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SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Star-Studded Reunion Shaping For Twenty-Fourth At Williamsburg

Norwich Reunion Planned For 1972; Members To Decide In Poll

Members attending last year's Cincinnati reunion resolved to poll all members to determine if there was sufficient interest to hold the Quarter-Century, Twenty-Fifth Association Reunion at Norwich, England. With this edition of the Newsletter is a stamped reply card for indicating that interest.

For a trip of this magnitude plans must be made well in advance. Last year's feature reunion speaker, Roger Freeman has, since his return to England, advised the Association would be welcomed with open arms by the citizens and officials of the Norfolk area.

UTTAL Reports

Jordan Uttal, liaison officer with the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust and chairman of the Library Book Committee, has recently returned from England and has this to report:

"The Norwich people are delighted to think that we may be joining them in 1972. I will be composing a letter in the near future on my recent trip to Norwich. Let all known in advance that they are most eager to have us in Norwich as we had planned."

Jordan is approaching his travel agent to see what possibilities exist for group transportation.

Each member is asked to promptly
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44th Planning Williamsburg Wing-Ding-Special Hangar Reserved

Leon Johnson, Hugo Rush, F. H. Robinson, Smith, Coles, Cain, Snively, Starkey . . . names that wrote much history of the present United States Air Force plan to gather at Williamsburg, Virginia on July 16, 1971 for unbelievable hangar flying in reminiscence of B-24 exploits of the great Second Air Division. These men, as members of the Second Air Division Association, in concert with others in our growing roster, will gather in perpetuation of the friendships and memories of our service together in the Second Air Division, Eighth Air Force, WWII.

Bill Robertie has for many months been hard at work to make this an outstanding reunion event. At a recent meeting of a few members in Bethesda, Maryland, Bill and Al Blue showed color and black-white films of the 44th in action never before seen but which will be available for showing at Williamsburg.

Anticipating overflow response, arrangements have been made for the 44th to have a group meet starting on July 16 in its own "hangar" in the Hilton Inn Motor Hotel. Robertie has assured that all 44th's are welcome to fly again to Polesti and all of the other missions. For further info write William G. Robertie, P.O. Drawer B, Ipswich, Mass. 01938.

General Coleman Scheduled As Reunion Keynote Speaker

Brigadier General Thomas P. Coleman, Deputy Director, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information will address what promises to be the Association's largest turnout in years at the scheduled twenty-fourth Reunion Banquet at the Hilton Motor Hotel, Williamsburg, Virginia on July 17, 1971.

Former enlisted man, pilot, and flying instructor at Fort Worth, Texas, General Coleman will "tell it like it is" today in the USAF. General Coleman's experiences with SAC and other worldwide commands will be the perfect setting for reunion events.

Air Force Band To Attend

An element of the 564th Air Force Band, Langley Air Force Base, under the direction of Major Edward V. D'Alfonso, will kick off banquet festivities with a program of music especially designed for the reunion.

Following the banquet, music for dancing until the wee hours is also being arranged by reunion planners headed by Hathy Veynar, 4915 Bristow Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

Details of the reunion are in the mail and all members are urged to reply at once for accommodations. Events start on Friday, July 16 and run through Sunday, July 18. This is a time of top season Williamsburg ac-
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Second Air Division Association Eighth Air Force

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The President's Corner

Dear 2nd Air Division Members:

Plans for our 1971 reunion in Williamsburg are proceeding smoothly. Hathy Veynar, the reunion chairman, has informed me that the facilities at the Hilton Inn are reserved for July 16th, 17th and 18th. This is somewhat later than we usually meet, but perhaps this year we won't run competition to June weddings, graduations and late school closings. Hope you will all make a special effort to attend so we can make the 24th reunion the biggest yet. Adam Soccio has written the American Legion & V.F.W. and Paul Burtner has contacted the Air Force Association asking them to publish information about our coming reunion in their magazines. I hope this will not only bring us more new members but also generate more interest in our reunions.

While I am on the subject of reunions I hope you are all giving some serious thought to our 1972 reunion which we hope to have in Norwich, England. This will be the 25th anniversary of our association so we are planning a very special gathering with our friends in England. Those of you that went in 1963 will remember the wonderful time we had and will surely want to go back again. A visit to the Norwich Library to see the USAAF Memorial room is a must for any 2nd A.D. member. I am sure you would be as moved as I was when I looked thru the "Book of Remembrance" listing the names of our 6,032 departed compatriots. When you look around the American room at all the books about our great country you will realize what a living memorial we have in Norwich.

Recently I received a letter from Jordan Uttal telling of his trip to Norwich and how eager they are to have us visit with them again. Please fill in the post card supplied with this newsletter and send it to Frank Manza stating that you are interested in our 1972 reunion in Norwich.

I hope all of you took time to read over the 2nd A.D. Association by-laws published in the latest newsletters. Any suggestions you may have for improvements or clarifications should be sent to me so they can be considered by the executive committee and then incorporated with the other amendments to be voted on at the next annual meeting.

I wish to thank the many members who have written me with suggestions for our coming reunion. It is good to see so many members are interested enough to write. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your ideas on how to improve your association.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Darney,
President,
2nd A.D.

Reunion . . .

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tivity and adds to the need for all planning to attend the Association conclave to notify Hathy of desired space as soon as possible.

44th Planning Big Event

At presstime Bill Robertie advised the Newsletter that the 44th Bomb Group was planning a large wing-ding starting July 16 and headed by General Leon Johnson. Color movies of the 44th in action in WW II will be a big feature of this program and Bill says he will have these available for general showing. Don't miss this!

Norwich . . .

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return the enclosed card. If by chance the card is missing, contact Mr. Frank Manza, 7401 Englewood Avenue, Apartment 2, Annandale, Virginia 22003 and let him know if you are interested.

Further reports from Mr. Uttal and reports of the membership poll will be published in the next Newsletter.

ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

This concludes the "Bylaws" started in the last Newsletter.

VIII. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the governing authority in all proceedings of this organization except as otherwise provided by the constitution and by-laws.

IX. METHOD OF AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

The by-laws shall be amended by a two thirds majority vote of those active members present and voting at any meeting provided for by Section V. These by-laws shall become effective when adopted by two thirds of those active members present and voting at the annual meeting in October, 1949.

From the Minutes of the 1955 meeting.

1. The fiscal year changed from reunion to reunion to a calendar year basis January 1 to December 31.

2. Whenever 50 people from one Group become members of the Association—a Group Vice President will be appointed until the next reunion, when he will be elected by the Group membership present.

3. Two funds created yearly of \$100 each for the use of the President and Secretary.

From the minutes of the 1958 meeting.

1. A motion was made by Charles Stine to amend the By Laws with regard to the cancellation of all future period dues as of December 31, 1958. Life memberships and five-year period dues payments will be available for the balance of 1958, after which no more will be offered and a straight annual dues payment of \$3.00 will be paid. This motion was seconded by Evelyn Cohen and approved by the membership. The Secretary was instructed to explain fully with regard to dues in the next Newsletter.

2. A motion was made by Dean Moyer to amend the By Laws to permit the President to appoint vice presidents to represent the groups. The motion was seconded by Percy Young and carried by the membership.

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THE WACS



WOMAN'S LIB—1944 STYLE



TEA AND CRUMPETS?????



PUSH BUTTON B, PLEASE



THIS IS HATHY???????? AND Ogden, Elder, Bliss.
Capt. Marble doing the honors.



THE MARCH OF DIMES . . . OR SIXPENCE

WAACS To WACS

By Al Blue

When Rep. Edith Rogers of Massachusetts informed Gen. George C. Marshall in the spring of 1941 that she expected to introduce a bill establishing a women's corps in the Army, the War Department had to face up to an issue it had long avoided. Planners in the General Staff hurriedly outlined the framework for a women's organization which would "meet with War Department approval, so that when it is forced upon us, as it undoubtedly will be, we shall be able to run it our way." Mrs. Rogers incorporated the plan in a bill which she introduced in the House 28 May 1941, calling for establishment of a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or "WAAC." After considerable debate and delay, the events of 7 December 1941 changed the attitude of the majority and the Rogers bill became law on 15 May 1942. The measure permitted the enlistment of 150,000 women between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, but set an initial strength limit of 25,000.

Legal authorization, of course, did not guarantee public acceptance of the idea. Congressional critics had been unable to defeat the measure, but their opinions and predictions of dire consequences reflected the feelings of a large segment of the public. To some congressmen the measure was "the most ridiculous bill" and "the silliest piece of legislation" within their memory. The Army itself was unwilling at first to accept this newest addition to its forces. However, the wartime performance of the Wacs altered the attitude of many commanders, including General Eisenhower, who originally was opposed to women in the Army. "The simple headquarters of a Grant or a Lee," said Eisenhower after the war, "were gone forever. An army of filing clerks, stenographers, office managers, telephone operators, and chauffeurs had become essential. . . . From the day they first reached us their reputation as an efficient, effective corps continued to grow." As early as November 1942 the WAAC strength limit was raised by executive order from 25,000 to the 150,000 authorized. (In fact, however, this limit was never reached. Because of recruitment and other

problems, peak strength was less than 100,000.)

Air Wacs

It was typical of the AAF to desire a separate women's corps completely independent of other branches of the Army. The AAF, furthermore, early recognized the need for full Army status, rather than auxiliary status, for the WAAC. These two ideas were temporarily squelched in November 1942 when General Marshall wrote a note to the Chief of Air Staff: "I believe Colonel Moore this morning took up with Mrs. Hobby the question of her attitude toward a separate women's organization for the Air Corps (sic). I don't like the tone of this at all. . . . I don't wish anyone in the Air Corps office to take up without my personal knowledge any question of organizing a separate unit, or any discussion of it except with me first."

Although the AAF could not acquire Wacs on its own terms, it was glad to take them on any basis. During the early months of the existence of the WAAC, the Aircraft Warning Service received top priority in the assignment of women in the AAF. The Air Forces felt that effective operation of AWS stations required full-time personnel subject to military discipline, and Wacs began to arrive at these posts in September 1942 immediately after completing their basic training at Fort Des Moines. In March 1943 the AAF began to receive its first Wacs for use in posts other than AWS stations. Small companies reported for duty at Chanute and Scott Fields and at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. In the following month twenty-three WAAC units arrived at air bases in the United States, and by the end of September 171 air bases had Wacs as part of their personnel.

WAAC To WAC

In the summer of 1943 the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps became the Women's Army Corps. This step, placing the corps in the Army instead of with the Army, corrected a fundamental error which had been growing increasingly obvious. With the conversion to Army status, approximately 80 per cent of the women serving with the AAF reenlisted. At peak AAF WAC enrollment of 39,323 in January 1945, more than 200 different job categories were filled by en-

listed women, while WAC office held more than 60 different types of jobs in addition to that of company officer. Some 20 Wacs were listed as "Air Crew Members" and there were at least one WAC Crew Chief. Women sometimes also made non-combat flights as radio operators. As an experiment, one entire flight line was staffed with WAC mechanic and there were eventually some 61 women in Airplane Maintenance, 65 Aviation Specialists, and lesser numbers in related jobs. The AAF WAC program was headed by LtC Betty Bandel.

The Wac Overseas

In the spring of 1944, the AAF adopted a plan for assignment of WAC clerical workers to the headquarters of combat air forces around the world. However, well before the system went into effect Wacs had been shipped to Eighth Air Force in England, the first WAC Separate Battalion arriving in July 1943. The satisfactory performance of this unit led to so many requests that by September the Air Force Wacs made up one-half of the total WAC strength in the ETO. Requests from other theaters soon poured into AAF Headquarters, eventually resulting in the following distribution of AAF WAC personnel in January 1945:

European theater	2,83
Mediterranean theater	45
Pacific Ocean Area	
Far East Air Forces	69
China-Burma-India theater	28
Air Transport Command	2,75
Other	28
Total	7,31

If there was any doubt in the public mind by the end of the war as to the official Air Force attitude toward the Wacs, it was removed by General Arnold's final report to the Secretary of War. General Arnold recommended that "a nucleus of organization of female soldiers should be maintained in peacetime in order to provide for rapid and efficient expansion in time of national emergency." He pointed out that wartime experience "has clearly proved that these women, in the jobs they were qualified to perform, were more efficient than men."

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NOTES AND NEWS

By-Laws . . .

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From the minutes of the 1959 meeting.

1. Motion by John P. Karoly, seconded by Jordan Uttal, that the By-Laws be amended to offer a new type of membership; an associate membership with no voting powers, to the immediate family members of deceased 2 AD personnel. Motion carried.

From the minutes of the 1960 meeting.

1. Motion by John Watson, seconded by Percy Young, that the By-Laws be amended to permit all Wings to collect \$3.00 dues and retain \$2.00 in the Wing and send \$1.00 to National, making such members a member of both Wing and National. Passed.

From the minutes of the 1964 meeting.

1. Moved by Percy Young, seconded by John Watson that our By-Laws be amended to provide for full membership at regular dues, for the families of anyone who served with 2 AD during 1942-45 in a military or civilian status in England. Passed.

Look Who's Here!!

The Association proudly welcomes the following eighty-two crew members back into the formation. We are looking forward to seeing all at the July reunion at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Headquarters

COLLINS, Dr. Braswell E., 800 First St.; Macon, Ga. 31201
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44th Bomb Group

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 NUGENT, George W., Lipscomb Drive, Route 4; Brentwood, Tenn. 37027
 STEWART, William C., 106 S. Pecan St.; Alamo, Tenn. 38001
 SUBJECK, Adam J., 8881 Wormer St.; Detroit, Mich. 48239
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93rd Bomb Group

BIANCO, George E., R.D. 1, Box 476; Mars, Pa. 16046
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 LEAR, 7005 Elmwood Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19142
 O'BRIEN, Larry G., 41 Oriole Lane; Trumbull, Conn. 06611
 TRAPP, Robert E., 1239 East Miner, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

389th Bomb Group

BURNS, Howard J., 1606 Bradley Ave.; Rockville, Md. 20851
 COSTELLO, James F., 15 Timson Street; Lynn, Mass. 01902
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 WHEELWRIGHT, Warren C., 950 Taylor Avenue; Ogden Utah 84404
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392nd Bomb Group

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445th Bomb Group

BABCOCK, Edward J., 142 Goff Road; Corning, N.Y. 14830
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 POGOVICH, Peter 230 West End Ave.; New York, N.Y. 10023
 SOMERS, Gerald A. Brown, County Library, 125 S. Jefferson St.; Green Bay, Wisc. 54301

446th Bomb Group

BRYANT, Harry M., Sr., P.O. Box 2169; Gastonia, N.C. 28052
 DAY, Irving M., Jr., 5713 Newington Road; Washington, D.C. 20016
 GORBIS, Morris, 566 Avenue C.; Bayonne, N.J. 07002
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 MACKEDON, Richard L., 4544 43rd Place; Washington, D.C. 20016
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New Members . . .

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448th Bomb Group

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453rd Bomb Group

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458th Bomb Group

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466th Bomb Group

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 WAGNER, W. Robert, 1908 Glendale Blvd.; Kalamazoo, Mich. 49004

467th Bomb Group

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 LEISTER, Roger L., 129 N. Stephens Place; Hanover, Pa. 17331
 LODGE, Richard D., 3710 Chatham Rd.; Baltimore, Md. 21215
 PRICHARD, Ltc. Arthur L., USAF (Ret.), 383 4th Ave., Holland, Mich. 49423
 SIMMERLY, Herbert A., 4180 W. 214th St.; Fairview Park, Ohio 44126
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491st Bomb Group

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56th Fighter Group

WARREN, William S., Jr., Route 1, Box 21; Magnolia, Delaware 19962

In Memoriam

4th Fighter

Holmes, Thomas F., 64 Sherman Street; Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

Deceased August 19, 1970

389th Bomb Group

Lawson, Harry C., 1131 South Harrison St.,
 Arlington, Virginia 22204

ROSTER CHANGES

Make the following italic changes to the October 1970 ROSTER. Additional changes will follow in future NEWSLETTERS.

HQ.

ALBERTS—*Hinsdale, Illinois*
 BAUM—*MHS Caaba Apts., Delete 61 E. Caracas Ave.*
 BURMAN—*Solon, Ohio*
 CORRAR—*Corror*
 GARRETT—*Delete R.R., Add Star Route*
 GFEGSON—*Gregon*
 HODGES—*Treasury Way*
 LAUER—*Zip Code 07932*
 LEVIT—*Delete Cleveland. Add South Euclid, Ohio*
 LUCKE—*2229 Oak Street*
 MOORE. MRS. LILLIAN—*Zip Code 33162*
 PAVER—*Red Bud Trail*
 SHEPPARD—*Drop Mr. and Mrs. Add Box 2074*
 VEYNAR—*Bristow Drive*

44th

CALDEN—*Add Apartment M*
 CISINSKI—*Mozart Street*
 FRITSCH—*Zip Code 52002*

93rd

ALLATT—*1 Hudson Harbour*
 BOLTON—*1168 Davis Drive*
 BOUTAIN—*P.O. Box 1154*
 GUZIK—*8601 Pretoria Ct., Clinton, Md. 20735*
 MERRILL—*5509 Windsor Dr., Camp Springs, Md.*
 TESSMER—*Box 122, Delete 66 Colonial Rd.*

Membership Rolls Continue Climb

Lead by Headquarters, 2 AD unit rosters continue to gather additional

names as membership climbs to new altitudes.

Spurred by individual members contacting former group and squadron associates, by reunion announcements in national magazines, and by the Association Newsletter, the overall membership now totals more than 700. While only a small portion of eligibles, this represents an amazing increase of more than 25% in the past few months.

Membership chairman Evelyn Cohen reports enthusiastic response from all quarters and requests everyone to alert her of names of potential new joiners and especially of those who were former members.

You'd Better Believe It

Elsewhere in this Newsletter can be found the announcement of the 44th plans for Reunion 1971. Would you believe attendees will include an owner of an antique gallery (Hammer), and a camera shop (Harvell); a professor of agriculture engineering (Lipper); a rare book and audio visual dealer (Robertie)?

Perhaps you would believe a member of the United States Marshals Service, syndicated columnists, or internationally recognized authors, boat sellers, ranchers or accountants.

You'd better believe that today members of the Second Air Division Association represent every segment of this nation's economy. And you can also believe that the three day reunion at Williamsburg will be the biggest thing since V-E Day.

WHO'S WHO

A recent squib in the Air Force Times weekly newspaper stated "A college psychologist reports that World War II flying candidates who did best on intelligence tests were trained as navigators. Those who got the next best grades made bombardier and the lowest scorers were sent to pilot training."

Boy! This should provoke some hearty conversation at Williamsburg!

**SEE YOU IN
WILLIAMSBURG!**