated he would like to talk it over with the crew. The major agreed.

Becoming a lead crew involved a lot of training, then fewer missions per month, but only 30 missions—instead of 35—to get a month's leave in the US. The whole crew was involved in the decision, but they deferred to Farrington and his best judgment. Farrington had already made up his mind to decline the move. The next morning, Farrington met the 784th commander, and was told his navigator had been transferred, and he would be getting a schedule for lead crew training the next day! Farrington was speechless; his mouth was dry and his eyes failed to focus. “Let Corporal Harris get you a cup of coffee—you look like you could use one. And, Dick, congratulations.” Yes, things like this did happen on most every air base...

After many training flights and classes, their first mission as the lead crew of the third squadron was on Feb. 16, 1945, in “beastly rainy weather.” They did bomb the secondary target, Osnabruck marshalling yards, and made a safe landing in the murk at Attlebridge. Leading a mission on April 4th, they had heavy flack damage and limped to B-58, an Allied field near Brussels. They were

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REGISTRATION FORM • Heritage League Convention 2006 Savannah, GA July 13-16

You must make your own hotel reservations directly with the hotel you select. There are 100 rooms blocked for our party at two hotels, both near the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. Please confirm your reservations before registering and include your hotel name in the space allocated below. Please remember to mention the convention to get our group rate of \$79/room/night, and be sure to act promptly, as the convention may 'sell out.'

- **Holiday Inn West Savannah** 103 San Drive, Pooler GA 31322 (888) 465-4329
view their amenities online at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/pxpga>
- **Best Western Bradbury Suites** 155 Bourne Avenue, Pooler GA 31322 (912) 330-0330
view their amenities online at <http://reservations.hotel-guides.us/hotel/10006044-112759150.html>

Please register your entire party on this form and make a single payment. Please ensure we have enough information on each member of your party to make a complete name badge for each attendee. **Checks should be made payable to *The Heritage League*.**
Please send check and completed form to: Convention Registrar Brian Mahoney, 6410 Windham Avenue, Alexandria VA 22315
Telephone: (202) 232-1423 email: BriCamera@MindSpring.com

Please check here if you have made PayPal payment via our web page:
Heritage League web site address: <http://www.heritageleague.org>

Registration information for the CONTACT PERSON who will receive confirmation for entire party:

_____	_____	_____
<i>last name</i>	<i>first name</i>	<i>full mailing address</i>
_____	_____	_____
<i>telephone (day)</i>	<i>telephone (eve)</i>	<i>e-mail address</i>
_____	_____	
<i>WW II outfit affiliation</i>	<i>special needs</i>	

Enter name of additional member of this party:

_____	_____	_____
<i>last name</i>	<i>first name</i>	<i>town & state of residence (for name badge)</i>
_____	_____	
<i>WW II outfit affiliation</i>	<i>special needs</i>	

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<i>WW II outfit affiliation</i>	<i>special needs</i>	

Please use the back of this form if needed for additional members of this party

- **Multi-Generation Special!** One **Regular Registration** fee is waived for parties with a WW II vet (or their surviving spouse) and *two* additional generations attending the convention. Please complete the following blanks: Identify a veteran/survivor member of this party: _____ ; a 'second generation' member of this party: _____ ; a 'third generation' member: _____ , then reduce number of Regular Registrations below by one!

- **Regular Registrations** _____ @ \$225 = \$ _____
- **Youth Registrations (for children born after July 3, 1988)** _____ @ \$150 = \$ _____
- **Savannah City Tour (Friday morning, includes special lunch)** _____ @ \$45 ea \$ _____

Additional Information: We would be to accept an attached sheet detailing the name(s) and hotel(s) under which your party is registered, as well as a brief 'intro' of members of your party if you like, such as war time duties of 'your veteran'.

Membership Renewal Application for Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF) - 2006

NOTE: if you are filling out BOTH this membership form AND the Convention Registration form on the back side, please mail the entire sheet and checks to Brian Mahoney. If you are ONLY filling out the Membership form, mail form and check to Sue Risley. Both addresses are on back cover of this Herald. Checks made to Heritage League.

REGULAR VOTING MEMBER

You are eligible if your parent, grandparent, sibling or spouse (civilian or military, British or American) served at any time with the HW or any of the bomb groups or other units, assigned or attached to the 2nd Bomb Wing (later called the 2nd Bomb Division, then the 2nd Air Division) of the 8th Air Force of the United States Army Air Forces. **Cost is \$15 per calendar year.**

NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBER

You are eligible if you make valuable contributions of any kind, to the 2nd Air Division Association, the Heritage League, or the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division Association. To include your spouse/partner as an associated member, please double the amount of your check and put an "A" after their name below. **Cost is \$15 per calendar year.**

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

All who served in the 2nd Air Division during WW II, in any of its bomber, fighter, or ground supportive units, may enroll at not cost in this non-voting category.

JUNIOR MEMBER

If you are not yet 18 year of age, you are eligible. **Cost is \$8 per calendar year**

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE () _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ @ _____ Check if renewal _____

Check membership type: Regular___ Associate___ Hon. Life___ Junior___

NAME of related veteran or HL/2ADA contact _____

Their BG or Unit No. _____ Their relationship to you _____

Check if you would like to receive the HL Herald electronically, via e-mail _____

Heritage League dues \$ _____

Contribution to Heritage League for operations \$ _____

"Friends of the Memorial", 2005-06 dues, \$10 per couple, \$ 6 per individual \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

You can now join or renew ONLINE! You can pay your dues there using PayPal and your credit card! Go to www.heritageleague.org

The Heritage League (HL) was established in 1987 by its parent organization, the Second Air Division Association (2ADA). HL is a follow-on organization. In the not too distant future, the 2ADA will wrap up operations forever. The HL thus takes up the ongoing challenge of educating following generations about the sacrifices of our forbearers in WWII, and continues in the honor of commemorating the veterans and presenting their legacy. We do this through periodic essay competitions, informative publications, presentations and a host of other social and educational programs. We actively support related efforts such as the "living legacy" Second Air Division USAAF Memorial Library in Norwich, England, the 8th AF Historical Society and the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, Georgia. Our mission is big challenging and exciting. We WANT your energy, vision and talent.

Write Stuff

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returned to the 466th base in a C-47. Then, on April 16, Gen. Spaatz, commanding general of the U. S. Army Air Forces in Europe, announced that the "...strategic air war [had] been won in the ETO" and the bombers would now operate as our tactical air forces.

On April 21, 1945, 466th mission #230 was to hit a primary target (railroad bridge at Salzburg). The Farrington crew, on their 23rd mission, was leading the B group of the 96th wing in the "Black Cat". The weather again was "beastly," and a recall was ordered at 10:30 AM. When the group turned directly over the city Regensburg to head back home, several navigators, including Farrington's, warned mission command they were headed directly over the city, but the mission commander refused to a change direction. Farrington's plane took a direct flak hit between #1 and #2 engines folding the wing and blowing up as the plane went over on its back. Debriefed witnesses from the group reported "some 2-4 parachutes were seen." Actually only Manners and Sarardarian survived, according to the Missing In Action report. The very last 8th Air Force bomb mission was ordered the next day. No bombers were lost to the enemy in Europe after Farrington's.

Prof. Childers then details the various telegrams to the families of the crew members, first as MIA (missing in action) and much later the KIA (killed in action) mes-

sages. Childers details his visits to the families, searching the government records and traveling to England and to Germany to interview actual local witnesses to the crash.

I'll let you read the book to find out ultimately who in the crew died, where and how. I know the crew members' families appreciated Childers' book as an honor to this crew, even some 50 years after the crash. (The US Post Office stamp sheet "American Advances in Aviation," issued just over a year ago, featured the 'Black Cat' as the B-24. Author Childers did a reading at the official unveiling ceremony; see Herald #36, p. 10. -Ed.)



2005 issue "American Advances In Aviation," included our favorite, in the example of 'Black Cat,' last bomber lost in European combat in WW II. -USPO

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numbers on the back panel) right away so we can mail you a print out.

2. **SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS.** If you see a matter that you think might be handled better or more clearly, the committee is interested in receiving your specific comments in writing or in an email. Those in hand by midnight, July 25 (EDT), 2006, will be put in an open binder available at our convention for review by Heritage League members in attendance, and thus reach a wider audience than just the By laws Committee. In any event, comments must be in hand before midnight, July 25th, 2006.

3. **COME TO THE CONVENTION.** While the period for member comment will extend 10 days beyond the convention, through July 25th, ideas discussed during the convention—and possibly for a brief time within

the Annual Meeting there—can be bounced off of many interested and involved members at once.

4. **VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT.** The By laws Committee will consolidate any compelling suggestions into an improved draft and submit it to the Executive Committee during the summer for any final tweaking on their part. A version endorsed by your full Executive Committee, reflecting adjustments they found persuasive during your review and comment period, will be published and you will be given a ballot. In the old and new by laws alike, a 2/3s majority of those "present and voting" (or replying, in the case of a ballot) is needed to any by laws change.

By early fall the process will be complete and results announced.

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