

# Second Air Division Association



September 7, 1953

DEAR GANG:

The 1953 Second Air Division Association Reunion will take place on October 23, 24 and 25 at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, Illinois. The president has appointed Clem Kowalczyk chairman of the Reunion Committee and Clem has already made arrangements for what gives promise of being a most enjoyable weekend for the troops.

Clem has appointed to his committee the following old standbys: Henry Dietch, Mike Vydarney, Bob Roberts, Howard Moore, Jordan Uttal, Henry Brandt, Irene Noble, Percy Young, Father Seward, John Cunningham, Fritzie, Harry Cody, Jim Shannon and Ray Strong. Also, this year for the first time, the reunion chairman is looking to some of the wives of the Chicago members for assistance on the reception committee. As an entirely new innovation, a luncheon and fashion show for the wives is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, while the husbands are occupied at the business meeting.

Your convention chairman has submitted the following program for the 1953 Reunion:

Friday, Oct 23.	Registration..... 1300 - 1700 hrs.
	Reception..... 1700 - 2130 hrs.
	(or later)
Saturday, Oct. 24	Business Meeting..... 1000 - 1300 hrs.
	Luncheon & Fashion Show for Wives.. 1200 - 1400 hrs.
	Cocktails..... 1800 - 1900 hrs.
	Banquet..... 1900 - 2130 hrs.
	Dancing..... 2200 - 0200 hrs.
Sunday, Oct. 25	Rest & Recuperation, Informal Bull Sessions and Departure for Home. (There are churches of all faiths within easy reach of the Hotel Sherman)

Your reunion committee has pledged to do everything possible to keep costs at a minimum ---and at the same time, to provide a memorable and joyous weekend for all who attend. Please make every effort to be with us and make the 1953 Reunion the biggest and best yet. General Kepner, and all of us, are looking forward to seeing as many familiar faces as possible.

Oh, yes -- the committee would like to know as soon as possible how many to count on for the fashion show and luncheon for wives. Reservations for this event have to be made long in advance. Then, too, the hotel has to have some information about room reservations and the like, so we ask you to please complete and mail the attached questionnaire covering reunion attendance. Please mail this direct to Clem Kowalczyk as soon as possible, please!!

1953 Dues: Your treasurer, Bob Roberts, has just submitted an up to the minute report of dues received since our last newsletter. Frankly, we are disappointed at the response, although a large number of the regulars have come through in fine fashion. This

organization needs your support --- financial as well as physical. We have to finance our mailings through the dues that are collected, and the more we collect the more frequently we can get out these bulletins. On that subject, we hope that if you have any suggestions you will not hesitate to send them to Irene Noble. We want help and constructive criticism. But, getting back to the financial question, if you have not sent in your 1953 dues, will you please mail them now to M. M. Roberts, 757 Middle Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.

News Questionnaire: The response to our request for news was much better than the dues collections. At the same time, a lot of you must be operating under the mistaken impression that our space is limited in which to print the news, because many of you have been strangely silent. Please be assured that we want to hear from you and tell the gang what you are doing and where you are. So, if you haven't sent in the questionnaire, please get it in the mail now. If you've lost it, just drop a line to our secretary, Irene Noble, 1536 Pleasant Street, Indianapolis 3, Indiana, telling her what you are doing, how you are, children, etc.

Addresses Requested: Requests have been received for the addresses of the following: Billie Ash, Col. George Brown, "Moose" Tarrant, Maj. John Howard, William Duncan, and Becky Sharp. Information can be sent to Irene Noble.

NEWS: WARREN E. ALBERTS, who is director of Industrial Engineering for United Air Lines, has been attending an executive development program at Stanford University. In September, Warren, Betty and little Kristan, who is now 5, are moving to Chicago. SARAH "Sally" ALLEN, who was with the Provo Marshalls Section, now works for an insurance company in Boston and reports that her son is now grown up and is in service. ROBERT S. AYRES is agency manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in Toledo. Bob and Sunny have one son, Tony, who is 12. M/SGT BERTHA M. BARTA is now 1st sgt. of the 23rd WAF Sqdn. at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. FRANK J. BATURA, who joined the headquarters squadron at Ft. Dix, is now with a helicopter plant at Morton, Pa. Frank married a girl from London, and they have 3 children, Frances 4, Micheal 3, and Walter 1. COL. WILLIS E. HEIGHTOL is presently Deputy Commander, 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, at Travis AFB, Cal. He reports that he and Jean have a wonderful family of 2 sons and a daughter, Linda 12, Ward 6, and Willis, Jr. 4. DR. RUEBEN BERMAN writes that he won't be able to attend the 1953 reunion, but sends his best regards. ARTHUR BERNSTEIN is a partner in the Lee Carroll Co. (doing commercial air conditioning and refrigeration). Art and Vivian have 2 children, Lee and Linda, who are now 6. MAJ. HAL E. BILYEU, former staff navigator, is now Asst. Adjutant, SAC Hq., Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. Hal and Marilyn have a son and daughter, Nanette 7 and Kenneth 5. Hal wants to hear from all his 2AD friends. RUDOLPH J. BIRSIC, former group/station adjutant, 445th BG at Tibenham, is now Purchasing Agent for the Hallamore Mfg. Co., Long Beach, California, an electronics firm. Rudy furnished us with a long list of names of prospective 2nd Air Division Association members, for which we sincerely thank him. HENRY BRANDT is staff executive in the Ft. Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Henry and Gertrude have 2 children, Barbara 5 and John 4. Henry says "Let's have more reunions -- it's always a great pleasure to contact your many 2AD friends at these reunions---they're TOPS". WILLIAM S. COBURN is City Manager of Hampton, Virginia, and says he wishes he had time to write all his 2AD friends. Bill is going to Los Angeles on business in September and hopes to be able to make the 1953 reunion. HARRY CODY is vice president in charge of sales for the Ripon Knitting Works. He and Nancy have 2 sons, Harry 13 and Robert 18 mos. VAL AND TOM CONROY have 2 children, Cris 6 and Connie Lou 4. Val is busy being a housewife and mother and Tom is with the Strategic Studies Branch, War Plans Division, Hq. USAF Operations, in the Pentagon. Tom's Pentagon tour will be up next summer and they expect an overseas assignment. Val says their 'phone number is JA-6274 and they have a guest room. M/Sgt DOROTHEA CULLY is still in service and is presently assigned with the Transportation Corps, Hqs. 373rd Major Port, in Newfoundland, Canada. Dorothea sends her best wishes to all and hopes that we will have a wonderful time in October. NEAL CURLEE is an accountant with the Ford Motor Co. in Charlotte, N.C. Neal and Doris have two daughters, Kathy 5 and Anne 2. MAJ. RUSSELL DeMONT reports that he is a traitor to the bomber cause, having been in fighters since leaving 2AD. Russ says that around the Yuma AFB the word "bomber" is a nasty word! He is presently going to F-86-D school to



become an all weather fighter jockey. Russ and Babette have two daughters, Charmaine 6 and Juanita 4, and expect their third child shortly. He sends his best wishes and hopes to be able to be at the 1953 reunion. ROY DEVLIN reports that he is a timestudy and methods engineer for the Chain Belt Co. He is also active in the Volunteer Air Reserve Training Program with the 9136th Tng. Gp., 9658th Sq. at Milwaukee, and was promoted from Captain to Major in reserves in October, 1951. HENRY X. DIETCH is quite a busy guy. Besides being a partner in a law firm, he is also Village President, Village of Park Forest, Illinois. Henry and Shirley have 3 children, William 7, Nancy 4, and a brand new arrival, James. GEORGE DUDLEY and his wife, Margery, have one son Mark who is just a year old. George is Assistant Vice President of the Inter State National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. MARY FRANCES WILLIAMS ELDER and Delos have 3 children, Delos Jr. 6, John Francis 3, and Martha Susan, 6 months. Delos was formerly with the 65th General Hospital unit. Willie says she is quite busy being a housewife and mother, but would like to hear from all her old friends. HARVEY C. ELLIOTT is a building and loan manager and securities salesman in Washington, N. C. He and Sarah have 2 children, Harvey Jr. 5 and Bonnie 3. WAYNE ESTABROOK and his wife Jo have two sons and a daughter. Wayne was in the Flight Section and is now employed by the Beecher Falls Mfg. Co, who manufacture furniture. He is planning to attend the Chicago reunion. PAUL FREDRITZ and Florence have 4 children, 3 boys and a brand new daughter. ROBERT GATES, former Chemical Officer at Ketteringham Hall, is now a research chemist for Westvaco, St. Albans, W. Va., and proudly reports that he and Jean have two fine sons, Bob 9 and Roger, 14 months. WALLY GENDRON is now living in Portland, Oregon, and doing highly specialized color work. BETTY SHERWOOD GARDINER has a daughter 3 and a son 1 year old. Betty and Bill now live in Olympia, Washington. JOHN H. "GIBBY" GIBSON is regional supt. of flight at Nashville, Tenn. Gibby reports that he completed 21 months of involuntary duty in March, 1953, and was stationed in London. He plans to remain in the ready reserves. John and Helen have one daughter Sharon who is 12. MAJ. GEN. FRANCIS GRISWOLD is Commanding General, Third Air Force, and he and his wife, Jeff, and their 2 daughters, Mary and Clare, are in London. LT. COL. H. T. HARLE reports that he is Comptroller, Hqs. USAFE in Wiesbaden. Col. Harle was the Staff Finance Officer at Ketteringham Hall. MAJ. BOB HAWKINS, now at Ellsworth AFB, hopes to be able to be at the Chicago festivities. Bob returned from Korea recently and says he ran into Col. Brown, Lt. Col. Julian Harvey, Maj. Paul Vannerhock, Lt. Col. Tyler Birch and many others. Mrs. Hawkins and their 2 sons are in England for a visit. ED HUNTON is sgt. major, communications sqdn., Knidley AFB, Bermuda, and says if any 2AD members get down that way, he'll be glad to show them around. DOLORES HOMER does the collection correspondence for Encyclopaedia Britannica in Detroit. Says she'll see you all at the reunion. KARL AND VIVIENNE REIMER HOPPER report that they have two children, ages 7 and 1. Karl is a lithographer and Vivienne a telephone operator. GUY W. HOYT JR. wrote that he and Geraldine have 3 children, Guy III 7, Gretchen 5 and Gail 3. Guy sends his regrets that he won't be able to get to the reunion this year. JOHN P. "GUS" KAROLY and his wife, Naida, have 2 children, Naida Louise 5 and John Peter II, 18 months. Gus says "want to see more turn out for the 1953 reunion and all "Pickhandlers" are to turn out 100%". DORIS OGDEN KIMELEY writes that she has hopes of getting to our reunions when her two sons are a bit older - Hayden is 4 and Reed is 2. She is presently secretary to the research director of Potash Company of America and is also the company librarian at Carlsbad, New Mexico. H. F. KING, Little Bredbury, Bishops Down Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, England, who served with us from Nov. 1942 to May, 1945, as liason officer, writes that he's still hoping to visit the U. S. and attend a reunion. Mr. King also sends an invitation to his former 2AD associates to come to see him if they return to England. At present, he is a marine insurance broker at Lloyd's. He and Brenda have two daughters, Jacqueline Ann, 15, and Patricia Jane, 12. MOLLY KELLEY is secretary to the personnel manager, Esso Standard Oil Co. in New York. Molly is also a volunteer at the W.P. Filter Center and is a shift supervisor. CLEM KOWALCZYK and Irene recently spent a short vacation in Washington, D. C. and had pleasant visits with the Conroys, Fritzie, and Holmes Alexander. WILLIAM LAUER is now on the road to recovery after being paralyzed with polio. Bill writes that he is again enjoying life with a wonderful family, his wife Hope and 2 sons, Robert and Richard. Bill wants to hear from all his old friends. ALBERT LEVIT is owner of a food market in South Euclid, Ohio. LEONARD LUDWIG says everything is fine in South Dakota. He is owner-manager of the General Insurance Agency in Yankton and he and

Gladys have one son, Dennis age 6. DORIS LUNDGREN is now psychiatric social worker, University Hospital, Cleveland. A. F. (FEN) MARSH is president of the Colorcraft Corp. of Cleveland. He and Dix have one son, John, who is now 6. JOHN S. MEANS is District Engineer for the Johns-Manville Sales Corp. and reports that "having just passed the 60 year mark, our worthy Uncle has presented me with identification as Lt. Col. AUS, Retired, with credit for some 28 years of service, active and reserve". TOM MESSENGER reports that he remains "a frustrated bachelor and blame it on the bashfulness of the American type females, of which the WACs are a shining example". JOE V. MOFFITT is president of the Wenonah Cotton Mills Co. of Lexington, N. C. Joe and Canilla have a daughter, Mary, who is now a young lady of 14. ROBERT S. MORTON of the Morton Mfg. Co., Chicago, reports that he and his wife, May, have 3 fine sons, John 9, Don 6, and Bill 2. JOSEPH NEVILLE is manager, Industrial Sales, NuTone Inc. of Cincinnati. Joe and Grace have two children, Timothy 4 and Victoria 2. Joe says he has been unable to get to previous reunions, but promises to be at the 1953 reunion and hopes to see all of his friends there. WINNIE VAN DYKE NETTLETON reports that Capt. Nettleton will become a civilian come Sept. 1st, and they and little Don, who is now 8½, will return to Crockett, California, for residence. BEN F. NOLAN is now Asst. U. S. Attorney in New York City but is hoping to go into private practice soon. Ben and Agnes have 3 children, Carol 6, Robert 4, and James, 6 months old. RENA OWEN reports that she is secretary-bookkeeper for the James Motor Co. in Comanche, Texas. MARIE MITCHELL ORR is leading a very busy life - she is married to Bill Orr and is secretary to the manager of the Northern Pipe Line Div. of Gulf Refining Co. at Tulsa. JOHN M. PAVER is president-general manager of the National Outdoor Advertising Bureau. John and Geraldine have 2 sons, 1st Lt. John M. Paver and Don P. Paver, who was inducted July 13. John says if any 2AD people are in Fontainebleau to stop and see his son John at Bois LeRoi 169. LT. COL. EDWIN REED is Chief, Engineering Branch, Air Installation Div., Hqs. 7th Air Division. Ed and Dorothy flew back to see their only son, Edwin, Jr., graduate from West Point in June. Col. Reed expects to be reassigned to the U. S. in February, 1954. JACK REED (445 B.G.) is with DuPont in Seattle, Washington. MERTON J. ROBERTS is physical director and coach of athletics at Attica High School in Bliss, N.Y. and hopes to attend the 1953 reunion. JIM REEVES and Edna have two children, Nancy 5 and Grover 4. Jim is a partner and manager of the Kelly Furniture Co. and has recently gone into a new business - raising chinchillas. He says he sees Jim Shannon occasionally in Atlanta and also saw Jay Saratt in Tifton, Ga., recently. REV. EDWARD J. "CHAPPIE" SEWARD is Vice Chancellor, Diocese of Cleveland. CHESTER SCHMIDT and Hazel attended the 1952 reunion and promise to be at the 1953 event. Chester is Supt. Surety Dept., U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Milwaukee. LAWRENCE AND HELEN HANSON SHEPPARD have 3 boys, Eddie, Jeffrey and Larry. Shep operates a pear ranch, raises cattle and has a fruit and produce business, while Helen is a very busy housewife and mother. RAY STRONG is Asst. Director, Central Office of Records and Registration, University of North Carolina, and says it is "just like being adj. general of the 2AD". Ray urges all members of the 2AD Association to make a special effort to attend the 1953 reunion. NEWELL THOMAS is a partner in Gammack & Co., 40 Wall St., NY, members of the N.Y. Stock Exchange. MARIA "JACKIE" TURCHET is very busy mothering two step-daughters and helping Richard during the construction of their new mountain home. Jackie says "need all idle Pickhandlers w/picks, or any other ambitious 2AD members to hasten the completion of our "Placid Hollow" -- will even supply air conditioned handles, bed and board". CARL VERMILYEA is staff photographer for "The Oregonian", Portland, Ore. He and Alice Ann have 3 daughters and a son - Mary 9, Jeanne 7, Judy 5, and David 3. Carl wants to hear from 2AD personnel - especially those living on the West Coast. GLADYS HATHAWAY VEYNAR has been in Japan with her husband, Milton. Gladys says they expect to leave for reassignment with the 64th Troop Carrier Wing, Donaldson AFB, Greenville, S.C. She reported that she saw Col. Westover who was in Japan on TDY from SAC. If things go according to schedule, she will be able to attend the October reunion. ELIZABETH CUTTS WARREN has just presented Dock with another tax exemption - a daughter, Judy, born June 1. They have 3 other children, Linda 7, Don 5, Bruce 2. MAJ. HARVESTON WING is Chief, Air Force Reserve Specialist Training Center Branch, Operations and Training, Hqs. 14th AF, at Robins AFB, Georgia. He and his wife have 3 children, Shayne 7, Alvarita 5 and Karl 3. Harv says he expects to see "all pickhandlers" at Chicago in October. EDITH WEINGARTEN is a postal clerk and requests that Billie Ash get in touch with her. EMMA JOE WHITLATCH is a secretary for Monongahela Power Co. PERCY YOUNG reports that he is in private tax practice and that he is still a bachelor. CHARLES ZDARA, who was in the Adj. Gen. section, and Mildred have one son, Danny who is 6.

DON'T FORGET-SEND IN YOUR REUNION RESERVATION FORM IMMEDIATELY.



To: Mr. Clemens F. Kowalczyk  
6334 So. Rockwell Street  
Chicago 29, Illinois

Re: 1953 Reunion, Hotel Sherman, October 23-24-25.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the 1953 Reunion. \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend.

Please reserve room for me at the Hotel Sherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double

I will make my own reservations \_\_\_\_\_.

I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_, October \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.)

Please make reservations for my wife at the Luncheon and Fashion Show \_\_\_\_\_

(Name &  
Address )

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Comments:



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1953 REUNION

Plans are now underway for the 1953 Reunion:

TIME: OCT. 23-24-25

PLACE: Chicago, Illinois

You will be notified in a few weeks as to the final details of the reunion. Start planning now to be with us in October.