

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Dear Gang:

We are pretty excited and preoccupied with the forthcoming reunion, which, as you know, will be held in Chicago on October 23-24-25 at the Hotel Sherman. Those of you who have attended any of the past reunions know that we really have something to which we can justifiably look forward with eagerness. Those of you who have not been able to get to any of the former wing-dings have missed something. We hope that you won't miss this one.

It is our desire to make this sixth reunion the biggest and best ever. One of our much anticipated pleasures will be to welcome back, perhaps belatedly, but non the less enthusiastically, our Commanding General, William E. Kepner, who is now a civilian. We know that he will have much of interest to communicate and we hope to have an extra large turnout to bid him welcome.

The reunion replies coming in to Clem Kowalczyk indicate that we have in store a most representative gathering of the clan in numbers that approximate the reunions of previous years. We would like to urge all of you who have not sent in their replies to please do so today. Most important, we want to see you here in Chicago and hope that you will be able to arrange to attend.

For your convenience, we are attaching hereto another questionnaire just in case you have misplaced the original. We'd sincerely appreciate your getting this word to us promptly.

The reservations for the fashion show have already been made for those who have indicated their desire to attend. We can increase the number if we have word from you by October 17th. Room reservations can be delayed if necessary, and while it would help your reunion committee enormously to know in advance how many to plan for, we don't want anyone who finds at the last minute that he can attend to refrain from doing so because he has not made reservations. We'll always find some way to take care of such people, and they will have just as warm a welcome and as good a time as if they had been among the first to send in their reservations.

A start has been made this year to try to develop some of our ideas about growing on a geographical breakdown basis. A membership committee was appointed on that basis and some of the results have been excellent. Regional get togethers are a natural outcome of this idea, and this proposal as well as many others will be discussed at the business meeting. We also hope to have an up to the minute report from Charley Bookwalter about the Memorial. I talked to Bookie in Boston last June, and he was undertaking to find out from the Board of Trustees just what the latest developments were.

Inasmuch as a newsletter was distributed Sept. 7th and it is so near the time of the reunion, no newsletter will be compiled until after the reunion, at which time we will be able to give you all the latest news.

Your president invites each of you to write to any of the officers of the Second Air Division Association with any ideas or suggestions you have about the further development of our organization. It is hoped that these letters from those of you who can not attend the reunion will be received so that they can be discussed at the reunion.

Sincerely,

J. R. UTTAL, President