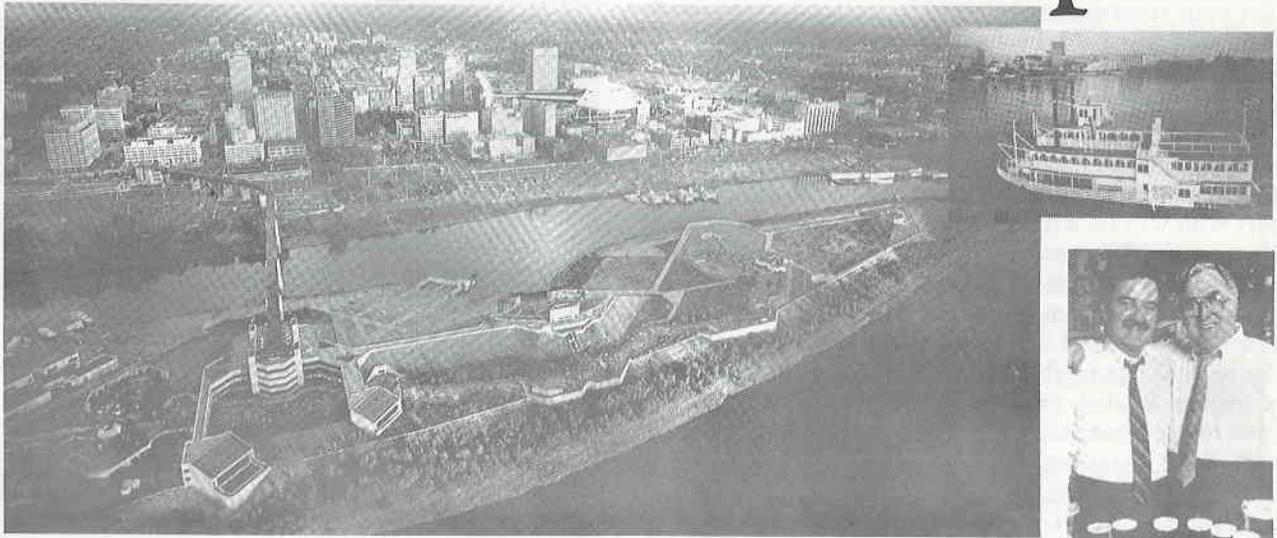


AIR FORCES  
Escape & Evasion Society

# SPRING COMMUNICATION

1990

## The Fun About Memphis



Memphis

*The river was the start of it,  
The people are the heart of it,  
Come and be a part of it.*

**Information & Applications**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Dear Fellow Evader:  
I regret to advise you that Heyward C. Spinks passed away on Friday, January 26, 1990. Memorial Services were held in St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort, South Carolina with interment in the National Cemetery in Beaufort.

As we finalize plans for our Memphis reunion, I am very optimistic that this will be the best and biggest reunion AFEES has ever held. Enclosed is detailed information regarding dates and activities. Please fill out the forms and get your reservations in early.

John Spence and Paul Kenney have put together a program that will interest most of you but more importantly there will be some flexibility for those who may not be interested in specific features of the planned activities.

I am especially excited about the preliminary list of Helpers who will be with us. I hesitate to name names at this time but I can assure you we will have several very important Helpers as our guests; at least two of whom have helped as many as 100 American Airmen. I am especially pleased that Leslie and Renee Atkinson will be with us again, also Billy Webb and wife Jessie. They are our English friends and Billy is from Gunboat 503 of the Bonaparte Missions. We expect Helpers from Holland, Belgium, France and possibly Yugoslavia. Probably at least 25 Helper guests.

Treat yourself to a truly unforgettable experience. Join us in welcoming to Memphis these Helpers who risked their lives to come to our aid in our hour of need. Let us confirm to them that we have not forgotten.

Plans for our October trip to Europe are looking good. Our friends in France, Holland and Belgium are eagerly looking forward to our visit and you can be certain that we will receive a royal welcome wherever we go. If you have not sent in your reservation I would suggest that you do so at once. Jim Goebel is busy counting reservations and making refinements in the program. It looks like all systems are "go!" at this moment. This could be the last organized AFEES trip to Europe so don't miss it!

We do miss Heyward and we will miss him more at future activities. But, life goes on and AFEES will move ahead to bigger and better things. Your understanding and cooperation in our hour of need are truly appreciated.

**TELEGRAM RECEIVED**

**TO: AFEES**  
**FROM: OSTEND, BELGIUM**  
WITH REGRETS ANNOUNCING MRS. VANTUYKOM-OTTOY JACQUELINE DIED ON JANUARY 22ND 1990 - FUNERAL ON SATURDAY 27TH AT OSTEND BELGIUM LAHAYE 31 K. JANSSENS AVE.B8400



**IN MEMORIUM**

**HEYWARD CLAUDE SPINKS**

Deceased January 26, 1990

Interred at the National Cemetery in Beaufort  
(Ashley Ivey photo, Pittsburgh 1989)

Heyward Spinks, (E & E No. 963) was a member of the 357th Fighter Group, 364th Fighter Squadron and flew a P-51B North American Mustang. On the 20th of June, he said he made the best landing of his career as a fighter pilot when he crash landed his plane after being hit by his wingman's bullets during a strafing mission near Senlis in France. He was finally free on 14th of August in 1944. He is survived by a sister and his mother.

Heyward was Secretary Treasurer of the AFEES organization and held that position many years.

His know Helpers in France were: Jules Fossier, M. Groniers (Manager of Societe Nationale), "Louis", a hairdresser who was an underground radio operator, Madame Dixiemire, A Polish family named Alanso, Rene Carpenter, Paulette Thompsor (Declercq), and Jacqueline Calere (Le Roy).

Heyward will be missed by all who knew him and especially by his Helpers whom he knew so well.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The BOMBARDIERS, INC. Organization had changed its address according to Ned Humphries.

BOMBARDIERS, INC.  
200 Ban Buren St. #2109  
Daphne, Alabama 36526-2509

# The Peabody

MEMPHIS

PREFERRED HOTELS



149 Union Avenue, Memphis Tennessee

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GROUP NAME: Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society

DATES: May 23 to 28, 1990.

YOUR ARRIVAL DATE:

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ AT: \_\_\_\_\_ M  
date time

DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_ AT: \_\_\_\_\_ M  
date time

Check out time Noon

**NOTE: RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER 5/1/90 WILL BE SUBJECT TO RATE AND SPACE AVAILABLE**

In order to guarantee your reservation please enclose a one-night room deposit, including 12.75% tax or send us your VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, CARTE BLANCHE or DINERS CLUB numbers, expiration date and your authorization for billing of deposit. Registrations received without a deposit will not be confirmed. Deposit must be received within 14 days after making reservation

\_\_\_\_\_ 6PM arrival  
\_\_\_\_\_ guaranteed by first night's deposit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Guaranteed by my credit card  
((AmericanExpress, Diners, CarteBlanche, VisaMastercard)

**FOR GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS ONLY**

I understand I am liable for one night's room and tax which will be deducted from my deposit, or billed through my credit card in the event that I do not arrive or cancel on the date indicated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

No of Rooms	Single 1 person	Double - 2 persons 1 bed	Double - 2 persons 2 beds
Choice=X	\$60	\$60	\$60

All rooms Standard, Superior or Deluxe

Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking? \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking? \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY UPON ARRIVAL**

No charge for children under 18 years when sharing room with parent. Name(s) of additional person(s) sharing room:  
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THE PEABODY MEMPHIS

RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD OR ADVANCE DEPOSIT FOR THE FIRST NIGHT. RESERVATIONS NOT GUARANTEED WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF BOOKING ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.

IF IT IS NECESSARY TO CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE OBTAIN A CANCELLATION NUMBER. FAILURE TO CANCEL TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WILL RESULT IN ONE NIGHT'S ROOM CHARGES DEDUCTED FROM YOUR DEPOSIT OR BILLED THROUGH YOUR CREDIT CARD.

FOR REVISIONS AND/OR CANCELLATIONS, PLEASE CALL OUR TOLL-FREE NUMBER :

800-PEABODY

or dial the hotel directly at

(901) 529-4000

NOTE: IF YOU ARE MAKING A RESERVATION WITHOUT THIS FORM, IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU MENTION THE AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE APPLICABLE RATE. DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY BY PHONE OR LETTER WITH THE HOTEL IN ORDER TO PREVENT DUPLICATION.

CHECK-IN TIME:  
3:00 P.M. (Accommodations prior to this time cannot be assured.)

CHECK-OUT TIME:  
12:00 P.M. (Noon)

To: The Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society:

The management and staff of the Peabody hotel wish to greet your association and make you welcome. It is our desire to accommodate you in every way we possibly can. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable, please let us know.

Thank you,

# The Peabody

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AFEES ANNUAL MEETING - PEABODY HOTEL - MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 1990

Thursday, May 24th 1990

8:00a.m. to 6:00P.M. - Registration  
Just outside the Louis XVI Room on the mezzanine.

6:30p.m. - Dinner on your own with friends. Try to take a helper with you to your favorite restaurant.

Friday, May 25th, 1990

8:00a.m. - Registration (continued)  
Just outside the Louis XVI Room on the mezzanine.

10:00a.m. - Busses leave for tour of Mud Island

12:00 noon - Lunch at Harbor Landing Restaurant on Mud Island.  
All guests will be introduced to the membership.

After lunch - Tour Mud Island at your leisure.  
A bus will return to the hotel at 1:30p.m. if you want to call it a day.

**ED. NOTE:** Sometime during the day (the time will be announced,) there will be a special program for the AFEES and our Helpers at the sight of the Memphis Belle B-17 pavilion on Mud Island. Whatever you do, don't miss this!

Balance of the afternoon and evening are free. Have dinner on your own with friends and helpers.

Saturday, May 26th, 1990

9:00a.m. - Breakfast on your own with friends and Helpers.

10:00a.m. - Busses leave for boat dock. We have lunch on the Memphis Showboat as we tour the Mississippi River.

2:00p.m. - First bus returns to Peabody Hotel.

6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. - Dinner and Auction in the Ballroom at the Peabody Hotel.

Sunday, May 27th, 1990

8:00a.m. - Continental Breakfast will be served.

9:30a.m. - Business meeting.

After meeting - Lunch and Sightseeing on your own. A list of possible attractions at the Peabody Hotel or on the following pages.

6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. - Dinner Dance at the Peabody Ballroom.

Monday May 27th, 1990

Check out at your leisure - "A Fond Farewell Till Next Year in CALIFORNIA!"

**ED. NOTE:** There is much more entertainment planned than is shown above but arrangements have not been completed at the time of this writing. Memphis promises to be one of the finest yet!

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AFEEES ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 24th - 27th

PEABODY HOTEL 149 UNION AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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NAME		ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	SPOUSE OR OTHER GUEST	
HOME TELEPHONE		ARRIVAL DATE		
AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER		NEED NAME TAGS? YES NO	
TIME OF ARRIVAL, EITHER PLANE OR OTHER MEANS.				

Notice, please tear off and mail with your check to:  
**PAUL KINNEY, Treasurer**  
 5400 Post Road Pass  
 Stone Mountain, GA 30088, USA  
 Phone - (404) 469-1857

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:**

Friends, Family or Guests:	Price\$
Friday, May 25th, Lunch busses and admission	\$30.00
Saturday, May 26th, Lunch, Busses and boat trip	30.00
Saturday, May 26th, Dinner and Auction at the Peabody	35.00
Sunday May 27th, Continental Breakfast	10.00
Sunday May 27th, Dinner Dance, Reception	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL PRICE! - INCLUDING REGISTRATION AND ALL EVENTS - SPECIAL PRICE!</u></b>	
All prices per person,	<b>\$125.00 !!</b>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday May 24th  
 All day - Registration

Friday, May 25th  
 Morning - Tour of Mud Island  
 Afternoon - Lunch at Harbor Landing Restaurant  
 Afternoon - Special ceremony at Memphis Belle Pavilion

Saturday, May 26th  
 Morning - To mud Island again - Lunch on board Memphis Showboat  
 Afternoon - Tour of Mississippi on Memphis Showboat  
 Evening - Dinner and Auction

Sunday, May 27th  
 Morning - Continental Breakfast - Business Meeting  
 Evening - Dinner Dance

More detailed information and correct schedule available at registration. As always, we are subject to change.

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**MEMPHIS BELLE PAVILION ON MUD ISLAND**

The Memphis Belle pavilion is home to one of the most famous aircraft of World War II, the *Memphis Belle*. Built by Boeing Aircraft Company in 1941, the *Memphis Belle* was named for Memphian Margaret Polk, wartime sweetheart of pilot Robert Morgan

The *Memphis Belle* was among the first B-17's to complete its quota of 25 missions over Nazi-occupied territory without a member of its crew being killed. This accomplishment was immortalized in the 1943 documentary, "The Memphis Belle," directed by William Wyler, and widely distributed throughout the country. The *Memphis Belle* and its crew were sent back to the United States to complete a "Twenty-sixth Mission" of Morale and fund raising.

Years later, the *Memphis Belle* was rescued from an airplane graveyard by the citizens of Memphis and flown back to the city to serve as a memorial to the men and machines of the Eighth Air Force. For over forty years, the *Memphis Belle* was moved from place to place, nearly forgotten by all but a small group of supporters.

In 1987, the City of Memphis and the Memphis Belle Memorial Association joined forces in an effort that resulted in restoring the B-17 to its current condition and placing it on Mud Island for thousands to visit annually.

**ORIGINAL MEMPHIS BELLE CREW**

Pilot	Robert K. Morgan
Co-Pilot	James A. Verinis
Bombardier	Vincent B. Evans
Navigator	Charles B. Leighton
Flight Engineer	Harold P. Loch
Radio Operator	Robert J. Hanson
Tail Gunner	John B. Quinlan
Right waist Gunner	Casimer A. Nastal
Left Waist Gunner	Clarence E. Winchell
Ball Turret Gunner	Cecil H. Scott
Crew Chief	Joseph M. Glambrone

**JOIN THE MEMPHIS BELLE ASSOCIATION**

Become a member of the Memphis Belle Memorial Association today and help preserve this important memorial. Membership information may be obtained at the Memphis Belle Pavilion, or by writing to:

**The Memphis Belle Memorial Association**  
**P. O. Box 1942**

**Memphis, Tennessee 38101**

**MEMPHIS HISTORY & SIGHTS**

1980 Population 646,400, Metropolitan area, 913,500,  
 Altitude 188 to 331 feet.

The muddy Mississippi rolling past Memphis' front stoop has been the one constant throughout the city's many transformations. From its heyday as the largest inland port and cotton market in the South, to its decline during Reconstruction, to its current renaissance, Memphis has endured and prospered.

The distinctly southern flavor and history of Memphis are embodied in a music that still haunts the city—the blues. It was and is the blues, a blend of mournful ballads sung by slaves and the Dixieland jazz of New Orleans, that distinguishes Memphis from other cities of comparable size. Music legend W.C. Handy created this original American art form at the turn of the century on tawdry Beale Street—the City's most famous land mark. In 1977 Congress honored the musical heritage of Memphis with an official act declaring the city as "Home of the Blues."

River trade had suffered during the war, but Reconstruction almost finished it, destroying the surrounding plantations and plunging the city into economic decline. The yellow fever epidemics that followed were the final blows: Having lost most of its population to death or desertion, Memphis was forced to surrender its charter in 1879. Nevertheless, the city slowly recovered. A decade later, its charter restored, Memphis was once more on its way to becoming a busy cotton market and lumber center.

It was in PeeWee's saloon on Beale Street that W.C. Handy blew the first notes that would evolve into that mournful yet pulsating music know as the blues. This brand of music got its start in 1909 when W.C. Handy wrote a song for Mayoral candidate E.H. Crump. "Mr. Crump" was a great hit and Crump was elected. Handy soon modified the piece into the "Memphis Blues," the first blues ever published. Along with such compositions as "St. Louis Blues" and "Beale Street Blues," it earned Handy the title of "father of the blues."

The man who followed W.C. Handy cemented Memphis' place in history: Elvis Presley, known simply as "The King." He moved to Memphis from Tupelo, Miss., when he was 12, rode to stardom on the wave of rhythm and blues. He was a white man singing a black sound—the Memphis Sound—which soon ignited the world and the record industry. Studios moved to town, and fans and fortunes followed. Memphis still benefits from Elvis' association with the city as thousands from around the world come to see his home, Graceland, his grave and recording studio.

The city also embraces a healthy sense of humor and takes the time to enjoy it. Nowhere is this more apparent than at the Peabody Hotel, a dignified Memphis landmark still refuses to take itself seriously. Here, twice daily, a quartet of ducks carry out a time-honored tradition as they march to and from the lobby fountain to the robust measures of John Phillip Sousa.

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**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE IN BEAUTIFUL MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**  
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**MUD ISLAND:** Most of the area will be covered during our tour. A replica of the Mississippi River is one of the highlights as well as the River Museum.

**BEALE STREET:** "The Blues" finds its home on Beale Street as well as the places where it was born, in various taverns, bars, etc.

**GRACELAND:** The home and final resting place of the "King" of Rock and Roll. Go through his mansion and see the Sunken Den, the Jungle Room, and the Hall of Gold, the largest privately owned collection of gold records in the world. See the Meditation Garden where he is interned. Across the street are his customized jet airplane, his recording studio and tons of memorabilia.

**OVERTON SQUARE:** A three-block-long entertainment district located in the city' midtown area. Shops, restaurants, boutiques, and nightlife.

**ORPHEUM THEATER:** The center for the performing arts. Major Broadway shows, symphonies, etc,

**MEMPHIS BROOKS MUSEUM OF ART:** Has the re-knowned Kress collection of Renaissance art. Has French and American Impressionist paintings.

**THE DIXON GALLERY and GARDENS:** A former private estate with magnificent gardens.

**THE NATIONAL ORNAMENTAL METAL MUSEUM:** The only facility in the world devoted to the fine art of metal working.

**MEMPHIS PINK PALACE MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM:** Visitors will explore the natural history as well as the cultural and social history of Memphis.

**MEMPHIS ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS and AQUARIUM:** Home to over 400 species on 36 acres and features 10,000 gallons of aquariums.

**LIBERTYLAND:** Memphis' bicentennial theme park with plenty of action packed rides and stage shows. Aquatic thrills are available to quench the hot days.

**ADVENTURE RIVER WATER PARK:** Offers 25 acres of water slides and a giant wave pool.

**MEMPHIS QUEEN LINE:** Paddle wheelers enable visitors to experience the might and majesty of "Old Man River" himself.

**MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORTS PARK:** One of the finest multi-purpose racing facilities in the country. Located on 600 acres the motorsports park hosts a variety of racing events.

**VICTORIAN VILLAGE:** Made up of 18 landmark buildings ranging in architectural style from neo-classic to Gothic revival.

**CHUCALISSA INDIAN VILLAGE:** Visitors experience lifestyles of Memphis first settlers. Choctaw Indians live on the site and demonstrate Indian crafts.

Ed Note: That ought to keep you busy for a few days!

**AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP and LIFE-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- 1. Regular AFEES Membership and dues, \$10.00 per year. Includes all rights and privileges.
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