



DENVER CALLING MAY 19th - 21st 1988



SPRING COMMUNICATIONS 1988

NOTICE: IMPORTANT RESERVATION AND INFORMATION
FOR DENVER MEETING INCLUDED. READ CAREFULLY

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 25, 1988



Thanks to the significant efforts of Harry Dolph, the editor of this Newsletter, we are able to publish two to four times a year whereas in the past we were lucky to have one Newsletter each year. Harry seems to enjoy his work, so please send him any items that you think will be of interest to your fellow evaders.

The response to our AFEES Christmas card has been outstanding, we have received over one hundred cards and greetings as a result of the efforts of Bob Laux and his family in sending out over 400 cards to our Helpers in early December. It is impossible for me to personally acknowledge the warm greetings of our friends and Helpers but I hope that these few inadequate words will let them know that we do appreciate their greetings and their expressions of friendship for AFEES and for the United States. In spite of what we read in the papers there is a reservoir of goodwill towards the United States in Western Europe. We hope that AFEES will continue to serve as an instrument to perpetuate this mutual feeling of warmth and friendship.

As we look forward to our meeting in Denver, May 19, 20 and 21, 1988, we hope that several of you will look on this as an opportunity to invite your Helper or Helpers to the United States as your guest; they will be the guests of AFEES while they are in Denver. We recognize that not everyone can afford to bring a guest to the United States, but those of you who can afford it will be amply rewarded. If you have any questions as to how to go about this, please call me at (412) 343-8570.

SEE YOU IN DENVER....

THANKS FOR NOT FORGETTING

As I approach the end of my 93rd year,
I am very happy to receive news
of my dear American friends.
Good and happy year for all, and thanks.
Eva Guillon
Saint Astier
France

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

You will never forget. We have not forgotten
the thousands of twenty year old young men
who were not involved in European problems,
who flew over the ocean, who fought,
who died and are resting forever
in the earth of France.
Best wishes for the New Year.
J and P Berty
Wantern, France

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
AFEE'S ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

TO BE HELD AT THE WRITER'S MANOR HOTEL, DENVER, COLORADO
MAY 19th THROUGH MAY 21st, 1988

NAME _____ STREET _____
Member _____

Spouse or other guest _____
TELEPHONE _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ AIRLINE/FLIGHT NO. _____

NEED NAME TAGS? Yes ___ No ___ TIME OF ARRIVAL-----

PRICES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Wednesday 18th: Registration, Meeting friends. Yer' on yer' own

Thursday 19th: Breakfast, Bus and Lunch ___ @ \$35.00 ea. \$ _____

Dinner and Auction..... ___ @ \$25.00 ea. \$ _____

Choose: Stuffed Rainbow Trout _____
London Broil..... _____

Friday 20th Breakfast, Bus, Lunch... ___ @ \$30.00 ea. \$ _____

Saturday 21st Banquet..... ___ @ \$30.00 ea. \$ _____

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE,..... ___ @ \$110.00ea. \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AFEES

Send checks and reservations to:
Heyward C. Spinks
P. O. Box 844
Beaufort, SC 29901

NOTICE! IMPORTANT!

HOTEL PRICES WILL ONLY BE GUARANTEED IF RESERVATIONS ARE
IN BEFORE MAY THIRD, THAT'S MAY 3rd, 1988

EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE APPRECIATED BY THE DENVER PLANNERS.
PLEASE HELP

Refunds made if cancellation received in writing by May 9th, 1988

WE'LL BE THE ONLY CONVENTION AT THE HOTEL.

This will be a gala time for all our members. A lot of time and planning has gone into making this a time to relax and have a good time. There will be ample time on your own for shopping and sight-seeing.

Thanks,
THE DENVER PLANNING COMMITTEE

TO ALL MEMBERS, HELPERS AND FRIENDS OF THE AIR FORCE ESCAPE AND
EVASION SOCIETY:

The COLORADO MEMBERS of AFEES cordially invites you to come to Mile High Denver, Colorado for the annual AFEES meeting, May 19 to 21, 1988. It's not too early to make your plans. The schedule is somewhat different from previous meetings, but the committee believes you will like it. The format is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th - Registration/Hospitality Room - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. No planned schedule, activities of your own choosing. Committee members will assist you to find activities of interest to you. Golf, sightseeing, shopping, swimming, etc.

THURSDAY, MAY 19th - A trip to Central City, the place where gold was discovered in Colorado in 1839. It is known as the "Richest square mile on earth." Things to see include an excursion into a mine, the Opera House, the Teller House where the painting, "The face on the barroom floor," still exists, an old-fashioned saloon and many, many shops.

Lunch will be at the Mount Vernon Country Club, a private club nestled in the mountains a short distance from Lookout Mountain. After lunch, we will go up Lookout Mountain to the grave and museum of Buffalo Bill (William F. Cody.) Not only was he a showman with his Wild West Show which began in 1883, but he was also a Pony Express rider, an Army scout, a hunter and an Indian fighter. All this provides a look at a part of the Westward Movement in our country. Our return to the hotel will be by way of Red Rocks Park.

Dinner, followed by the auction will provide the evenings entertainment.

FRIDAY, MAY 20th, - This day, the committee feels, will be the highlight of the annual meeting. Busses will take us to the Air Force Academy which was established near Colorado Springs in 1954. The main feature of this trip will be the dedication of the plaque of the Air Force Escape and Evasion Society which is mounted on the memorial wall at the Academy cemetery. This will be a beautiful and noteworthy experience for all of us. While at the Academy we shall see the Visitor's Center, the distinctive all-faith Chapel, and the campus itself. Lunch will be served at the Officer's Club.

When we return to the hotel, the late afternoon and evening hours will be spent as you choose. No specific activities are planned, but the hospitality room will be open for visiting and viewing the memorabilia which will be on display.

SATURDAY MAY 21st - The annual business meeting in the morning and the banquet with entertainment in the evening are the scheduled events.

Thank you,
THE DENVER PLANNING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL INFORMATION - READ CAREFULLY

1. All helpers and their spouses are the guests of AFEES while in Denver and will pay no Hotel or registration fees. This is S.O.P, has been in the past and will continue to be in the future. So helpers, put your wallets back in your pocket. This one's on us.

2. All helpers please send Hotel registration forms and AFEES registration forms to Heyward as soon as you know you will attend the function in Denver. Send to:

Heyward Spinks
P. O. Box 844
Beaufort, SC 29901

3. Everybody complete the arrival portion of the AFEES registration. This will help the Denver people considerably and who knows? you might even get a free lift to the hotel.

4. Information for our new members: We are not an organization with a clique. Everybody mingles and quickly gets to know everybody else. There are no strangers, for we all shared the same circumstances at one time or another and that's the rare thing we all have in common. There's no officer-enlisted man relationship anymore. for we we all stand together. One of the most fun things we have is our ANNUAL AUCTION. Bring that white-elephant you don't want anymore. It doesn't necessarily have to be military, and donate it to the AFEES auction. The monies we get go into the General Fund to provide for our Helpers. Some of it goes for our news publication. But, all of it is accounted for. The auction is important to us so be sure and bring something, anything, and turn them in to Bill Miller no later than 11 a. m. on Thursday.

5. Colorado weather and altitude - Generally, May is comfortable with daytime temperatures ranging from 65 to 70 degrees. The evenings will be around 45 to 50 degrees. Quite often there are rain showers. So, jackets, sweaters, windbreakers or light raingear will be in order.

6. Memorabilia - Space will be available in the hospitality room for any members who wish to bring mementos to put on display. All items should be clearly labled with the owners name. All items to be picked up no later than 11:30 a. m. on Sunday.

7. Transportation - For those flying in to Denver, an AFEES reception desk will be manned on Wednesday, May 18th. It will be located in the baggage pickup area of United Air Lines. The receptionist will assist you to get ground transportation to the Writers Manor Hotel. When you receive your hotel confirmation, you will also receive a coupon for transportation from the airport to the hotel for \$2.50 per person and that really is a bargain!

Thanks,
THE DENVER PLANNING COMMITTEE

ABOUT THE CHOSEN HOTEL

Writers' Manor Hotel Complex is one of Denvers loveliest. It is out of the downtown area which is a cemetery after 8:00 PM. It has a large choice of alternative shopping and eating establishments within easy walking distance.

It has ample free parking, even for RVs although they request that nobody actually live in them in the parking lot.

It has full athletic facilities free to all guests, two swimming pools, an indoor jogging track, exercise room, and tennis courts.

There are several restaurants in the hotel ranging from inexpensive to very expensive, all highly rated locally.

Each room has a coffee pot and cups plus a mini refrigerator. Rooms are \$48.00 single or double, and there are 12-14 two-room suites available at \$60.00. These suites have a bedroom plus a living room which includes a lounge that opens into a queen-sized bed.

It is on a regular bus route to downtown city center or to the Natural History Museum, and the fare for those of us over 65 is ten cents during off-peak hours. Special tours can be organized and can originate at the hotel doorstep.

They run a van between the hotel and the airport every half hour and the charge for guests is \$2.50 each. We hope to be able to have our own shuttle for helpers.

The reason for including the literature on the Celebrity Sports Center is that the Writer family also owns that complex and it is just down the boulevard ten blocks.

They will allow us a large hospitality room and provide ice and plastic glasses for our own beverage center and allow us to provide our own liquor with no corkage charge. They will also provide tables and chairs and allow us to keep it open and available at all times as a central gathering place whether our bar is open or not.

Last and very important: We will be the only group reunion or convention in the whole complex for that week and will receive the whole attention of their convention staff.

The uncle of the hotel manager and the chef, who are brothers, was a Dutch helper, and their mother carried food from their farm to the nearby cities in suitcases to feed resistance workers.

Dear Member:

Over the years the members of the AFEES have always supported the organization in all of our efforts to do for our Helpers. This year we are going another step and will need your generous help.

As you will see in other parts of this News Letter we are offering to pay the hotel expense in addition to the registration fee for all Helpers who can attend. We have paid for group representatives before but this year we will go all out. We are not sure what effect this will have on attendance but hope it will entice more Helpers to come.

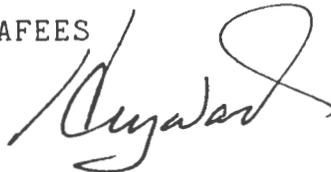
For any of our members who have considered inviting Helpers this may be of help. They will be your guest but AFEES will pay the hotel charges. For those of you who have had guest in the past we are sorry but this cannot be retroactive.

What this will cost is unknown at this time. We spent approximately \$9000.00 on our Helpers last year. And from this I estimate an outlay of \$14,000.00 this year. We will have the proceeds of our auction, the profit from PX sales to apply to this. As always we depend on contributions from our membership to cover the balance, be generous.

A word of explanation to our new members concerning our registration fees at these meetings. We try to cover all expenses with this fee but do not attempt to make a profit. This means that an attender pays their way and no part of a contribution is spent except to entertain our Helpers. If you must choose between attending and making a contribution, come to Denver.

Sincerely,

AFEES



Heyward C. Spinks

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of the French resistance.
- THEY HELPED ME ESCAPE..By Lt. Col. Clayton C. David.....\$12.95
Story by a fellow evader and
Director of AFEES.
- AFEES ROSTER.....Not for publication.....N/C

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR OF THE AFEES COMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE

It's a joy for me to put our little publication together. Needless to say, it takes a lot of time and patience to do it right, but it's a labor of love. Both my wife Pat and I will be at the convention in Denver. I'm sure you know who we are by now, and I'd appreciate it if you would bring along any little news item you might have, funny cartoons, funny things that happened when you were shot down, things you would like to share with the rest of us. I also have a special request to make. Bring a second camera with black and white film so the pictures we print will be clearer and we can tell who is in them. Send me the pictures with your name on the back of them and I'll return them as soon as the publication comes out. Any suggestions you have to improve our AFEES COMMUNICATIONS will be appreciated.

DON'T FORGET THAT EXTRA CAMERA WITH BLACK AND WHITE FILM!

Thanks, Harry Dolph...

SEVENTY FOUR LIFE MEMBERS

Seventy four AFEES will never have to pay dues again! We urge you to join their ranks. Thank you.

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| Charles D. Beard, Jr. | Edwin R. Myers. |
| Rev. Claud W. Behn, Jr. | George C. Padgett |
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| Claude Murray | Thomas L. Yankus |

Also, during 1987, the following Helpers made a special monetary contribution to assist in the cause of the AFEES.

DICK ALBERS (deceased)

Virginia and Phillip d'Albert-Lake

COURAGE * HONOR * VICTORY by Ian L. Hawkins

A new book (July, 1987) is the story of the 95th BG and the only BG to be awarded three Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations. Their B-17's, with a black B in a white square flew from Horham (Between Eye and Stradbroke.) The group flew 321 missions and dropped 20,000 tons of bombs in 8,625 sorties. They lost 156 Fortresses and had 1,362 damaged. They lost 600 dead. Accompanying the hard-back, is the 128 page Operational record of the groups activities which lists every B-17 assigned to the group, plus nose-art names, records of missions flown, etc. It's a complete review of the way it was.

Following four years of research, Ian Hawkins has produced what must be considered as perhaps the book of the year, as far as a readable, factual account of aviation history is concerned. (East Anglian Daily Times, Friday November 20, 1987 Page 27)\$????

DICK ALBERS - HOLLAND

After having lived a life full of love, goodness, and compassion for us and for all who knew him, we inform you that in the St. Joseph Hospital at Eindhoven at the age of nearly 65 has passed away, after having the Holy Sacraments my beloved husband, our caring father and father in law, Dick Albers, husband of Margaretha Dings, (Grethe.) (translation)

Dick was awarded the Cross of Liberation for his acts of bravery during WWII.

His son, Eddy Albers, now residing in New York, is well known as the artist who painted "UNDERGROUND" which depicts the helping hand of Hollanders reaching up to Allied parachutes over their country.

Funderal services were held on January 19, 1988 at 10:30a.m. at Our Lady of Visitation Church. Then he was interred in the general cemetery at Budel, Holland.

We'll all miss Dick...

FORMER OSS OFFICER LOOKING FOR YUGOSLAVIA EVADERS

Stephen Galembush, U.S. Navy petty Officer was parachuted into the province of Montenegro in Yugoslavia as an O.S.S. agent to aide the Partisans and to effect the recovery of American Airmen shot down following the raids on Ploesti. As radio operator to the Rakeoff Mission, Stephen Gelembush came to the aide of 300 American Airmen during the period of April 9 to July 1944

Gelembush, now a retired engineer from I.B.M. in Endicott, N.Y., is trying to track down some of the 300 Americans he helped. In May, 1987 he traveled to Yugoslavia to renew old friendships and to revisit

the area of his O.S.S. activities; he received a royal reception and is now planning on a return trip in 1989. He hopes he can find some of the Americans who are interested in returning with him. He promises "an experience of a lifetime" for those able to join him.

We look forward to having Stephen Galembush with us when the AFEES meet in Denver CO. on May 19, 20, and 21, 1988.



DO YOU KNOW HER?

Do you know me? If you do, I was the one who helped you when you were shot down over Holland, and I was the one who got you before the Germans did. You only knew me by the name of "Miep." It had to be before the end of January 1944, because that is when my luck came to an end, and I was picked up by the Germans, and spent the rest of the war as their "guest." In the years that have gone by I often think of you, and would like to hear from you. I married a U. S. Pilot, retired now, and this is the only way I may be able to get in touch with you. I would be very grateful if you would take the time to write me:



JOHANNA M. KRUEGER,
89 Oak Tree Trail,
Madison, WI 53717
Phone: (608) 833-9080

Johanna was very active in the Resistance Movement in Holland and was responsible for helping over 160 American crew members and pilots who were shot down over Holland through the underground during WWII. She endured a great deal of hardship and torture while being held a prisoner for 14 months by the Germans and 4 months by the Russians. She was the guest speaker at the recent Wisconsin State Convention. The photo is of her during her time with the resistance movement.

WWII AIRMEN SOUGHT

The son of a Roland Boiteux, a Frenchman who helped five American airmen escape from the town of Jarny near Verdun on July 12, 1944, would like to hear from these men. Mssr. Boiteux drove the five airmen in his van some 30 km. to a partisan camp. Enroute they stopped and picked cherries till a road block cleared. Write to Robert Boiteux, 5, Rue De Malines, 54500 Vandoeuvre, France.

AFEEES JACK C. DAVIS NEEDS HELP

It is my fondest wish that in publishing this letter I will receive the help that I need. Let me say first, that words cannot express my feelings for the joy my wife and I had at the reunions in Atlanta and San Antonio. This brought back many memories. These reunions would have been more enjoyable to my wife and myself if one or more of my French Helpers had been in attendance, but I have been unable to locate any of them. Maybe some of our members or Helpers (French) could be of assistance.

When I was shot down (2 August, 1944,) I landed in a wheat field about a mile west of Fontenay, France.

The first ones to reach me were French nationals working in the fields. That same night I was approached by a member of the underground, Eugene Falempein, who at that time resided in Paris. After many frightful days and nights, I was sent by truck to Rambouillet, France, where I was placed in the home of Mrs. Claude Lefebvre. I remained there until the liberation of Rambouillet when I was returned to England.

I have tried to locate Eugene and Claude, but I suppose in 43 years, a lot of moving has occurred.

If anyone can help me in locating these two, I will be ever so grateful. I would love to see them in Denver.

There were others who helped me along the way, but I'm afraid that they are not with us now. Some of them were in their 60's at the time.

JACK C. DAVIS, Col-USA Retired
20 Pine Rose Circle
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

CATERPILLAR CONVENTION

Gil Millar, who recently returned from an area Caterpillar meeting in Orlando, Florida informed the editor there will be a National Convention in San Antonio in June, 88. More later...

AFEES MEMBERSHIP AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Life Membership, \$100.00 with no annual dues.
Membership, \$10.00 with \$10.00 annual dues.

Date _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Duty Information: Group, Squadron, Air Force, Crew Pos., Type of Plane, Where and when shot down, names of helpers and other crew members.

Enclose either \$100.00 or \$10.00 TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution for paid up dues to: Heyward C. Spinks, P.O.Box 844, Beaufort, S.C. 29901.

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