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Inside the Memorial Library: A Guided Tour

—by Jim Lorenz

The original Second Air Division Memorial Room—just that, a rectangle of about 900 square feet—was dedicated on June 13, 1963. It held histories of each of the 14 2AD bomb groups and the Roll of Honor. Following upgrades in 1993, the tragic fire in 1994 destroyed the entire library.

In the last Herald you read of the rededication of the new Norfolk-Norwich Library, dedicated in the Forum (the building name) on Millennium

Plain (the marketplace) in November of 2001. Our portion of the magnificent £60,000,000 structure comprises 5 rooms and over 2,000 square feet. Our Memorial Library room lies on the ground floor, off the large atrium of the Forum building, with the main library behind on two floors. Other Forum tenants are the Origins theatre, a bookstore, a cafe, and coming soon, a BBC studio, right next door to ‘us.’

Just inside our Memorial Library, a 1/6 scale Liberator is suspended from

the ceiling. Modeled on the 467th’s famous ‘Witchcraft,’ it was donated by sculptor Mike Caputo.

To the immediate left is a casual seating area, reminiscent of an American library, with the wonderful “Friendly Invasion” 28-foot long mural as a backdrop. It depicts the entire 2 AD range of activities. On the right you may recognize the tall fellow being elegantly decorated as Jimmy Stewart. (Evelyn Cohen, on the 2AD Headquarters)

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Library study area with web-enabled computers is to right of Shrine along outside wall of Memorial Library. 4,000 shelved volumes are to the right. Attractive scale models and prints of the assembly ships are displayed below the tailfin insignia for the 14 bomb groups of the 2AD. (Brian Mahoney)

Long Time Coming Home

—by Brian Mahoney (with thanks to Norma and Bill Beasley)

When young Enrico Schwartz, a businessman originally from the old East Germany, was asked in the mid 1990s by an American colleague to place a wreath in the Netherlands American Cemetery (Margraten) at its Wall of the Missing, he became intrigued at the notion of an air crew shot down over land but somehow never found. His curiosity and good spiritual motivation, along with an amazing amount of persistence and luck, allowed stunning closure, 58 years later, for the families of Crew #802 of the 858th BS of the ill-fated original

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At right: Each of the ten families of the Herbert crew were represented at the Arlington Cemetery interment and received flages and full set of their relative’s decorations and campaign ribbons. (Brian Mahoney)



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Corrections

•*The caption to the Executive Committee photo which ran on page 3 of Herald 31 transposed the names of Vicki Brooks Warning and Ann Phillips*

•*Several minor corrections and changes have been made to the back panel (Heritage League Executive Committee contacts). Members are advised to consult their most recent Herald when trying to reach committee members. (These days, area codes and e-mails change more often than addresses, it seems! -Brian)*

•*'Modern Heraldry.'* In reference to the story on page 13, related to group markings in the 2nd Air Division, Charlie Freudenthal, veteran of the 489th, wrote to clarify that the his group was not disbanded at the end of 1944, but sent home to retrain to B-29s and go to the Pacific theatre. We commend readers to his interesting Letter To The Editor in this issue.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Brian,

I've just finished going through the latest Heritage Herald (fine publication), and want to correct a little bit of the "Unique Modern Heraldry" as it relates to the 489th. The reason, as you might well know anyway, that the 95th Wing was dissolved was the explosion at the Metfield bomb dump, which wrecked a number of aircraft and buildings, and forced the 491st off operational status for several weeks. I'm not sure of the exact length of time, but the last mission the 489th flew with the green and white tails was 14 August 1944. We flew with the 20th Wing until 10 November, at which time the Group was stood down. On 1 December, still intact as the 489th, we started home, via convoy. We had expected to stay in B-24s and go onto somewhere in the Pacific, but were instead reorganized and transitioned into B-29s. We never got there though. The air echelon was waiting at Fairmont, Nebraska, the Support Group was already on the ocean, and the Group's ground echelon was aboard ship in Seattle Harbor when the movement was canceled and the group inactivated. This was all in October 1945, and the war had been over for two months. Why the delay, I don't know. But we were the 489th to the end!

This isn't of great importance insofar as the Herald article is concerned, but "dissolved" sounds so much like a lump of sugar disappearing in a cup of tea!

All the best,

Charlie Freudenthal, 489th BG Assoc.

P.S. Another unimportant item, while I'm on a roll. We went from green and white tails to all yellow, since the 20th Wing already had the vertical, horizontal, and diagonal stripes. The 491st kept its green and white colors while serving with the 14th Wing. Don't know why, but have heard the CO insisted on it. I can see that; otherwise his choice would have been All black or all silver I guess.

—Chas

Thank you, Charlie, for taking the time to share this interesting correction and expanded 'endnote' on the history of your group.

I had seen a few pictures of all yellow tail fins and failed to grasp this compelling reason for repainting 489th tail fins. As for the 491st choosing to keep its white on green... I have no doubt that the CO did not want for one instant to have his boys mistaken, by The Fates or the Luftwaffe, for the ill-fated original 492nd. When offered the diagonal black stripe on white (or NMF) of this effectively disbanded outfit, he did not hesitate to say "No thanks."

As it is, combat crews reassigned to other groups—mostly the 44th and 467th—were at great pains to prove to their new comrades and themselves that their horrific luck did not follow them. —*Brian Mahoney*

'Friends' Indeed!

Our friends across the pond, The Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial, have once again helped us in distribution of The Herald to our UK subscribers. We send a package to the APO address of Lt. Col. Bill Weust, a career American Air Force man retired in East Anglia and also a Governor of the Trust. The economically posted parcel contains pre-addressed newsletters, to which our friend, Colin Mann

(of the Friends!) applies correct in-country postage, and resends. This scheme levers their volunteer efforts to keep our costs lower and we are most appreciative. We stand ready to do same for them in any future mailings to the US. Please note Irene Hurner's suggestion (page 15) that we support The Friends by joining them, as many of them have joined us!

President's Update**Heritage League On The Move**

—by Irene Hurner, President

Following the wonderful convention in Baltimore, the officers of The Heritage League, full of enthusiasm, agreed to hold a mid-term meeting February 6–9, 2003 in Houston. Our timing was such that we arrived in the hometown of the Johnson Space Flight Center less than one week after the Columbia shuttle disaster. Mission Control tours had just resumed the Friday morning of our visit, where we were able to see the equipment used during the first space missions.

sitting in the comfort of the coach and not worry about leaving anyone behind. Thank you to all who made the meeting a memorable experience.

Excom meeting participants included myself, Executive Vice President Carol Kendrick, Secretary Linda Wittig, Treasurer Ed Zobac, Membership VP Ann Phillips, Communications VP Brian Mahoney, and Associate Secretary Brenda Tudyk. Also attending were 2 ADA Liaisons Jim & Mary Lorenz, Vicki

Membership Literature

Since the rededication of the 2 AD Memorial Library, there has been a need to revise our membership application. New ones should be ready for our meeting in June. Consideration was given to preparing a booklet for new members that would explain more fully the purpose, vision and goals of The Heritage League.

New 'Mission Statement'

Time was dedicated to a discussion of restating the League's purpose, vision, and goals in a manner that would be clear and concise. How can all the feelings of pride, the desire to preserve the memories, and the vision for the future be summed in a few words or sentences? Brian Mahoney was the moderator for this part of our meeting (see the article on page 13).

More Heralds

Our Communications Vice-President expects to produce three issues of The Heritage Herald during 2003. This will be made possible in measure because Lindy Galbraith (daughter of 466th vet Jim Russell) has accepted appointment as our new Associate Communications VP.

Fundraising**for the Memorial Library**

Ed Zobac noted that most of the pins produced as a fundraiser for the library rededication have been sold. We will be able to forward them a donation this year.

The Pins

Since the first pin was so well received, the committee asked Caron Veynar to suggest designs for another limited edition pin that could be sold at our reunions. It was not easy to choose among her wonderful proposals, but Ed Zobac and Caron have let me know that our new pin will be ready for the June meeting (photos page 6). Many thanks to Caron for her designs and assistance.

Policies and Procedures

We now have a current manual for the leadership of the Heritage League. The guide will be a boon to present and future officers. Our thanks to Jim Lorenz who refined the document for a year and a half with input from the current and past officers.

Heritage on the Web

Our Web site continues to be maintained by Bob Books. The web site is a bulletin board for our many visitors who



Pioneering Spirit. Executive Committee members and guests enjoyed period recreations at The George Ranch. FRONT: Exec. VP Carol Kendrick, Assoc. Secretary Linda Tudyk, Membership VP Ann Phillips, Rep. to Board of Governors Vicki Brooks Warning, President Irene Hurner, Irene's new security detail. REAR: Joyce Senior, Rosalie Zobac, Mary Lorenz, Treasurer Ed Zobac, 2ADA Liaison Jim Lorenz (466th BG vet), Herman Wittig, Irene's sister Barbie Ann, Secretary Linda Wittig, Jeff Phillips, Ardith Butler, 2ADA President Dick Butler (44th BG vet), Kay Drake, Communications VP Brian Mahoney.

On Saturday afternoon, we visited George Ranch. League Secretary Linda Wittig made arrangements with Alan Senior (a 448th vet) and his wife Joyce, who sits on the board of this fantastic living history site. We were treated to a chuck wagon lunch cooked over an open campfire, a black powder rifle demonstration, and a very informative movie. Thank goodness there was an indoor arena in which to build the campfire—we were visiting the Houston area during one of the coldest weeks of the year. To make traveling easy on the group Linda and Herman Wittig treated us to a bus. It surely was nice to be able to visit while

Brooks Warning, our Representative to the Board of Governors Second Air Division Association, and Second Air Division Association President Dick Butler (of the 44th BG), his wife Ardith, and their daughter Kay Drake.

Among the many topics covered during the three days:

Membership

Ann Phillips, Ed Zobac and Brian Mahoney have worked tirelessly to coordinate and update the membership list and database. Ann has been writing individual notes to as many members as possible thanking them for their membership dues.

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Long Time Coming Home

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492nd Bomb Group.

Enrico and his partner Svetlana Reimer founded the Missing Allied Air Crew Research Team, and to date, through diligence and adversity, have discovered the remains of two different crews from the 492nd. The positively identified remains of the Lloyd Herbert crew were laid to rest in two shared caskets on November 18, 2002, at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, following a service in the Old Post Chapel of adjoining US Army Fort Myer. (Remains of the other crew, that of Lt. Dave McMurray, are in the US Army Mortuary Affairs' identification process, and will likely have similar ceremonial closure in the next year or so. Also of the 858th, they went down on the July 7, 1944, in the vicinity of Westeregeln, Germany.)

All of the families of the Herbert crew were represented at the funeral home visitation (Sunday, November 17th), the funeral and the burial. While some of the family survivors have been in contact in the recent years since the initial discovery of the remains, most of the 100 relatives who gathered had never heard of the other families, none had met.

The Army, to which branch of service all of these heroes belonged when they were KIA on May 19th, 1944, provided great logistical, spiritual and cer-

emonial support, while a handful of interested friends in the 492nd Bomb Group Association, the 2nd Air Division Association, and MAACRT were resources for quiet support and historical information at this unusual and very emotionally laden reunion. Most of the family members were unaware that active associations had sprung up among surviving veterans of the lethal air war over Europe some 60 years ago, and few knew that their fallen relatives were in the vanguard of the sin-

shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. [Isaiah 40, v. 30-31]

At the visitation on Sunday evening, Kathy Nursall Jensen spoke extemporaneously about her very real relationship with the father she never knew. A young master sergeant humbly welcomed the families with the simple observation, from his experience in these matters, that 58 years would disappear in a heartbeat at graveside the next day. The collected



The three sisters of waist gunner Vincent Kalatra, and their husbands. Seated: Ann Raber, Martha Haberkorn. Standing: John Haberkorn, Conrad Raber, Rita and Joe Szabo. Their younger brother John also attended. (Brian Mahoney)



Herbert Crew families gathered at a funeral home the evening before the memorial service and group interment. Enrico Schwartz, Kathy Nursall Jensen and Bill Jensen seen before the two flag-draped caskets of remains and various wreaths. (Brian Mahoney)

gularly horrific losses of the group that had the highest sustained three month loss record for the Eighth.

The Army sponsored transportation to Washington for three from each family and accommodated them at a hotel in Arlington, which became the informal meeting ground starting on the afternoon of Saturday the 16th. No one knew what to expect under the circumstances, but a palpable sense of family arose over the weekend, warm in proportion to the artifice of the historical fact that united them, deep in proportion to the the sacrifice they endured.

On Sunday afternoon, 492nd BG Association leader Bill Beasley headed an informal ceremony to bring the relatives together and present MAACRT with a memento of appreciation. The plaque beneath the pewter B-24 bore this Old Testament passage (rendered in German for Enrico and Svetlana, and symbolic of healing peace): "...and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they

mourners warmly acknowledged the woman from Mortuary Affairs who had shepherded the DNA identification process, and Enrico and Svetlana.

The funeral and horse-drawn caisson through the cemetery, on a glorious crisp fall day, indeed brought the older generation back, and made time stand still for the rest. All 4 siblings of one of the gunners were present, and one of the sisters remembered receiving 'the telegram' at age 16 as if it had been yesterday. One could not look at the Honor Guard and Marching Band personnel and not think of their youth, their availability to make the supreme sacrifice today, or imagine, as we heard three volleys of seven shots, that they were as keenly conscious of the felt presence of pilot Lloyd Herbert, co-pilot William Covington, bombardier Harold Bachman, navigator Timothy Tarpey, engineer Joseph Powell, radio operator Lawrence Nursall, and gunners Marshal Johnson, Vincent Kalata, and Louis Brooks.

From Your Fulbright Librarian

—by Tahitia Orr

I'm wishing you spring greetings from Norwich. As I write this, the cherry trees are in bloom and the daffodils are bobbing about. A Norfolk spring is a far cry from those we have in Alaska, thankfully enough! I've been having a grand time working on my projects and getting to know the good folks of Norfolk better.

Part of my brief is to run creative writing workshops in the primary schools around Norfolk. Within these I concentrate on the history of the 2nd Air Division in East Anglia and the impact the American troops had on the communities in the region. Many of the schools have WW II bases within a few miles and the children get a real charge out of imagining those foreigners right in their backyard. I began these workshops just by talking about the history and the experiences of the recruits but now have worked in many wartime artifacts from our collection. Kids love touching and reading actual items from the war, which gives them a better sense of the period. I've also been sharing a great collection of photographs taken by a staff photographer during the war that give an immediate sense of life on the bases.

As I speak about the war years and tell stories about the crews, the pictures and artifacts are passed around. I generally give a basic overview of the 2nd Air Division here in East Anglia then go into greater detail about the Christmas parties and friendships that grew between the crews and the local school children. I try to make good use of anecdotes gleaned from the diaries and published records here at the Library, which really add a spark to my presentations. If there is a television available, I show footage of the bases using one of the videos from our collection.

After any questions are answered, I speak briefly about the mechanics of writing, and the importance of adding details such as descriptions of sound, smells and tastes. Then the kids and I spend a half an hour or so entering the WW II era. They've written some great work—diary entries, letters to sweethearts, poems, etc. I have found that if I write along with them, it's much easier to get them to share their work afterwards.

Getting the kids to realize that his-

tory involved real people, who had the same desires and needs as they do, is so important. I think of it as opening a crack in a window and letting the cool breeze of time waft across them. My aim is to wake up their creativity and ability to dream about another place and time. In our age of television and computers, this talent seems to be dying away and that worries me. We need to be able to place ourselves in someone else's shoes and have compassion for their experience.

As with everything here, there is a definite learning curve going on for me with these workshops. I'm getting a handle on how much information to give out, what pictures and artifacts get a good response, and how to deal with kids daydreaming out the window. (My teachers would say I'm just getting what I deserve!) There needs to be more marketing of the workshops to the schools; I'm putting together a brochure. This segment of the curriculum runs in the fall, so by doing some groundwork now I hope to get quite a few bookings for next year.

I always ask if there are questions after a workshop. The kids want to know about my home state, and how Norfolk is treating me. It's fun to contrast Alaska and Norfolk. As I really am enjoying my time here, it's easy to find positive things to talk about. Coming from a place with no roads in or out, just being able to hop in my car and explore is a treat.

Since coming to the Memorial Library, I've been creating book displays based around a single idea or image. Outside the Memorial Library is a section of the main library called Express. This area is designed as a space for folks to just drop in, grab a book and be on their way. Open later than the rest of the library, it stocks mainly paperbacks and CDs. They have several tables, which I've used to create displays for Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day. Imagine turkey, ears of corn, pictures of war brides and lengths of lace—not all at the same time, of course!

These displays has been a good way to get the Memorial Library involved with the main library. I use a combination of our books and main library books for these and it's great to

see how often they need to be restocked on the display. Within the Memorial Library, I've been creating smaller displays around the various American holidays and 'months.' These have included Native American Heritage Month and Seward's Day. People are drawn to small groupings of books on a cart, I think they are easier to assess. It always amazes me how much interest our simple cart of returned books receives.

Trust Librarian Derek Hills and I are working on several projects to include local folks who have memories of the war. These may take the form of memoirs being posted on a

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"Memorial News"

A new publication, *Memorial News*, edited by outgoing Memorial Trust Chairman David Hastings, delivers what it promises. Issue No. 1 came off the presses in February. A few highlights:

- 'Our English Cousins,' if you will, the Friends of the Memorial, had another successful Thanksgiving Dinner, at which they presented checks totaling £1200 (roughly \$1800) to the Memorial Trust. (Please see Irene Hurner's article, *More about 448th's Control Tower* on page 15 for information on supporting the Friends by becoming a member.) The Friends, founded in 1988, are just a year younger than we are.

- The 467th BG Assn. and the family of its CO, the late Col. Albert J. Shower, have endowed a substantial book fund in his memory. Additionally, an attractive black granite memorial plaque with a likeness of this keen supporter of The Memorial, has been placed in the 2 ADA Meeting Room.

- The newly installed 'visitor counter' tallied 3,359 patrons in the Memorial Library in the relatively quiet month of December! Our 'virtual visits' will soon be more virtually real. Through efforts of Tahitia, and Wymondham College Alumna Tristan Botley, we will soon be able to 'walk around' inside on: <http://www.2ndair.org.uk>.

Answers to Your Technical Questions



New pin, above, and limited edition commemorative pin from Norwich, below. Proceeds support the Memorial Library.



-by Pete O'Tube, Expert

Dear Pete O'Tube,

I love your name-very clever. And I appreciate your answer to the question about the "drip-shaped" thing on WW II planes. I have been wondering about that myself and your explanation was very informative.

I hope you can help me with an acronym I have been trying to decipher for almost a year now. It's 'SAV.'

I have seen several photos of bomb damage which have data on the bottom that begins with "SAV" followed by a series of numbers, then the date, then another series of numbers, then the name of the target city.

Some mission summaries in the 389th unit history [on microfilm at NARA, College Park, MD] refer to SAV photos in the section headed "Bombing Results." They are used in a context which suggest SAV is a strike photo. S might stand for strike, but I can't even guess what the whole acronym stands for.

Thanks for your attention,
Kelsey McMillan

Beautiful New Heritage League Pins

As we go to press, the first shipment of our newest fundraising pins has just come in. A wonderful design by our own talented Caron Veynar was warmly approved by the Executive Committee in February. It is a quality cloisonné stud-backed pin of bright brass and enameled red, white and blue, and features our logo fittingly supported by 'wings of friendship' in the form of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes.

We have a few remaining special edition pins commemorating the Rededication of the Memorial Room in November 2001, also by Caron and featuring a variant of the wing and flag motif. Like the new pin, it is about 1.5" (37 mm) across.

Wear either with pride and help us support the Memorial Library with the proceeds. Both will be available in Oak Brook, and either can be ordered, check payable to the Heritage League, c/o Caron Veynar, 4919 Bristow Drive, Annandale, VA 22003-5457. \$5 for the Rededication pin, \$7 for the new pin. Include \$1.00 for shipping and handling up to three pins, \$1.50 S & H for 4-6 pins.

Dear Kelsey,

Your hunch was off to a great start: "Strike Attack, Vertical (SAV)" refers to pictures taken during the strike, as opposed to those taken later by a photo-reconnaissance outfit, and as opposed to the oblique (angled view) shots taken by waist gunners on planes toward the back of a formation, using large format hand-held cameras.

A camera port pointing straight down from just aft of the rear lower hatch door held the huge and sophisticated K-21 automatic camera, which shot frames at adjustable intervals after bomb release to show impact and immediate detonation damage before smoke obscured the view. Usually a few of the lead ships in a formation were set up to make these important records.

The group photo officer would 'soup' the strike photos immediately upon return of the camera plane, and in some cases the intelligence officer could not wait for contact prints or enlargements, but called for photo interpretation right off the negatives. Planning for a potential repeat run to a target would need to begin immediately at wing or division headquarters, if the destruction of a critical target was in question.

The 8th had dedicated photo reconnaissance assets for preparing strikes and analyzing results after the dust had settled; our dependence on British assets for this work lessened over time but never ended, and there was a great deal of sharing of equipment and photo intelligence. Specially modified P-38 Lightnings, in the F-4 and then F-5 series, evolved into excellent high altitude, high speed platforms for the 7th Photo Group at Mount Farm, near Oxford. The specialized 25th Reconnaissance Group operated converted Mosquitos for night photography using phosphorescent 'flash bombs' and special B-17s and B-24s for weather scouting. The Brits had an excellent conversion for the Spitfire XI for their work and occasional loan to the Yanks. [Readers should check out Roger Freeman's 'Mighty Eighth War Manual,' a wealth of such information.]

-Pete

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From Your Fulbright Librarian

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BBC remembrance Web site or a joint effort between a youth drama club and people living in retirement homes. The Memorial Library acts as a magnet for good ideas and our task is to figure out which ones are most worthy of our efforts and limited time. The day-to-day work in the library, book ordering, helping visitors to bases, and answering general reference inquiries all take a significant amount of our time. These added projects act as the spice of our work life, and have great community-building and publicity value. I'll let you know which of them come to fruition and how they turn out.

I'd like to end up by sharing a bit of the writing that came out of my most recent writing workshop. This is from a boy of about 12, imagining himself as a member of a B-24 ground crew:

"A grey cloud flew over the sky, as the diving, shuddering wreckage of the bomber came down, trailing black, thick fumes from the right.

At first it looked as if only one of the engines was damaged, but

at the sign of no motion from the left at landing and the right buzzing with pain, I knew that it wasn't the case. Pulling myself up from my seat, I ran over to take a closer look.

The once pristine wings were

"A grey cloud flew over the sky, as the diving, shuddering wreckage of the bomber came down . . ."

now shattered with the bullets from the German's monstrous machines, creating the black menacing blanket that trailed behind the bomber, as if blood from a weeping wound. The twin though on the left was untouched. The engine had no reason not to run. Was it a design fault, or just a human error? It didn't matter as long as it could burst and lift the

machine from the ground. But then the thought struck me, would the plane be simpler to replace than repair? I glanced at the rubble and heard a sorrow in the structure, as if it was bellowing in my ears, drowning out every other sound, 'Relieve me!'

Did this mean to replace? Or to repair? I have no idea, but seeing that my job was to breath life back into these living destroyers, I began. Sweeping into action and keeping in the right frame of mind as the pilot and the air crew ran out, beckoning me to leave. But as people do I was forced not to give up hope and the

". . . my job was to breath life back into these living destroyers . . ."

life that was still trapped inside the soul of the metal frame.

I had to begin. For some reason the plane had to be saved from the death that many soldiers in this war had come to. Grabbing a wrench in both of my hands, I pulled away what was left of the shell on the right wing engine. I may have been swept away by the sheer force of the fog like gases that screamed out as the panel was pulled away.

Blinded, I still carried on trying to pull the engine away from its bed of grease and wrought iron. But there was nothing that could be done until the sheer power and strength of the grasping steel, clutching to the wing, released its grip.

Dues Increase Set for after Convention

A new dues structure will take effect following the 2ADA Convention in Oak Brook, IL June 4-8. The Executive Committee has created a Junior Membership fee, for those age 12 and younger, of \$8 per calendar year. All others will pay \$15 per year.

Those interested in renewing at the current rate of \$8/year (regardless of age) may do so at our registration table at the convention, or in a letter to the Membership VP Ann Phillips postmarked June 9th or earlier. Her address appears on the back panel.

We realize that from the beginning of the League, dues for many

children and grandchildren of the veterans have been paid for by the veteran generation. We also know that time marches on, and hope that the new two-tiered approach will encourage the 2nd and subsequent generation to assume the costs. For our part, we on the Executive Committee will see that you get more news, more frequently. We are considering social and educational activities to enhance the value of your membership, and solicit your active participation in all phases of program planning and operation. (See the newly adopted 'League Statements' on page 13 for a broad indication of our vision.)

Inside the Memorial Library

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ters staff, also makes a cameo in this stunning narrative collage. -Eds.)

The Enquiry Desk is at center of this main room, holding 4,000 books on all aspects of American history and culture, available for check out by library patrons.

Archival artifacts are cataloged, and stored off-site in the fireproof safes of the Norfolk Records Office. A simi-



View from entrance to Memorial Room on "2ADA Preview Day" before Rededication. Enquiry desk at center; large scale model of 'Witchcraft' suspended overhead, Shrine back center; stacks to right with study area behind, Meeting Room behind wall seen back left, Mural just out of picture to left. Ceiling features automatic fire sprinklers. (Brian Mahoney)

lar previous arrangement saved these priceless holdings from destruction in the '94 tragedy.

Behind the desk, the Shrine looks out over the memorial garden with WAC Key. Designated as a quiet area, it is home to the Roll of Honor, which commemorates the ultimate sacrifice of over 6,700 of our Second Air Division comrades. Above is a photograph of the American Madingly Cemetery near Cambridge. The Shrine walls are covered with stunningly beautiful banners of bomb groups, making this a focal point for visitors.

To the right along the back wall is the study area with web-connected computer terminals. Display scale-models of the various group assembly ships are in cases along two walls.



Fascade of Forum, containing 2nd AD Memorial Library. Warm welcoming atrium beyond glass wall fronts St. Peter Mancroft Church to left of this view; Norwich Town Hall to right of this view flew the Stars and Stripes for 'our week' in November 2001. (Brian Mahoney)

In the back left, adjoining the staff offices, is the Meeting Room, with prints of 24 watercolors by T/Sgt. Lund depicting our wartime activities. Originals, which were given to General Hodge, 2nd Bombardment Division CO by his men on Christmas, 1943, are in the Archive. Trust Governor (and Heri-

tage League member) David Hastings donated the B-24 flight simulator found here.

We are most thankful to the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division, USAAF, for the countless hours they spent creating this larger, unique Memorial Library.



Shrine area: Roll of Honor at center back, back-lit map of the 2nd Division bases on pedestal in foreground. Banners represent all 14 bomb groups, Headquarters, and WAAF/WAC women attached to 2AD 1943-45. (Brian Mahoney)

Action Letter for Commemorative Stamp

The Spring 2003 2ADA *Journal* reports on formal efforts to have the US Postmaster issue a stamp commemorating the B-24. A letter to the Postmaster General from T/S Fred Gerritz (466th), Col. Richard Baynes (USAF, Ret., also 466th) and George Welsh (3rd & 15th AF vet, mainstay of the International Liberator Club),

making excellent argument for the cause, was reproduced in full. Supportive letters from *us*, along with those solicited from the members of our 'parent organization,' will help persuade.

Won't you take a few minutes to help? Reproduce the letter below to Dr. Noelke, Chair of the USPS Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and send

it in. Use your own words and arguments if you like, and see if you in turn can recruit others to do same.

**For maximum impact,
we are asked to do this
right away!**

(Date)

Chairperson Dr. Virginia Noelke
USPS Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L 'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260-2435

Dear Dr. Noelke:

Government postal services around the world use their nation's postal stamps to honor some aspect of their history, and the United States Postal Service is no exception. It is with this honor in mind that we request the issuance of a U.S. postage stamp honoring a great aircraft of the Second World War, the Consolidated B-24 Liberator. This stamp would honor those hundreds of thousands of crewmen who served on these aircraft, and the thousands who gave the ultimate sacrifice while in service to their country.

The Consolidated B-24 Liberator holds a special place in the history of American aviation. The B-24 Liberator was built for war at a time when the United States desperately needed the most advanced combat bomber aircraft that it could produce. She fulfilled every mission she was asked to do, including some she was never designed to do. She was, and still is, the most mass-produced American aircraft in history, and remains the most produced multi-engine aircraft in the world.

The B-24 Liberator is truly one of the great aircraft in American history, with well over one million Americans having some direct involvement with her during World War II. That generation is leaving us at an ever increasing rate so time is of the essence.

We respectfully ask that you give this request your full attention and consideration.

Most Sincerely,

(Signature)

(City, State)



Webpages We Wike

—by Siwwy Wabbit

When I introduced this column in the last edition, I hinted that I would try to have 'themes' each time. Several of the sites to which I commend your browsers in this column, like our own Heritage site, have dedicated Webmasters whose fathers were in the Eighth. One recognizes their commitment and motivation in the warmth, respect, reverence and care with which they treat their subjects.

Other Web sites in this month's list appear for their 'power.' They lead you to great other sites and resources, and reward us for exploring within them and encourage and inspire us in our own research. Still others are here because they are just 'plane' interesting.

As before, I would remind you that the tradition of academic citation and listing of sources all the way back to the origin, is very rare on the Internet. Take things with a very large grain of salt, but also try to do your part, in making citations or maintaining your own web page, to succinctly state where you got something from, well enough that an interested viewer would be able to find your source with ease and confidence, should they want to take it further. Part of our legacy is history, and part of our stewardship should be defending it against 'truth creep,' or a slide toward fiction. The stories of the 2nd Air Division are exciting enough as they happened and need no embellishment, but rather will reward us for being disciplined in recording and relating them for the future.

 The 446th BG site is this issue's featured group Web site. Very pleasing to the eye, well organized, excellent links, includes a sweet Liberator history. <http://www.446bg.com/>

 Artwork and journals of 379th FG pilot George Rarey before he was KIA June '44. Forget that he was not in 'our' division; this is very powerful, personal and entertaining stuff. The son who created the web page recently died, and the Experimental Aircraft Association is hosting a show of this unique art now in Oshkosh, WI. <http://www.rareybird.com/>

 The Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum, just a mile from Bungay, has collections around 3 different themes, including Air Sea Rescue (ASR) and the 446th; visit the site to whet your appetite for a nice field trip when next in East Anglia. Great article on 'wreckology'. <http://www.aviationmuseum.-net/>

 Mighty 8th Cross Reference- it's just what it says it is, and leads you to divisions, groups, squadrons, stations maps, and more. Well designed but still needing lots of contributions to flesh out its promising 'skeleton'. <http://mighty8thaf.preller.us/>

 American Air Museum, Duxford. The rededication last fall of the American collection at the Imperial War Museum, near Cambridge and the American Cemetery, was reported here by our own Irene Hurner. Go see the images and read quotes from the senior George Bush and the Prince of Wales, and whet your appetite to visit (or return to) this excellent facility. <http://www.iwm.org.uk/duxford/aam.htm>

 Visit our Second Air Division Memorial Library site, soon to feature a virtual touring capability, at <http://www.2ndair.org.uk>

 Don't forget our own Heritage League site, another wonderful 'son's effort.' Webmaster Bob Books' father, Dallas Books of the 392nd, was KIA on March 18, 1944. A downloadable version of Herald #31 can be found there. <http://www.heritageleague.org/>

 Bob is also webmaster for the 392nd BG page, which delivers that warmth and care I mentioned above. <http://www.B24.net/>

 The American Battle Monuments Commission site takes us to the overseas resting places and Walls of the Missing, with vistas, directions, graves registries, policies, schedules and more; no trip to England, France, Netherlands, Germany or Italy should miss these profoundly moving sites.

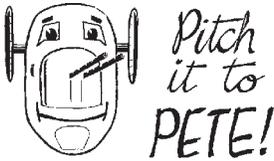
<http://www.usabmc.com/>

Col. Fred Holdrege, USAF (Ret.), 467th BG vet and CO of its 790th BS,  has put up a nice page; it is a delight to be able to feature the work of a 'young at heart' oldster on the web. <http://www.hometown.aol.com/flholdrege/790thSquadron.html>

National Archives Records Administration (NARA) holds many of our  priceless 2AD groups records at College Park. This site is your entrée to researching there; one would be foolhardy to just show up without thoroughly digesting their organizational scheme, policies, and collection description first. A visit to the site may well inspire you to come to the collection. http://www.archives.gov/research_room/arch/index.html

See a flying warbird B-24 this season!  Check the 2003 tour schedules of the Commemorative Air Force and Collings Foundation (owners of the 'All American' Liberator) for airshows and rides in your area. <http://www.cafb29b24.org/> and: <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/menu.htm>





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Hey, Pete!

What's with 'IFF'? Anything to do with 'friendly fire'?

Charles Tailend

Dear Tailend Charlie,

"Identify: Friend or Foe" (IFF) was a system using a short-range transmitter on US and British aircraft and a receiver

It is My Pleasure to Introduce...

—by Brian Mahoney

This edition of the *Heritage Herald* is co-edited. Just as Irene caught me in a vulnerable volunteeristic moment in Baltimore last year, she recognized the possibility ("Set up" is *such* an ugly term...) that Lindy Russell Galbraith would lend a hand if asked. I did, she did, and there is dancing in the streets! Lindy has a strong professional background in graphic design and publications, and will be the 'lead' editor on those aspects of the *Herald* and other products, while I will be the main 'content guy.' This does not mean that we will not cross-over, or that you do not need to hide from Lindy AND me when we are on the prowl for stories and other contributions! Lindy has also graciously accepted the appointment as Associate Communications VP, and will help me in feeding material to Webmaster Bob Books, designing application forms, brochures, appeal letters and the like. In this service, she is like Brenda Tudyk, our Associate Secretary, serving by appointment of Secretary Linda Wittig, her mom.

Both of these capable women are reenergizing the ExCom members by their substantial volunteer contributions, which make our work loads more manageable, our 'products' better, and the effort more fun. Thank you, Lindy and Brenda!

Answers to Your Technical Questions

—by Pete O'Tube, Expert

at coastal anti-aircraft stations in the UK. Switched on when leaving for missions on the continent, and again on the way home, the transmitters sent unique, coded, pulsed signals which told twitchy-trigger fingered coastal defenders not to shoot at the planes sending the correct signals.

There are many testaments—German, American and British—to the vigilance and accuracy of the fire from these stations, largely 'manned' by women. Returning cripples, outside the formation and after expected return time, were especially vulnerable to the understandably aggressive defenses. 'Friendly fire,' the tragic shooting of one's comrades, usually takes its toll when circumstances—often darkness or fog—preclude timely or confident identification of something coming at you, or not operating in the expected time and place.

IFF likely saved many lives, and most of the system's failures were traceable to 'human factors,' situations where the system was not correctly employed or consulted.

I will explain your name to readers in a future column. Hope you are finally settled down back there.

Your Buddy, Pete

Salutations, Mon Pierre!

I have come across a reference to "Splasher #6" and to "...our group's buncher" in my old man's diary. These may have had to do with navigating or making up formations, but he did not spell it out. He was a navigator, if that helps. Can you 'translate' into plain English—or should I say, American?

Norman D. Reccion

Dear N. D. Reccion,

Another of the many extant British navigational innovations 'in place' when we Yanks started arriving in numbers, was a system of powerful medium frequency radio beacons, broadcasting a pulsed signals on three or four frequencies at once, from about a dozen locations.

As the airspace over East Anglia became very crowded with the American bombers, and because poor visibility (with the hazards of assembly

in cloud) would 'stand down' bombing operations, an elaborate system evolved for safer forming up of the aerial armadas in less than acceptable visual flying circumstances.

Bunchers were more numerous (33 by VE-Day), less powerful radio beacons which augmented the system as it evolved. By late '44, even in clear daylight, the procedure for making up a bombing formation was to have individual planes from a base set a circuit course in reference to their local buncher or splasher in order to make up their squadron and then group formations. Each plane was to climb at an exact rate and indicated air speed (IAS) on a 'spiral' path in a very specific airspace in order to avoid collision while arriving at a specific altitude and rendezvous location at an exact instant. That assembled component of the eventual formation would fly on another, larger circuit to form up with the other assembled groups in their wing. From there, on a very precisely set time-and-location schedule, the wing formations would come together on the division assembly line (DAL), anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes after taking off, in the airspace over England. The division formation would now be at altitude, hopefully having suffered few near-misses and no mid-air collisions, and ready to take on the flak and Luftwaffe. Assembly with the other divisions on those infrequent '1,000 bomber' raids typically was en route over the Channel.

By turning tighter or wider, a single plane, or a squadron, group or wing formation could catch up or slow down relative to the leader on which they were forming. This technique was used in turns at 'control points' along the briefed flight path of the mission and as needed to tighten or loosen a formation, or correct its direction.

On return, skilled navigators could use direction finding techniques, and by reference to the code book of the day, home in on a specific navigational beacon to determine their location and that of their field, whatever the weather or time of day.

Splasher #6 was at Scole, about 22 miles S-SW of Norwich. Was your old man with the 446th BG?

Bon voyage, Pete



Selective Book Donations

The book collection in the Memorial Library is well rounded and 'complete,' in the sense of having approximately 3/4 of its collection on general American subjects and 1/4 related to 8th Air Force and WW II titles. All shelves are full, with approximately 4100 titles in the Memorial Room itself, another approximately 950 in storage in the Forum building, and 700 more stored offsite.

I recently asked our Fulbright Librarian Tahitia Orr whether there were selective areas or titles, thought, with which she and Memorial Room Librarian Derek Hills agreed could be strengthened by in-kind donation. Two limited areas were identified:

- Bomb group histories. They have stock on most of these, but recognize the importance of having good replacements available as "...an investment for the future."

- Monographs on the airwar in Europe during WW II.

If you have such a book or monograph available for donation without restriction to the 2nd Air Division Memorial, we encourage you to describe the item(s) in a letter addressed to

Librarian, 2nd AD Memorial Library
The Forum, Millennium Plain
Norwich NR2 1AW, England

or e-mail:
2admemoial.lib@norflok.gov.uk.

Library staff would let you know if the item(s) are wanted then apprise donors of the exact procedures. Donated books may bear bookplates acknowledging the donor and/or an honored or remembered individual or group.

National WW II Memorial:

Progress Report And Editorial

—by Brian Mahoney

As I live in the District of Columbia, and still have fresh memories of the bizarre misunderstanding with which the Viet Nam Memorial was received twenty years ago, I have taken more than a passing interest in the 'heat' that the award



winning design of the WW II Memorial has taken. As a great lover of the National Mall—complete with its important long sight lines, from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial and to the Capitol, I recognized that it would be a challenge to integrate a memorial appropriate to the historical import of history's greatest war with the open, formal and minimal axis of the symbolic heart and power seat of the free world.

On Easter Sunday, after a quiet ride through Arlington Cemetery and across Memorial Bridge, I made my own inspection. I noted that no single element will come near to the height of the mature surrounding oaks and elms. I determined that the sightline to the Lincoln, up the Reflecting Pool, will be 'underscored' subtly, but not at all broken, by a low wall of plaques. Its own 'local axis' runs at right angles to the major east-west axis and sight line of the Mall, and you will almost need to go looking for it to find it, and substantially out of your way to find anything objectionable.

All of the main 'objections' raised

have been resoundingly answered. But lest I stop short and 'damn it with faint praise,' I must say positively that it is a pleasing, dignified, well scaled memorial, arguably in THE very place it should be. I would encourage readers to visit the descriptive Web site <http://www.wwiimemorial.com> and see for themselves.

It appears that construction is on track for the planned Memorial Day 2004 (Saturday, May 29) dedication. This fitting tribute to "The Greatest Generation" will contain a registry of civilian and military contributors to victory, though sadly only a portion of them will be on hand to see its realization. (Citizens can nominate their own WW II heroes to this registry on the Web site.)

It is not too soon to consider attending the dedication. My own fallback plan, if that is too crowded, is to be there on the following Saturday... unless I am able to get to Normandy!



New Heritage League Statements

As President Hurner indicated in her article, the mid-term meeting of the Heritage League Executive Committee in Houston incorporated a 'retreat exercise.' We closely reexamined our role as stated in our founding papers, and as it is evolving in serving our members and 'our cause.'

Many non-profits periodically review their core values and set broad goals against which they hold themselves accountable to their public. We realize the value of keeping the official statements of our purpose, vision and goals 'fresh,' and the usefulness of these for explaining ourselves to potential members, to related organizations and to the general public.

These following statements will be used in applications and our publicity efforts... drum roll, please!

Purpose

The Heritage League's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Second Air Division of the 8th Air Force, USAAF, and honor the efforts and sacrifices of its members during World War II in behalf of freedom and peace. Through the work of its members and other entities it supports, the League promotes educational, social, cultural and commemorative activities which compellingly present this rich history to succeeding generations.

Goals

In order to accomplish its unique purpose, The Heritage League embraces the following goals:

1. to offer information about the 2nd Air Division, directly or through collaborations, to descendants, students and interested others, young and old;
2. to coordinate and support efforts to preserve the stories, artifacts and various memorials to the 2nd Air Division and its component units, assigned or attached;
3. to continue the work of the 2nd Air Division Association in fully endowing the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust;
4. to assume from the 2nd Air Division Association the roles of finan-

cially supporting the work of the American Fulbright Librarian at the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library (Norwich, England);

5. to encourage strong friendships and meaningful exchanges between our members and like-minded people around the United States and the world, especially in East Anglia (England); and

6. to provide League members with meaningful social, cultural and educational interactions and experiences as they help to achieve all of these goals.

Vision

The Heritage League shall be the honored steward of the legacy of the Second Air Division, which was earned by the service of nearly 100,000 com-

bat and ground support personnel, 7,000 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. Early in the new millennium this heritage will be entrusted to the League by the Second Air Division's surviving veterans.

The League will welcome all who wish to contribute to this stewardship. (In some uses, such as on a short application form, the statements may appear without expanded 'goals' section.)

As you can see, we have adopted 'inclusive' language. In our work of honoring and remembering, we want to throw a wide net and enlist the talent and energy of all who see the timeless relevance of the story of the Second Air Division during WW II, whether or not they have a related veteran or previous experience in the League or the 2nd Air Division Association.

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are looking for information about a relative or friend and an informational site about the League with links to the Memorial Library and many other places. Please visit at www.heritageleague.org

Getting Around

Members of the Heritage League

ExCom will be making an effort to attend some of the many bomb group mini-reunions throughout the United States in the coming months. We believe that this will be a way to let people know about us and will create interest in joining our organization.

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Herman Wittig backing up Jim and Mary Lorenz as we begin our open trolley tour of the campus of the NASA facility in unseasonably cool weather. (Brian Mahoney)



Lili of the Lamp Light



—thanks to Mike Carter, Editor of the Newsletter of the Ohio Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society

Many thought she was simply a “working girl.” For other boys far from home the haunting lament of her song reminded them of the girl they left behind, or worse, the girl they might never get to know. In any case, there's no question that one of the most popular songs to come out of World War II was a little German ditty called *Lili Marlene*. Indeed, it became so popular it was virtually the unofficial anthem of the foot soldiers of both sides during the war. Many a fly-guy found himself whistling her tune, too.

The words come from a poem, *The Song of a Young Sentry*, written by Hans Leip, a World War I German soldier. Leip wrote the verse before going to the Russian front in 1915. He combined the name of his girlfriend, Lili (the daughter of a grocer), with that of a young nurse named Marlene, who waved to Leip as she disappeared into an evening fog while he was standing guard duty. The verse was published in a collection of his poetry in 1937.

The poem caught the attention of Norbert Schultze, who set the poem to

music in 1938. Schulze was already famous for his operas, film scores, marches and tunes with politically inspired lyrics.

This tune, however, had a rocky road. Recorded in 1939, singer Lale Andersen didn't want to sing it, the DJ who was supposed to get it on the charts didn't like it and, due to its melancholy character, it was immediately banned in Germany. In total only 700 or so copies were sold. That is, until German Forces Radio began broadcasting it to the Afrika Korps.

After the German occupation of Yugoslavia, a radio station was established in Belgrade that beamed news and propaganda to the Africa Corps. Lieutenant Karl-Heinz Reintgen, the director of Radio Belgrade, had a friend in the Africa Corps who requested the tune. He aired Lale Anderson's version for the first



time on August 18, 1941. General Feldmarschall Erwin Rommel liked the song and asked Radio Belgrade to incorporate it into their broadcasts. Eventually the song became the signature of the evening broadcast and was played each night at 9:55 PM, just before sign-off.

With this exposure the song took on a life of its own. The Allies listened to the German broadcasts and *Lili Marlene* rapidly became a favorite tune of soldiers on both sides of the conflict. The immense popularity of the German version spawned a hurried English version. Supposedly when British song publisher J.J. Phillips dressed down a group of British soldiers for singing the song in public, in German, one irate soldier shouted back, “Then why don't you write us some English words?” Being thus challenged, Phillips and British songwriter Tommie Connor penned an English version. Anne Sheldon's hit record increased the song's popularity in the Allied countries and when Vera Lynn sang it over the BBC to the Allied troops it was essentially adopted by the British Eighth Army as their own.

It was sung in military hospitals and blasted over loud speakers, along with propaganda nuggets, across the front lines in both directions.

Marlene Dietrich featured “The Girl Under the Lantern” in public appearances, on radio and in USO tours, “...for three long years in North-Africa, Sicily, Italy, in Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, and England,” she would later recall. An RCA recording of the song made it to No.13 in 1944. It hit the US charts again in 1968, the German charts in 1981 and the Japanese charts in 1986. Yep, It appears the Japanese like It as well as everyone else.

The song is reported to have been translated into more than 48 languages, including French, Russian and Italian and Hebrew. Tito in Yugoslavia (remember “Yugoslavia”?) greatly enjoyed the song.

Lili Marlene is easily the most popular war song ever written. Its theme of dreaming of one's absent love is universal. But exactly why did it become so popular? The last word goes to Lale Anderson: “Can the wind explain why it became a storm?”

Lili Marlene

*This is the story of Lili Marlene
(doo, doo, doo, doo, doo)*

*Would you like to hear the story,
of a girl that many soldiers know?
It's a tale of love in all it's glory,
they tell when the lights are soft an' low*

*Underneath the lamp post by the brigade
standing all alone every night
you'll see her wait,
she waits for a boy who marched away
and though he's gone, she hears him say:*

*“Oh promise you'll be true,
fare thee well Lili Marlene,
'till I return to you,
fare thee well Lili Marlene!”*

(This is the story of Lili Marlene!)

*With a kiss she gave her promise,
to be constant as the stars above,
every soldier knows she's kept her promise,
and she has been faithful to her love!*

*(Underneath the lamp post by the brigade
standing all alone every night*

*you'll see her wait,
for this is the place a vow was made
and breezes sing her serenade . . .)*

*“Oh promise you'll be true,
fare thee well Lili Marlene,
'till I return to you,
fare thee well Lili Marlene,”*

(This is the story of Lili Marlene!

*Though wee stems have an ending,
no one knows just what the end will be
but tonight when twilight is descending,
if you'll come along,
here's what you'll see...)*

*Underneath the lamp post by the brigade
standing all alone every night
you'll see her wait,
and as they go marching to the fray
the soldiers all salute and say:*

*We'll tell him you've been true,
fare thee well Lili Marlene,
'till he returns to you,
Fare thee well...
Lili Marlene!*

448th's Control Tower

—by Irene Hurner

In an article in the last *The Heritage Herald*, I wrote of my visit to the 448th Bomb Group control tower at Seething last September. I mentioned that the family of Pat Everson owns the tower. Pat wrote to let me know that I had made a mistake, and offered more information of interest.

The airfield and control tower are both owned by Waveney Flying Group (WFG), who fly light aircraft from part of the remaining runways used by the 448th Bombardment Group (H) in 1943-45.

The Station 146 Tower Association rents the control tower. The 448th BG Association, through the efforts of four members of WFG and two villagers, restored it in 1985-87 from derelict condition. A small band of people help maintain and run this living memorial to those



Got A Song In Your Heart?

—by Brian Mahoney

An article by the 445th's Baldwin Avery in the Spring 2003 edition of the *2 ADA Journal* got me to thinking... has anyone ever seen a compendium of the original tunes for the groups in the Second Air Division, or the whole Eighth Air Force? For this 'second generation' fan of colorful lyrics, a collection which gave the lyrics *and the music* would be wonderful; too many of these individual items bear dated instructions such as: "To the tune of 'Bell Bottom Trousers.'" It is generally easier to come by an explanation of the various references in the bawdy lines, or at least the overall context, which is just as deserving of preservation. Authorship is often claimed, and, as with Lt. Avery's moment of truth with his CO, a memorable 'command performance' is often the best part of the account.

Do any others out there think it would be fun to have a sing-along, or maybe a small group of four-part 'close' harmonists from our membership, bring some of these alive at our gatherings? Let me know on BriCamera@MindSpring.com. Extra points if you can still fit in your (or your old man's or old lady's) USAAF uniform; ability to carry a tune in a bucket is optional. What's the worst thing that could happen?

based at Seething, USAAF Station #146 (of whom over 460 were killed). This is the only remaining 2 AD control tower that is open to the public on a regular basis.

The special open days are the first Sundays of May through October. (2003 dates are May 4, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, and October 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) They also open for tour groups if given sufficient notice, and a warm welcome is given to all.

Visitors show great interest in the WW II memorabilia. The collection includes a large display of photographs of life on and around the base, numerous personal albums and wartime diaries from the men of the 448th BG.

Pat writes that far from being a landowner, she is just an ordinary housewife who has tried through the years to ensure the 448th is remembered for its part in WW II and she has been lucky to meet many of its members. She says that these "Golden Years" have been a very special time and says "THANK YOU."

Along with her Heritage League membership dues, Pat's letter included a

brochure about the tower, giving its history and membership information. I will take the brochure to Oak Brook in June.

Pat's letter both corrected me and brought to mind again the gratitude that I feel for all of those who give of their time to maintain the many airbase memorials and other memorials to the men and women of the Second Air Division. Unless we travel to Norwich and the surrounding area to actually visit these sites, we cannot fully appreciate the gift they continue to give.

Many of these volunteers also belong to The Heritage League. One way that we can support them is by sending our dues of \$5.00 per individual or \$8.00 per couple to The Friends of The Second Air Division Memorial via Jordan Uttal. A newsletter is published for the members. Jordan will convert the money into pounds sterling and forward it to Mrs. Pearl Neale, Treasurer. Mr. Uttal's address is 7824 Meadow Park Drive, Dallas, TX 75230.

Thanks again to you Pat, and to the many base contacts and others, who give of their time and money so that our veterans will not be forgotten.

Heritage League On the Move

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Commemoration Wreath

Ann Phillips will contact David Neale, President of The Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial to make arrangements to have a wreath laid at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Cambridge if she cannot attend.

Dues

Because of postage and materials and other cost increases, our dues will also have to be increased (please see the article on Page 7).



Who says we don't have a cool Prez? The ever irreplaceable Irene Hurner helped warm up our outings. (Brian Mahoney)

Education and Culture

Discussion continues regarding an essay contest, pen pals and an exchange program. These items will be discussed further in June.

Valuable Volunteer

Kay Drake agreed to serve as auditor for The Heritage League. Kay has had extensive experience in forensic accounting. I thank Kay for accepting the position.

We Meet Again

Our Annual Meeting will be held 6 June 2003 at 2:00 p.m. during the 2 ADA convention at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Illinois.

The entire Executive Committee would again like to thank Linda and Herman Wittig and Brenda and Phil Tudyk for being our hosts in Houston and for their tireless work in making all of the arrangements for our meeting.

**I look forward to seeing you
at Oak Brook in June.**

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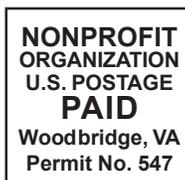


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