

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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At long last here is the report to the membership of the big (and I do mean big!) reunion staged at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago last October 14, 15, and 16. If you are in doubt as to whether everyone had a jolly good time, just ask anyone on the following list -- they were present.

William Browne	Ray Hess	Jim Reeves
Henry (smiley) Brandt	Maj Gen Kepner	Bill (Buddy) Russell
Dr. Harry Carver	Clem Kowalczyk	Chappie Seward
Harry Cody	William F. Lucke	Ray Strong
John Cunningham	Lenard Ludwig	Dick Thigpen
Henry Dietch	Doris Lundgren	Jordan Uttal
Marilyn Fritz	Hal McCormick	Mike Vydarney
Ken Gregson	H. W. (Howie) Moore	Percy Young
Jackson Hall	Ray Pettigrew	Charlie Salisbury
Larry Hawkins	Marvin (Bob) Roberts	

And most of these characters brought their better halves.

The WAC's were having a reunion at the same time over at the Palmer House and we were honored to have them join us at the cocktail party on Friday night and at the dance on Saturday night. Wish I had a list of those who were there so I could give you their names along with a few EM's who showed up also. By the way, you will note in the By-Laws (see page 4), as adopted at the business meeting, that WAC's, EM's, and anyone attached or assigned to any unit of the Second Air Division are eligible for membership by expressing a desire to become a member. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our annual wing-ding and in hearing about members of the old gang, please pass the word along to them. Our mailing lists, at the present time, are far from complete.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Honorary President	- Major General W. E. Kepner
President	- The Reverend Father Edward J. Seward
Vice Presidents	- John J. Cunningham
	- Marilyn Fritz
	- Harold McCormick
	- William L. Burns
Secretary	- Raymond E. Strong
Treasurer	- A. F. Marsh

The Executive Board, as appointed by the President, will consist of Chappie Seward, John Cunningham, Marilyn Fritz, Hal McCormick, William L. Burns, Ray Strong, Fen Marsh, Harriet Fau, and Hal Horner.

A motion was made and passed that the date of the next reunion be held the 2nd or 3rd week-end in October 1950 - the specific date to be decided by the President and announced to the membership at a later date. Well, it appears that it is now a later date, so, be it known that the specific dates are October 20, 21, & 22. We hope that everyone will mark these dates on their calendar and plan to be present.

A motion was also passed that the next October meeting be held in Cleveland, Ohio. All the details will be forthcoming in the near future. Hotel Statler will be the place but details of the program are not yet complete.

A motion was passed directing the President to take the necessary action to obtain a charter for the organization from an appropriate state.

After the banquet, Hal McCormick showed some very interesting color slide pictures of scenes around Ketteringham, Horsham, London, Etc.

Here are a few items of interest from Fritzie who is back in uniform as a Captain, stationed in Chicago as WAC/WAF Recruiting Officer for Illinois, Kansas, and Missouri. Val and Tom Conroy have daughter Connie Lou. Caroline Brown married October 15 to ex-Navy man (how could she do such a thing!). Henry Dietch practicing law in Chicago. Dick Thigpen is selling heating equipment and has wife, two children, and a cocker spaniel. Bill Lucke with W. B. Lucke, Inc. Jackson Hall and Rita at home in Oklahoma City and have daughter Deborah Ann. Charlie Salisbury now in Detroit and he reports that Col. George Brown is at Mitchell Field. The Whittakers were expecting in October. Dr. Earl Millers' also sometime last fall. Note from Don Hyatt says that Packer, Cosgrove and Mossdrop are all at Lowry Field. Allen Clark's son is 2nd year man at Annapolis. Lou Howards' expecting soon also. The Guy Hoyt's have two youngsters and new home.

Ray Strong heard Harry Carver on a quiz-kids show recently and reports that the only answer Harry knew had something to do with Pool or maybe it was Snooker. Better they should have asked him questions about Poker! Ray also reports that Harvey Elliott is about ready to take over Washington, North Carolina. Also John Cassidy recently had a promotion and is now operating Colonial Village Apartments in Washington, D. C. Maurice Elstun back at University of North Carolina teaching languages and working on Ph.D. after 90 days active duty last summer. Elliott, Cassidy, and Elstun have all promised Ray that they will be in Cleveland in October. Percy Young recently transferred to Atlanta.

In future editions of this newsletter we hope to have more information about the former officers, enlisted men and women. So let us hear from all of you.