



# NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR TROOPS:

Spring is here! - - And with it another year to start planning for summer vacations. And along that idea - - - plans to include the 1958 REUNION of the 2D AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION! Plans are underway to make it as nice a Reunion as possible. AUGUST 22ND, 23RD and 24TH are the dates. The HENRY HUDSON HOTEL in NEW YORK CITY the place. There's a limited number of tickets to all current shows available, so get your order in early. The next Newsletter will be coming out ahead of schedule to give you the latest up-to-date plans of the Reunion. However, you can be thinking about what plays, TV shows, etc., you would like to see. As soon as you receive the questionnaire you can fill it out and send it off immediately. We don't want to disappoint any of you, but we do have to know as soon as possible.

The Henry Hudson Hotel is located at 353 West 57th Street just 58 steps from the new, colossal Coliseum. Motorists can reach the hotel directly from express highways without driving through traffic congested streets. It is also easily accessible to the Railroad, Bus and Air Terminals, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Theatre District, Madison Square Garden, Shopping and Business Centers.

Special rates of \$11.00 per day per couple in airconditioned rooms are available to us for two days prior to and two days after the Reunion.

Reunion schedule of events will be sent to you in the very near future. I have given you this brief resume so that you can be thinking about the REUNION.

## WAF "TENTH" ANNIVERSARY

The WAF will celebrate their "Tenth" Anniversary on 30 June 1958. Many changes and improvements have taken place for women serving in the Air Force since the days we served together in England. Let's try and help them make this a nice celebration by being a self-appointed recruiter and talking to girls who meet the high standards of the WAF and by referring them to the local recruiter. There is still a great demand for Women in the Air Force in all categories. We as ex-service women are in a good position to counsel young girls on the advantages of military service. Let's get behind the WAF and see if we can push them over the top.

## NEWS FLASH - LATEST ON THE MEMORIAL FUND

Percy Young received the following letter from B. Cozens-Hardy, Clerk to the Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2D Air Division USAF, of the Castle Chambers, Norwich. Will reproduce it in its entirety so that you may know what is being done.

Dear Mr. Young,

On the 18th December last I informed you that the function of handing over the Roll of Honor by the American Ambassador to the Lord Mayor of the City is to take place in the City Hall on Thursday the 10th of April.

At a well attended meeting of the Governors held yesterday, they decided, in general keeping with the terms of the Trust, to make some progress by purchasing American books (expending 1,000 pounds) a portion of which, relating to scientific matters, will be housed temporarily at the City Technical College and the remainder, relating to cultural and general subjects, in the Central Public Library, with a view to the eventual transfer of both to the new library when it is erected. As this book purchase is being made in advance of the erection of the new library the Governors feel that as a matter of Courtesy you, on behalf of the 2nd Air Division Association and the three American Founders should be informed of this intention and you should be asked to give your approval. I shall assume that, if I do not hear from you by the 15th of February, silence will mean consent.

I should mention that the decision was unanimous, the Resolution having been moved by Colonel Curtis, the Governor appointed by the American Ambassador.

Yours sincerely,

/s/  
B. Cozens-Hardy

The approval was given and the tablet is to be presented on 10 April 1958 to the Lord Mayor of Norwich by American Ambassador Whitney.

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2nd REUNION -----AUGUST 22,23,& 24.

## 2ND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

A new group of officers took over their duties on 1 January 1958 and are doing their best to uphold the good work of those who have made this Association possible. If we should slip occasionally please bear with us and we'll try to rectify our errors. Naturally we'll do everything to avoid any errors and live up to the trust you have placed in us.

Since we don't have daily contact with each other thought a little biography on each would help you to know them better. So here goes!!!!

**PRESIDENT:** Stephen M. Posner  
7 West 15th Street  
New York 11, New York

Served with 445th & 389th Bomb Groups

Steve is busy as a consultant in Management, Accounting and Production Techniques with Stephen M. Posner Associates. Right now it's Income Tax time and Steve is over his head in work. Elsa, his wife, is also busy keeping out of mischief working for the Eagle Regalia Company. Haven't been able to find out whether or not Steve has time for any hobbies, but did hear that he was planning a trip to Florida. (Stevie, you "goofed", you didn't fill out your questionnaire - - - either!)

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Dean Moyer  
549 E. Main Street  
Evans City, Pennsylvania

Served with Headquarters 2D Air Division

Dean is Manager of Roach & Ziegler (Floor and Wall Covering - Custom Kitchens). So if you're having any problems along that line, he's the man to see. When Dean is not busy working, he and Olivdene ("Deanie") are raising their family of two boys and a brand new daughter born in February. Bowling is Dean's hobby and as he says, "They were "champs" last year and "chumps" this year. That's all right. Better luck next time. Dean resigned last year as Secretary of Evansburg Boro Council and Secretary of Municipal Authority of Evansburg Boro but they don't seem to want to let him go. That's what happens when you do such a good job. There is one thing that Dean would like to see happen and that is to see the old gang out to the reunions again. I'll second and third that motion because we sure do miss you.

### SECRETARY AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN:

Hathy Veynar (Nee Gladys Hathaway)  
1125 Bristow Drive  
Annandale, Virginia

Served with Headquarters 2D Air Division

That's me. Well now let's see. What do I do? First and foremost is my family of one each husband and son who give me a run for my money. That is, what little I've got. All kidding aside, they are my life and I wouldn't change it for anything. When I'm not busy at home, I'm trying to sell Real Estate. At the present time I don't know whether I'm selling Real Estate or it's selling me. Anyway, I keep busy at it and it doesn't give me time for much else. We are still an Air Force family and my travels have taken me to Japan. Where it will be next I have no idea but I look forward to the Reunions each year and wonder how many of the old faces I'll see again. It's always a pleasure.

## VICE-PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP

Evelyn Cohen  
5448 Euclid Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Served with Headquarters 2D Air Division

Evelyn has been Office Manager for twelve years for L. Resnick & Sons - Food Packaging Supplies. When she is not busy working, she spends six months of her time rooting for the Phillies and the other six months telling herself "wait until next year". Evelyn's ambitions or rather desires are to see many more members of the WAC Detachment at the Reunions and we all wholeheartedly agree. She would also like to thank everyone for their prompt response to her requests for dues and also to remind those who have not paid to do so immediately so that we don't have to drop you from our mailing list. Any time we have to drop anyone for non-payment of dues, we feel as if we had lost a valued and treasured friend and it hurts a little. So if it has slipped your mind, would you just sit down and send them off right away.

## VICE-PRESIDENT - MILITARY AFFAIRS

W. R. Paul Surbaugh  
2467 Logue Street  
North Bellmore, Long Island, New York

Served with 489th & 446th Bomb Groups

Paul has continued his aeronautical interests into civilian life and is presently employed with American Airlines and has been for the past eight years. He is Staff Supervisor on Staff of Director of Flying Operations. Paul participates actively in Air Force Reserve Activities; holds mobilization assignment as flight test maintenance officer; and as a "Week-End" Warrior", is a training officer in maintenance reserve unit, and also maintains pilot proficiency as a reservist. With his interest in flying it is understandable that he should have visited such countries as Venezuela, Mexico, various Carribean Islands, Kuwait, Syria, Iraq, and Turkey to mention just a few. Violin, golf and oil painting are his means of relaxation. Besides his wife Mae, he has a daughter Sondra Lynn who is eleven years old.

### TREASURER

Charles O. Stine  
3905 Rauch Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Served with the 445th Bomb Group

Charles has been with the Pennsylvania Railroad for the past 15½ years and is at present a Passenger Conductor. Charles numbers among his outside activities the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Charlton Paxtonia Charter Lions International; American Legion Post 27, Harrisburg, Pa.; and the Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers Association. And just to relax he goes hunting. Not much time is left to travel but he has managed to visit Canada. When I asked him what information he would like passed on, his immediate reply was, "Would like to hear from any, or all, of my buddies in the 445th Bomb Group. Would like it if they would all become members of the 2D Air Division Association and attend reunions for an old fashioned get-together". Why don't you just surprise him and be there. Maybe we could even find some "mild and bitters". Who knows!!! Nothing's impossible.

#### 44TH BOMB GROUP VICE-PRESIDENT

George Federlin  
4539 W. Broad Street  
Columbus 4, Ohio

Served with 44th Bomb Group.

George has been employed with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation for the past four years. Bowling, golf, model trains and cameras are among George's hobbies and outside interests. He was born in Germany and has traveled to Canada, Mexico, France and Switzerland. If anyone would like to have the names and addresses of former members of the 44th Bomb Group, George will be most happy to send them to you if you will just drop him a line. Also any news or information about former buddies will be most welcome.

#### 445TH BOMB GROUP VICE-PRESIDENT

Robert J. Drummond  
518 Forest Avenue  
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

Served with the 445th Bomb Group.

Bob is associated with Drummond Scientific Company, Philadelphia, Pa., as a Partner for the past ten years plus being a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. His hobbies are his wife Catherine and their family of six children. As Bob says, "That would fill a Newsletter". His family starts out with Charlotte Ann (10) and follows in succession with Mary Ann (9), Suzanne (7), Joe (5), Rosanne (3) and Robin (9 months) who brings up the rear. That sounds to me like a very nice hobby. Bob would like to have the names of prospective members who belonged to the 445th Bomb Group. So would you dig up those old memoirs and see what names you can come up with and send them to Bob and he'll do the rest.

#### 361ST FIGHTER GROUP VICE-PRESIDENT

Henry C. Molter  
436 Bedell Terrace  
West Hempstead, Long Island, New York

Served with the 361st Fighter Group

Henry is his "Own Boss" in the Molter Contracting Company. When not busy "bossing" himself Henry is a member of the National Air Force Association and has been since 1947, and is a member of the Mitchell Air Force Base, Local AFA Squadron. He lists his hobbies as (in order) "My Wife Florence", model airplanes (1909 to guided missiles), music, reading, gardening and most of all the Air Force. His reply to my question about any special plans for the future was to work hard, relax a bit, love his wife and maybe retire at about 65 years of age. One of Henry's big days was when he attended the Wing-Ding in New York City in 1947 and met Generals Jimmy Doolittle and Hoyt Vandenburg and Colonel James Stewart all at one time. A message that Henry would like to pass onto the boys who have already joined the 2D Air Division Association is, "I am very encouraged - - feel good - - maybe like you boys did when I handed you a letter from home when I was mail clerk for the 376th Fighter Squadron". He is looking forward to August and the Annual Reunion and during the interim is working on the rest of the 376th "boys" to join the Association. Won't you help him out by sending names and addresses of former members of the 376th.

The next Newsletter will contain "Get-Acquainted" information on the rest of the Group Vice-Presidents. (That is, if they'll cooperate and fill out the questionnaires - - and - - send them to me. - OK Boys ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?)

\*\*\*\*\* BITS AND CHIPS \*\*\*\*\*

#### HEADQUARTERS 2ND AIR DIVISION

Sally Allen has decided to join the "Broken Bones Club" with a broken hip and two broken arms. Understand that's not the club to belong to so hurry and get them mended and terminate your membership with them. Joanne Affronte is quite active in the Air Force Association and takes her reserve duty at March Air Force Base, California, and works with Maj. Ruth McCraw who was stationed with us at Kettering Hall. Floyd Anderson is employed by Boeing Airplane Company, Transport Division for the past year and likes the change very much as it gives him more time with his family than when he was "on-the-road" selling giftware. Howie Baum accepted the position of Assistant Business Manager and Purchasing Agent for the Milton Hershey School - a school for orphan boys in Hershey, Pa. Howie and Jo and family were sight-seers in Washington, D.C. and were the house guests of Hathy and Milton Veynar. While visiting there, had a get-together with "Red" Hardin and talked over old-times, old places. Rose Donahue for many months on the sick list is slowly recovering. Get well, Gal. Hal and Virginia "Peaches" Hoerner will be attending the Reunion in August since they are moving to the New York area June 1st for two years and then return to Atlanta. We'll be seeing you there. The Karl Hoppers (Vivian Reimer) are the proud parents of a baby girl born in October making a grand total of three boys and one girl. Major James A. La Ponsie and family are presently assigned at Goose Bay, Lab. and will be returning to the States this coming June. Delores (Hommer) McGeary and her husband have named their new baby boy William Hommer McGeary. He was born 2 November 1957. Norwood C. Middleton associated with the Roanoke newspapers for almost fifteen years has just become the managing editor of the Roanoke Times. Congratulations!!! M/Sgt. Beatrice Puck will be wending her way homeward from Germany this Spring. "Puckie" hope your assignment allows you to attend the Reunion in August. Mattie Kirkpatrick Reinhardt had as her guest for a few days Roxie Reynolds Pettinato from Essex, Montana. Marge Thompson Dhdres also lives quite close to Mattie. Hilda (Berry) Sanford writes that the reason for her absence from the Reunions is her two little queens. Do hope you can make it this year. Eleanor Storms says that they are still stationed at George AFB and she is presently working in the Wing Accounting Office to keep busy while her three children are in school. Irene Noble had a call from Tessie (Rice) Stevens and her health has improved so much. Let us hear from you Tessie and how the world is treating you. Bill and Hope Lauer have 3 sons - Rob, Dick and Jack. Bill was a victim of polio several years ago, but is recovering nicely. Maxine (Carter) Gentry affectionately known as "The Little Corporal" during the Old Catton days, married shortly after WWII, and with her husband, Glenn, owns and operates a very modern pharmacy. They reside at 677 Portola Drive, San Francisco, and Maxine would like to hear from any of her old friends. Warmest greetings to all from Henry and Shirley Dietch who reside in Park Forest, Illinois, with their sprouts - Bill, Nancy and Jimmy. Postcards received from Jackie (Gra Hovac) Turchet announce that she and the family spent three weeks in the Valley of the Sun - Phoenix, to be exact. Just how lucky can you get - live in California and vacation in Arizona.

John S. Means is retiring from Cleveland on 1 May 58 and expects to do quite a bit of traveling. Hope your travels take you to New York and the Reunion. Hazel and Chester Schmidt sent us a lovely postcard from Florida where they were vacationing. And they expect to see us in New York. General Lauris Norstad Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, has named U. S. Air Force General Leon W. Johnson as his Air Deputy. Lillian Meadows Moore is now working for the Dade County Engineering Department in Miami, Florida. Thomas F. Messenger sent us some very interesting information and that was that the Ketteringham Hall Property (which was formerly 2 AD, Headquarters) has been up for sale since the death of the Duke of Westminster. Through the offices of John D. Wood & Co. it has now been sold as an entire parcel-2200 acres. Those who knew them will be interested to know that the Arthurton's 'Majority Cottage' is listed as part of the sale. He will advise who the new owner will be when it becomes evident - having put out an inquiry. He says the fate of Hethel Air Field is not evident on the prospectus as it is listed but then crossed out - probably discontinued as an Air Field. Probably just as well for the boys in the Prep School if the ghosts from the 389th are still piloting in that area!!! Thanks so much Tom for the info.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you we hope that the Senate will have confirmed the appointment of Major General to Charles B. Westover.

#### 458th BOMB GROUP

John McNaney and two friends have just opened up their own private school. Lots of Success in the new venture.

#### 446th BOMB GROUP

Frederick A. Schwartz wishes to contact a former flying buddy of the 707th by the name of Arthur A. Scott. Frederick may be contacted c/o Sheldon Fredericks Advertising Agency, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10, New York.

#### 389th BOMB GROUP

Capt. Fred E. Sayre is now stationed overseas in England. If you ever get to any of the old sites let us hear from you so that we can pass along the information to the rest of the members.

#### 44th BOMB GROUP

John H. Gibson has been transferred by American Airlines from Tennessee to New York as the Assistant Vice-President - Flight. He plans to attend the '58 Reunion.

#### 93rd BOMB GROUP

Sam S. Brocato, Jr. has been very ill and is in the VA Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Know that if any of you are passing through there that Sam would enjoy seeing you. Do hurry and get well.

#### 448th BOMB GROUP

Lt. Col. William H. Searles is now retired and owns a small commercial orange grove in Deland, Florida and is at present enrolled at Stetson University pursuing a degree in "Citrus Production".

#### 466th BOMB GROUP

James R. Carey invites you to stop by at his service station located in Ossian, Iowa, if you are ever passing through. He would like to see you.

#### 361st FIGHTER GROUP

Richard B. Shults writes that he is interested in locating two of his buddies by the name of William T. Deaton and Joe Yates. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts may contact Richard at 41 Lafayette St., Palatine Bridge, New York. He is also looking forward to attending the Reunion.

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