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***This monument honoring evaders is located near the Spanish border south of Pau in southwestern France***

Translated, the inscription within the broken circle of chains, symbolizing Liberation:

**TO THE EVADERS OF FRANCE**

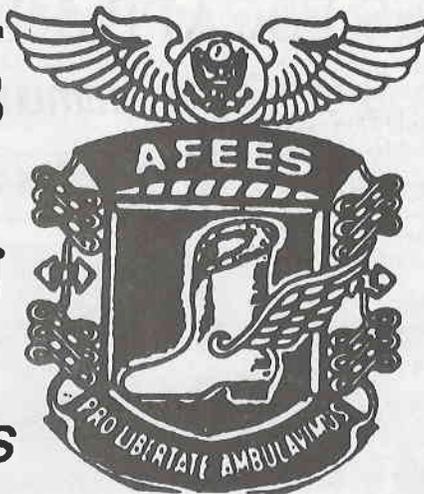
**Beyond these mountains they rejoined the armies of Liberation**

Beneath the Cross of Lorraine, a quotation from General DeLattre de Tassigny:

*"All had wanted the perilous adventure of the passage of the Pyrennes for the honor of serving."*  
General deTassigny signed for France the German surrender documents. He died in 1952.

***(For Photographs of another monument to Evaders, see Page 3)***

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**HELPER GETS HELP** -- Among the winners at the Dayton reunion in May was Dutch Helper Glenn Hovenkamp, brother of Joke Folmer. Glenn had good reason to smile for the camera -- by winning second place in the AFEES raffle, he was \$250 better off!

## 1997 raffle was a winner

The 1997 AFEES raffle, conducted in connection with the reunion in Dayton, Ohio, was another successful fund-raiser for the society.

Russ Weyland, raffle committee chairman, reports that a total of 905 raffle books of six tickets each were distributed. Of that number, 570 books were sold, representing a return of about 60%.

After deducting costs of printing and mailing, plus prizes, net proceeds amounted to nearly \$6,000, including about \$1900 in extra donations to the helper fund.

### THE 1997 RAFFLE WINNERS

(As drawn at Sunday night banquet,  
May 11, Dayton, Ohio)

**First (\$500): William Mountain,  
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Hovenkamp, Holland**

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Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**

**Fourth (\$75): Charles Fisher,  
Jeannette, Pa.**

**Fifth (\$50): Richard Reid,  
Albuquerque, N.M.**



*French guide Paul Abdon Saque (Code name: Antoine) and Canadian evader Frank Griffiths stand in front of a memorial to those who died while attempting to evade, 1940-44. This photograph was taken in June 1987.*



*--Photos by courtesy of Joe Manos*

*This 1987 photo shows the memorial at Fontrede above Maureillas, near the Spanish border south of Perpignan. A general translation would read: "By various routes on this mountain, evadees from France rejoined the Army of the Liberation."*

## **Yvonne Daley says "Thanks!"**

*From Yvonne Daley-Brusselmans, daughter of Anne Brusselmans, Belgian helper:*

May 16-18, 1997

Today, a week ago, although in a strange city, I felt safe; the AFEES were in town.

Today, a week ago, I made new friends who quickly became old friends -- they were AFEES.

Today, a week ago, I was reunited with my Mother's "boys."

Today, a week ago, at the memorial service -- as I lighted a candle in her memory, I felt her presence -- she was with the AFEES group.

Today, I can reminisce about a week ago when for a short time, I was with the AFEES -- a great feeling which will carry me through until we meet again.

Thank you for that week, a week ago.

P.S.: By the way, how does a Moet-Chandon (Brut) sound as a rating for the Dayton reunion? We'll wait for the Washington one to become a Dom Perignon!

## **Nephew seeking to contact helpers**

John Rucigay of Ballston Lake, N.Y., a new director of AFEES, is attempting to help a friend whose uncle was KIA on Oct. 9, 1942.

The uncle, Tom Dynan, was radio operator/gunner on *Snozzzy II*, a B-17 assigned to the 306BG, when it went down on a mission to Lille, France. Most of the crew were killed. Three survivors parachuted. One was captured; the other two evaded.

The plane went down near Nechin, Belgium.

Members of the crew who were KIA were John Olson, pilot; Joe Gates, co-pilot; Tom Dynan, T. Wilder, Bert Kaylor and a Sgt. Nicholson. William J. Gise and Albert Lochasse evaded, and Erwin Wissenbach became a POW.

Several French and Belgian civilians witnessed the crash or gave assistance.

John can be reached at 518-877-8131.



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TO ALL YOU NICE AFEES FOLKS:

We had a really nice meeting in Dayton. Something over 200 were in attendance, and it seemed everyone had a good time. The weather left a little to be desired, but no really bad stuff.

Two new directors were elected. Bud Loring, our recording secretary, has documented the meeting with his minutes, in very fine fashion. The record of the minutes can be found in another section of this edition of the newsletter.

At the annual membership meeting, and at the banquet, we had some nice participation from members and guests. All in all, a very good time.

We were happy that so many of our Canadian friends came down for the visit. They are a nice group!

After the Dayton affair, Margaret and I drove to Atlanta, Ga., and from there I went on over to Savannah to see what more has been done to honor our Helpers at the Heritage Museum. Our display is coming along.

The Memorial Garden is impressive, and the black granite plaque of AFEES is in a conspicuous setting, and really stands out. The 4" by 12" plaque wall also has many names and short memorials. When it is finished the Garden will be beautiful to behold.

Robert Henderson, the bronze replica sculptor, is still trying to raise money for his WW II Birds, and trying to find buyers for his wooden mock-ups. If any of you have ideas for their display and financing, he would be delighted if you would call him at 1-800-305-1718. He is thinking of the wooden mock-up, hanging from the ceiling in major airports, with proper descriptions and factual history. Would any of you B-17, P-51, drivers like to see your model hanging in the Rotunda in Dulles?

Thanks again to Paul and Dorothy Kenney for arranging a most moving memorial service. It was most impressive, and will be remembered by all who attended.

One thing we ALL should do is get our commitment to our Helpers fulfilled and get our Escape and Evasion display at the Heritage Museum behind us.

**HAVE A NICE SUMMER!**

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# Paul McConnell is repaying a favor

From the Fort Wayne, Ind.,  
Journal Gazette, June 8, 1996

By BRIAN MEYER

Andre Rougeyron's participation in the French resistance began in earnest in 1943, when the Frenchman rescued South Side graduate Paul McConnell from German soldiers. Fifty-three years later, McConnell and his wife are repaying the favor.

McConnell and his wife, French-born Marie-Antoinette McConnell, have been the driving force behind an English translation of Rougeyron's book, "Agents d'Evasion." The French version of the book was published in 1947; the English version, "Agents for Escape," was published this year by Louisiana State University Press.

Rougeyron's role in the French resistance began in the summer of 1940. German troops had entered Paris on June 14, 1940; they made their way to Rougeyron's home town of Domfront, 130 miles west of Paris, a few days later.

Rougeyron, the son of wealthy parents, was working in Domfront as an automobile engineer and experimental race car driver. Rougeyron wrote in his book: "While in the air force during the 1914-1918 war, I often worked with a team of Americans. ... I always felt great sympathy toward them, and I had only one thought in mind to pick up those boys falling from the sky and help them escape capture."

Rougeyron got his chance in the summer of '43. During an air battle between German and American planes in the skies over Domfront, McConnell, a second lieutenant navigator, was on board a B-17 bomber that was shot down.

Rougeyron was nearby and saw the air battle, then saw six parachutes dropping from the American plane. He and several neighbors also participating in the French resistance--acts of sabotage and espionage to confound the Germans who occupied their country--began searching for the airmen in hopes of concealing them from the German troops.

McConnell, now 76 and living in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., says his parents were told a week later that he was

missing and presumed dead. In September 1943, his parents conducted a memorial service for their son.

But McConnell was very much alive. When his bomber was shot down, McConnell parachuted into the courtyard of a farm. A local farmer had led him to a nearby field, where he spent the night listening to the barking of German dogs searching for him.

The next morning Rougeyron was told that one of the airmen had been found and taken to the Chateau de l'Ermitage, a nearby mansion owned by friends of Rougeyron's.

"There, in the guest bedroom, a tall, young blond man slept soundly," Rougeyron wrote. "He was so exhausted that our presence did not even wake him."

McConnell stayed in Domfront for two months. While Rougeyron went to his job as an engineer--and helped plan the concealment of other Allied airmen--McConnell lived at Rougeyron's mountainside chalet.

"He would go to work," McConnell said in a recent telephone interview, "and I would watch the German soldiers marching and singing on their way to breakfast."

After McConnell spent two months in Domfront, Rougeyron arranged for rail tickets to Paris for McConnell and his tail gunner, Billy Howell, who was rescued by other Frenchmen in the area a few days after McConnell.

McConnell stayed in Paris for several months. With several other Allied airmen, he reached the safety of Spain in January 1944 after a 36-hour hike through the Pyrenees.

Rougeyron's book tells of his efforts to rescue other airmen between July 1943 and August 1944, however, he was charged by the Germans with abetting the enemy and sent to the concentration camp in Buchenwald.

Rougeyron spent seven months in Buchenwald, barely surviving while thousands died around him. When Rougeyron and the other prisoners were being evacuated to Hamburg, Germany, in April 1945, he escaped during a bombing raid by British flyers. The Germans surrendered just one month after

Rougeyron's escape.

But nearly as compelling as Rougeyron's effort in the French resistance is the effort to publish his book.

When Rougeyron's book was published, he wrote in the preface that it was "important that my fellow citizens of Domfront ... should hear from a witness (among about thirty who stayed in the town) what happened in their city."

But his preface also stated that he wrote the book "so that our American and British friends, by reading the English translation of these memoirs, might fully understand that the French...gave of ourselves and took risks for them because of sympathy, attraction, and belief in the same ideals--without hope of any gain."

Although McConnell had had snippets of the book translated to him, a full translation of the book had never been attempted until 1982. It was then that he met Marie-Antoinette, who translated the entire book to English.

Paul McConnell's business relationship with a man named Gordon Barlow led to an introduction to Stephen Ambrose, the director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans. Ambrose believed Rougeyron's account of the French resistance to be historically significant; he connected the McConnells with the LSU Press. With the permission of Rougeyron's family--he died in 1967--Marie-Antoinette's translation of the book was published by the LSU Press.

Every few years the McConnells return to Domfront. His visits remind him of the charitable acts he received so long ago from the French people; he hopes the book will do the same.

"They were brave, courageous people," McConnell says. "They paid the supreme sacrifice."

"By helping the Allies they had to pay a substantial price. I don't think a lot of Allied airmen recognized that fact."

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*"Agents for Escape," \$24.95, is available at many book stores and by special order at B Dalton Bookseller, Little Professor Book Co. and Waldenbooks.*

# Out of Switzerland, the hard way

By **GEORGE MICHEL**  
**Racine, Wis.**

After reading accounts of members' experiences, I have become even more aware of how lucky I was to have escaped from my internment in Switzerland without incident.

Shown on the opposite page is a schematic of how it was done on Jan. 22, 1945, for me and three or four others who left Wengen at the same time. I have no record of the others.

I started putting this information together in May 1991 when I wrote to the mayors of several of the cities on the

southern shore of Lake Geneva, describing as much as I could remember of what happened that night, asking them if they could help me find the man or men who had helped me regain my freedom. I wanted very much to be able to thank someone for the help I had received.

I was about ready to give it all up when one day a letter arrived from Lugrin, Haute Savoie, France, from M. Raymond Servoz. A French-speaking friend read it to me. M. Servoz had mentioned enough bits and pieces of that night's activities and the following day's

movements to validate beyond a doubt that I had made the contact that I had hoped to make. All of this had happened because the mayor of Thonon Les Bains had the courtesy to have my letter translated into French, had contacted one of the resistance leaders in the area, M. Jeandiot, who was aware of this operation and who, in turn, gave it to Raymond. Raymond wrote to me.

Never in my life have I been so honored! There are tears in my eyes right now as I think of it! One of the things that did come out in our ensuing conversations was that I was the first person to make contact with them since the war. I am very happy to have been the first. The first, mind you, of 118 airmen who went the route at least from Bern to Lausanne to Lugrin and on to Annecy/Sevrier and freedom with the help of Raymond and his friends.

By Raymond's account, the airmen were French Canadians, Polish, English, Americans, and other nationalities.

Raymond's trips to Switzerland didn't always go as planned. He knew what it was to be jailed by the Swiss and have his boat confiscated. I have nearly 300 pages of Raymond's handwritten (in French) memoirs of the period from about 1939 to 1945 that should be edited and published or at least made available as a reference. It is written from the point of view of a man who made his living, and still makes it, as a fisherman on Lake Geneva, keeps a wonderful garden, and makes the best wine I have ever tasted.

In a call from Raymond, I have learned that he and his wife Jeanine are planning to come to the States in October 1997. How can we give him the honor and recognition that I believe he so rightfully deserves? Whom could I contact in Canada who might get the word out and find even one of the French Canadian airmen who went through the Lugrin clearing point?

I will copy pictures and other information that may be of interest. I stress again that this is not for me, but for Raymond and his friends. Time is getting short and too many wings have already folded. Any comments will be welcome.

## 'Merci' comes from Belgium

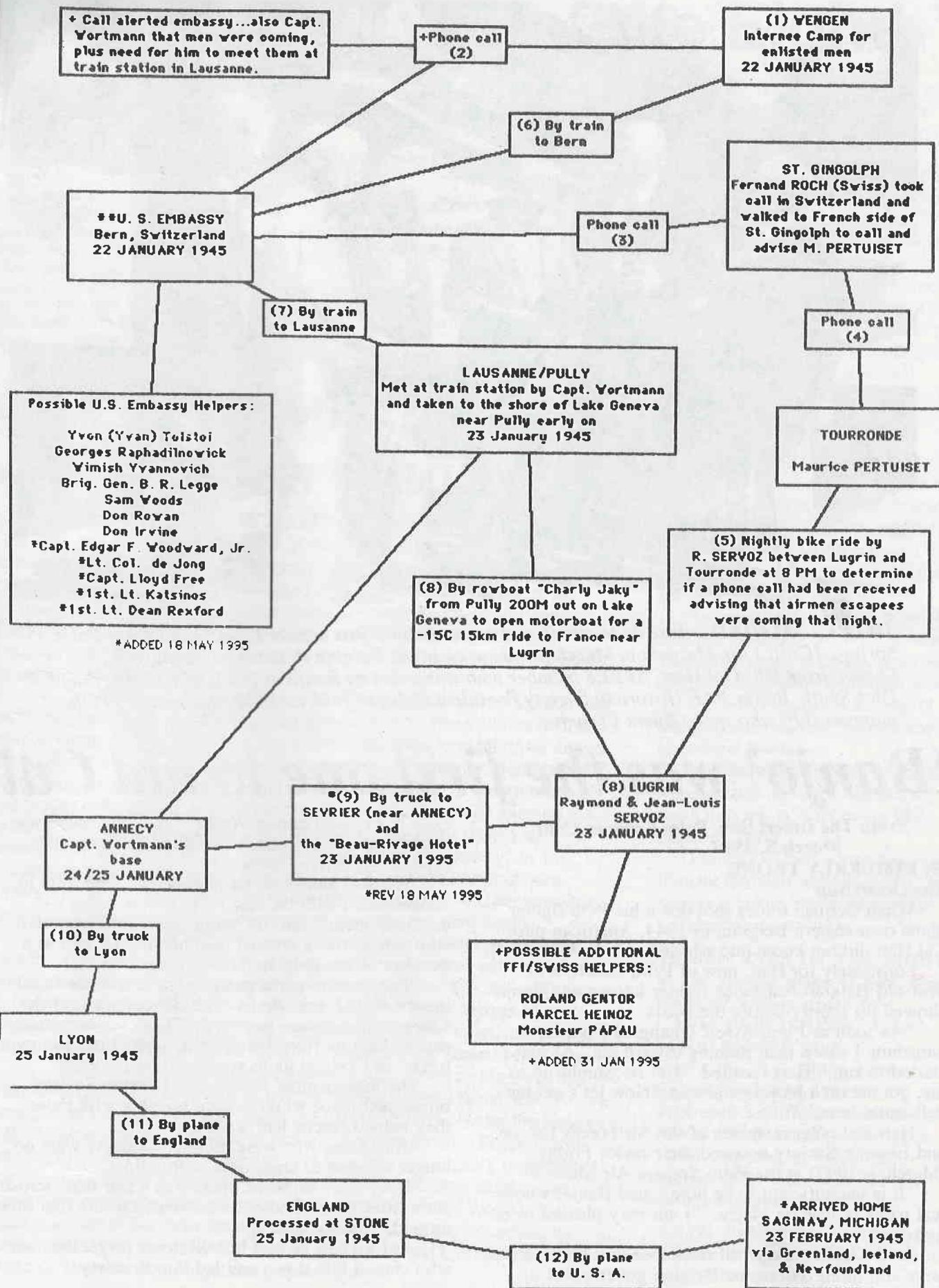
*From Raymonde Rock, Peruwelz, Belgium:*

To the members of the Air Forces Escape & Evasion Society:  
Thank you for your wishes, your fidelity and your good souvenir.

Happy New Year for all the members of AFEES and also for your wonderful land I love. I am glad to have been able to help Lee Landers; he visited me last May to say -- as you -- **Merci!**



*A plaque honoring men and women of the Resistance was installed in the Memorial Garden of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum at Savannah, Ga., last November. Located in a prominent place at the entrance to the Garden, it is easily visible to visitors. The plaque was paid for by AFEES and explains the mission of our society. Similar plaques have been placed at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and on Brittany Beach at Plouha.*





**HELPER SALUTED** -- Jose de Maere (Code name: Banjo) was honored in a ceremony at Palm Springs (Calif.) Air Museum in March for his work in the Belgian Resistance during WW2. Shown, from left: Cal Hart, AFEES member who was aided by Banjo in 1944, AFEES President Dick Smith, Banjo, 8AF Historical Society President Hubert Childress, and two members of the museum staff who spoke fluent French.

## 'Banjo' was the first one to aid Cal

From *The Desert Sun*, Palm Springs, Calif.,  
March 8, 1997

By **KIMBERLY TRONE**  
*The Desert Sun*

When German forces shot down his P-38 fighter plane over eastern Belgium in 1944, American pilot Cal Hart did not know into whose hands he would fall.

Fortunately for Hart, now of Palm Desert, a 22-year-old Belgian resistance fighter known as "Banjo" showed up shortly before the Nazis.

"As soon as I got myself untangled from my parachute I saw a man running toward me. At first I started to run," Hart recalled. "But he caught up to me, got me on a bicycle and said, 'Now let's get the hell outta here.'"

Hart and other members of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society honored their savior Friday (March 7, 1997) at the Palm Springs Air Museum.

"It is magnificent to be here," said Banjo, whose real name is Jose de Maere. "I am very pleased to be honored."

As the leader of a small resistance unit that received arms and money from the Belgian government-in-

exile in England during World War II, de Maere was instrumental in helping many allied soldiers elude capture by German troops.

"We also punished Belgian people who were in collaboration with the Nazis. This means that we executed them," said de Maere, a retired electrician who still carries a tattered card identifying him as a member of the Belgian Secret Army Unit.

"People who participated in the resistance faced instant death," said Richard Smith, president of the Escape and Evasion Society. "These super-patriotic people kept us from being apprehended by occupying forces and helped us to rejoin Allied forces."

The 900-member Escape and Evasion Society brings resistance workers back together with those they helped rescue half a century ago.

Allied fliers who were returned to safety were no longer allowed to cross over enemy lines.

"If we were captured, there was a fear that German authorities could find out who helped us the first time around," Smith said.

As for Hart, he said he will never forget the man who chased him down and led him to safety.

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# 7th Photo: 'Eyes of the Eighth'

## About the Author....

Patricia Fussell Keen was born and grew up in Miami, Florida. Her father served with the 76th Field Artillery in France during World War I and was one of the first civilians called up early in 1942 to staff the newly formed 8th Army Air Corps. Mrs. Keen, always interested in military history, considers herself an 8th Air Force brat. She has worked as a freelance researcher for author Roger Freeman for fourteen years. Other clients include historian and author Gavan Daws and General Lewis E. Lyle, 379BG. In 1980, Mrs. Keen became interested in the little heralded 7th Photo Recon Group and began research in the United States and England into its history.

## Belgian helper finally receives his plaque

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM, Palm Springs, Calif., March 10, 1997 -- With his secret "war name" of Banjo all but forgotten, Jose de Maere of Chaudfontaine, Belgium, was presented with a plaque recognizing one small part of his heroic WW II adventures. As part of an active anti-German group of Belgian patriots, known as the Group Zorro, Banjo took part in many acts of sabotage, and retribution against the occupying enemy. The Zorro Group of less than 200 men lost 47 members to German action.

On Jan. 24, 1944, the Belgian people could hear, from 25,000 feet over their heads, the thunderous roar of hundreds of Allied planes on their way to Germany. As Banjo listened to the throb of the formations far above, he suddenly noticed a white parachute descend through the cloud cover. Not one accustomed to inaction, he immediately set out to determine the nationality of the man in the parachute. By the time the chute touched the ground he had already decided the man was an American. Banjo ran towards him and motioned for the downed pilot to follow quickly. In the universal sign language he told the pilot, "Let's get the hell out of here before the Germans arrive!" Had Banjo been caught by the Germans while aiding an American pilot his reward would have been instant death.

That pilot was Cal Hart, now of Palm Desert. Cal was put in touch with Banjo in 1992 after 48 years of no contact, by a Belgian author who was doing research on downed Allied aircraft. Cal and his wife, Rene, returned to Belgium in 1994 to help the people in the area of small villages 10 kilometers west of Liege celebrate their liberation by the American ground forces. While on that visit Cal and Rene invited Banjo to come to California.

The ceremony to present the plaque to Mr. Jose de Maere at the Palm Springs Air Museum was largely the work of Richard Smith, the president of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society. Under the nose of a B-17 Flying Fortress (the type of airplane flown by Smith in Europe) and with the help of Hubert M. Childress (a P-38 photo recon pilot), president of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the brief, but solemn ritual stirred many old memories for the old fliers. The great collection of World War II military aircraft at the Palm Springs Air Museum made a perfect setting for the event; further proof that the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society motto of "We will never forget our helpers" is true.

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# Crew gets together

From the Edmond (Okla.)  
Evening Sun, Sept. 10, 1995

By **HOWIE MAGNER**  
*SUN Staff Writer*

One thought ran through Ross Anderson's mind as he hung in the air and watched the plane he jumped out of three minutes earlier explode on the ground.

"Where in the hell am I!?"

The answer was not a pleasant one. German occupied Czechoslovakia, not exactly the best place for an American to be near the end of World War II.

Yet he had no choice in the matter. The German nightfighter's bullets and the laws of gravity made sure of that. Now he and his crewmates, eight men total, were scattered about the Czech countryside halfway around the world from home.

"It was almost like a movie when you think back on it," Anderson said from the comfort of his present-day home in Edmond, far from his old stomping grounds across the Atlantic. "You were kind of sitting there watching this happen, and yet you were part of it."

Fortunately for Anderson, this "movie" would have a happy ending. With the help of partisan Czechoslovakians, underground enemies of the Germans, all eight members of his bomber crew were reunited on the ground and survived the war.

Come 50 years later, half the crew had another reunion.

Anderson and the three other known living members of that downed crew recently gathered in Edmond to relive their experiences of early 1945. It was a time of memories, a time of laughter and a time of thanks.

"It was wonderful because we hadn't seen each other for 50 years. We were pretty close," said Armando Carlino, one of the four to attend the reunion.

Anderson echoed those sentiments.

"Though we were only together for a year (during the war), it created some pretty strong bonds," said Anderson, who moved to Edmond around six months



*Half the crew of a B-24 got together in Oklahoma for the first time in more than 50 years. From left: Gunner Sam Jones, Navigator Bob Beach, Bombardier Armando Carlino and Co-pilot Ross Anderson.*

ago. "It's an experience in your life that you just don't forget easily."

The four veterans didn't wait long to start strolling down memory lane.

Joining Bob Beach, the navigator, and Anderson in Edmond were Armando Carlino, bombardier, and gunner Sam Jones.

Beach traveled from Shenandoah, Iowa; Carlino from North Providence, R.I., and Jones from Belleville, Ill.

"Everybody had a particular memory. Or they would think of something and that would jog someone else's memory," said Anderson, who was just 24 when the plane was shot down. "We spent an awful lot of time thinking back and going back and going through our training."

The crew required special training because its missions were far from run of the mill. You'll find very few records of American bombers dumping payloads over Czechoslovakia.

But history tells of other United States missions to the country. Supply missions to the Czech underground, made at night by lone planes so as to avoid fighter detection, were crucial to that secret army's ability to fight the Germans.

That's where Anderson's plane came in.

The B-24 was converted to a makeshift supply plane and had flown 24

solo missions prior to April 15, 1945. That German nightfighter kept the plane from completing its 25th.

Anderson and Carlino found each other soon after the crash and the two spent a couple of nights in the woods to avoid being discovered by the Germans. They were then moved to a partisan house, where they joined the crew's radio operator.

Not long afterward, Russian troops moved through and liberated the area, alleviating the underground army's need to hide the airmen.

Eventually, the entire eight crew members were reunited.

Their problems were far from over, however.

"Even though they were supposed to be our allies, the Russians wanted to keep as many prisoners of war as possible to use as bargaining chips," Anderson said.

The B-24 crew wanted no part of that game. Garnering help from the then-president of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Edward Benes, the men crossed back into American territory just before Russia brought its iron curtain down around the country.

The men ended up at a U.S. camp in Lahar, France, where they went their separate ways and returned to their families in the States.

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# French greet Frank with applause

From the 801-492BG Newsletter)

Reported by Serge Blandin,  
French Representative

As announced in the September 1995 issue of the Carpetbagger newsletter, a commemorative ceremony was held on Saturday, June 8, 1996, near the village of Hemm-Hardinval in Somme, in remembrance of the crash of the McDonald crew in the night of March 2-3, 1944 (the first Carpetbagger B-24 to be shot down over France.)

A fine stone memorial was also unveiled in honor of the only casualty, T/Sgt. Norman R. Gellerman, who was the flight engineer.

The memorial was erected at a roadside rest area where many tourists will stop every day. The actual crash site is only 200 yards away and can be easily seen from where the memorial now stands.

A large crowd attended the ceremony, including former Maquis fighters, members of veteran's associations, officers of the French Air Force, representatives of the Regional Council, wartime helpers, several mayors of the surrounding villages and a full bus of school children, all waving small American flags.

The aircraft commander, former 1st Lt. Frank G.



*French school children waved American flags as they greeted Frank McDonald when he arrived at Hemm-Hardinval in Somme. Frank, who now lives in Fort Collins, Colo., is AFEES PX manager.*

McDonald, now a LTC, was present with all his family (a most impressive contingent of 11 persons) and was greeted by repeated friendly rounds of

applause.

After he placed a wreath at the village war memorial, with other veterans and the mayor, everyone was invited to a Vin d'Honneur and a cheerful meeting in the village hall.

A local historian, Dr. Jean-Pierre Ducellier, whose father treated the wounded airmen in 1944, recently published a fascinating book about wartime air operations in the area, including a final chapter giving a description of Carpetbagger supply missions as well as of the crash and subsequent events in great detail. Many copies were autographed during the day, Frank McDonald signing many himself.

## Russians make awards to John

Russian Air Force Attache Col. Andrey B. Koldunov awarded four medals and citations to retired Lt. Col. John Anderson of Champaign, Ill., on January 1 in recognition for his services provided to the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics during World War II.

Dr. Anderson received the Russian Strategic Rocket Forces Commemorative Medal; the official badge, 2nd class, for officer specialist in charge of missile systems; the official army patch of the Soviet army ground forces; and a memorial pennant displaying the military coat of arms of the former U.S.S.R.

Serving with the 15AF, John was shot down on March 9, 1945 over Yugoslavia. He was captured by Tito's Partisans but released several days later. British and Soviet agents helped him to evade and be flown back to Bari, Italy.

He now is emeritus professor of Urban Forestry at the U. of Illinois and active in the OCAM museum at Rantoul, Ill.

# FOR AIDING 500 AMERICAN AIRMEN

# Yugoslav general honored at last

From the Pittsburgh (Pa.)  
Tribune-Review, March 20, 1997

By JOSEPH CRUMB

Tribune-Review

When the Iron Curtain dropped on Eastern Europe after World War II, it wiped out the life and buried the heroic legacy of Gen. Draza Mihailovich, who saved the lives of 500 American fliers shot down over Yugoslavia in 1944.

Mihailovich, commander in chief of the Royal Yugoslav Army during World War II, will receive a measure of gratitude today for his efforts more than a half century after his country's communist regime put him to death.

A bronze bust of Mihailovich will be unveiled at 1 p.m. at the Serb National Federation, One Fifth Avenue, Downtown.

"It would take hours to tell you how much this bust means to me. It's the culmination of a long, hard struggle," retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Richard L. Felman said Tuesday. Felman is president of the National Committee of American Airmen Rescued by General Mihailovich.

Felman, 75, of Tucson, Ariz., was a navigator on a B-24 bomber shot down over Yugoslavia after a raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Romania--the main source of petroleum for Hitler's war machine.

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— Richard L. Felman  
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN AIRMEN RESCUED BY GENERAL MIHAILOVICH

The Nazis saw the plane's crew parachute to safety in the hills controlled by Mihailovich's men. They sent a message to the general demanding he turn over the 10 American flyboys.

"Either you send us the 10 American or we will burn down this Serbian village with 200 women and children," Feldman recalled.

The Americans were ready to surrender, but Mihailovich refused.

"Throughout our history we've been fighting invaders," Mihailovich told the American airmen. "This is just another period in our history. Freedom means more than our lives," he said.

"We have a saying. Better in graves than as slaves."

"The next day, I saw the Germans burn down the village," Felman said, his voice breaking as the 50-year-old smell of burning human flesh lingered in his memory.

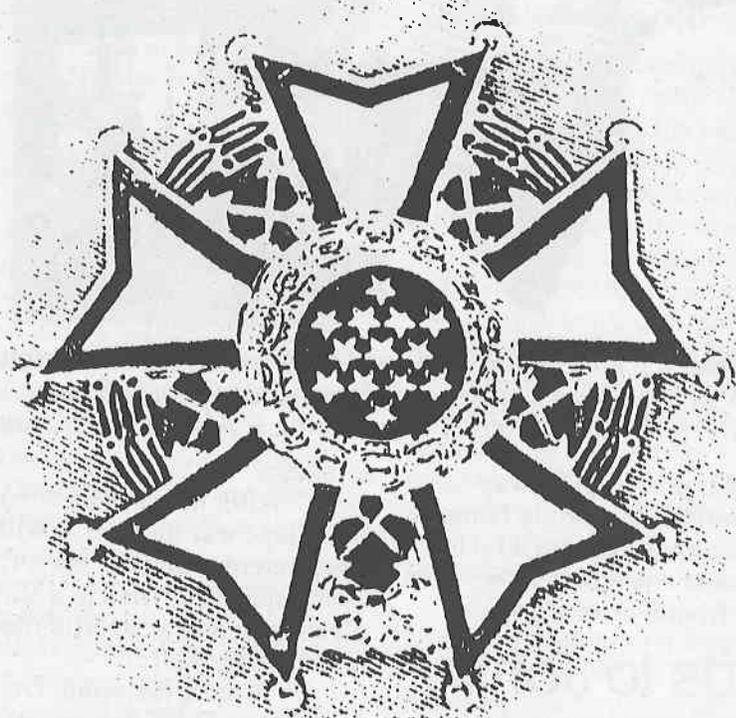
When the Germans took Belgrade in 1941 Mihailovich refused to give up his arms, fleeing into the hills where he carried out guerrilla operations against the Nazis, Felman said.

In a July 1946 editorial, The New York Times recommended that the Soviet Union erect a statue of Mihailovich in Red Square, arguing that Mihailovich's insurgency delayed Germany's invasion of Russia by six weeks, preventing its conquest by keeping Nazi armies from reaching Moscow until midwinter of 1941-42.

Mihailovich was responsible for the greatest behind-enemy-lines rescue of American personnel in U.S. military history; the Halyard Mission, carried out from Aug. 9 to Dec. 20, 1944.

From a makeshift landing strip carved

(Continued on next page)



LEGION OF MERIT  
CHIEF COMMANDER

General Dragoljub Mihailovich distinguished himself in an outstanding manner as Commander-in-Chief of the Yugoslavian Army Forces and later as Minister of War by organizing and leading important resistance forces against the enemy which occupied Yugoslavia, from December 1941 to December 1944. Through the undaunted efforts of his troops, many United States airmen were rescued and returned safely to friendly control. General Mihailovich and his forces, although lacking adequate supplies, and fighting under extreme hardships, contributed materially to the Allied cause, and were instrumental in obtaining a final Allied Victory.

March 29, 1948

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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663-3575; 8AF, 384BG

**'Cottontails' plan reunion**

The 450BG, whose history reaches from Alamogordo, N.M., to Manduria, Italy, will have their reunion Sept. 25-28 at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio, Tex. For information: 614-536-7635

**GENERAL D. MIHAIOVICH****Yugoslav hero honored at last***(Continued)*

out in the hills, 500 Americans and about 200 other Allied personnel were evacuated by C-47 transports guarded by fighter planes.

Before the evacuation took place, Mihailovich's "Chetniks" hid the Americans in the Yugoslav countryside, said Carl J. Walpusk, 72, of Coraopolis. Walpusk was an Army Air Forces staff sergeant when he was shot down over Yugoslavia on July 19, 1944.

"They would take us from house to house, feed us a meal, then, the next day, they would take us to another house," Walpusk said.

"They gave us everything they could. I often wondered whether the people in this country would give something like that," he said.

"They treated us. Their hospitality was unmatched. They used to sleep on the floor and give us the beds. If there was any food in the house, one slice of bread, one egg, they gave it to the Americans," Felman said.

Charged with being a German collaborator by the communist government after the war, Mihailovich, an anti-communist Serb, was executed by firing squad on July 17, 1946.

Efforts to honor Mihailovich with a statue in the Washington, D.C., area have failed.

Twenty years ago, the U.S. Senate approved the idea, but the Yugoslav government, then still communist, succeeded in convincing the U.S. Department of State to head off approval by the House.

Mihailovich was awarded the Legion of Merit on March 29, 1948, by President Harry S. Truman--on the recommendation of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

But the record of the award was sealed until 1967 because the U.S. government feared Yugoslav disapproval.

Felman remains bitter about how Washington politicians and bureaucrats managed to keep veterans groups from honoring Mihailovich.

"If you want decency and truth, you're not going to find it in Washington," Felman says flatly. "Even 50 years later, my sense of outrage is difficult to contain."

Felman is convinced Mihailovich was never a Nazi collaborator and that America owes the Serbian general a deep debt of gratitude.

"Why would he save Americans if he was collaborating with the Germans?"

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*Paris, le* **30 AVR 1997**

**MESSAGE  
POUR LE CONGRES DE L'U.S. AIR FORCES  
ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY  
A DAYTON DU 9 AU 12 MAI 1997**

Je suis particulièrement fier de pouvoir rendre hommage en ce jour aux hommes qui, comme vous, n'ont pas hésité à venir en Europe pour défendre la liberté, et la tolérance, contre une barbarie froide et implacable.

Vous avez désiré saluer les hommes et les femmes de France qui vous ont secouru lorsque, abattus par les Allemands, vous deviez vous échapper. Je vous en remercie.

Je pense à ce que vous avez pu ressentir alors, perdus sur une terre inconnue dont vous ne maîtrisiez pas la langue.

Vous êtes venus pour secourir les Français, au péril de votre vie, à des milliers de kilomètres de chez vous, certains d'entre nous vous ont aidés en retour. Je me joins à vous pour les saluer.

Notre pays vous remercie pour votre soutien, motivé par ce sentiment si fort en vous de solidarité et votre passion pour la démocratie.

Cette passion était partagée par les résistants français qui vous sont venus en aide. Cette passion rapproche nos deux pays et en scelle l'amitié.

Des commémorations comme celle que vous organisez aujourd'hui sont essentielles. Nous devons sans cesse témoigner de nos combats. L'ignorance est le plus grand des dangers. Oublier ce qui s'est passé il y a 52 ans est le plus sûr moyen de voir renaître la barbarie que nous avons combattue ensemble.

Nous devons aussi veiller à transmettre aux jeunes de nos deux Pays les valeurs du monde combattant, nos valeurs de courage et d'engagement. Sinon, qui pourrait préjuger de leur réaction si ce que nous avons vécu venait à se reproduire?

Vous nous avez aidés en 1917, puis durant la 2ème guerre mondiale. Une nouvelle fois je vous en remercie. La République Française ne l'oubliera pas.

Signed, PIERRE PASQUINI

This letter from Mr. Pierre Pasquini, French Minister of Veterans Affairs, was read at the AFEES Sunday dinner in Dayton by Mr. Luis Fortin, President of the French War Veterans in the United States.

*Mr. Fortin represented both Mr. Pasquini and the French Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Francois Bujon de l'Estang.*

**MESSAGE  
FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. AIR  
FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY  
DAYTON, MAY 9 - 12, 1997**

I am particularly proud to have the opportunity to pay tribute today to the men who like yourselves did not hesitate to come to Europe to defend freedom and tolerance against a cold and implacable evil.

It is your wish to salute the men and women of France who helped you when you were shot down by the Germans and had to escape. For that I thank you.

I think of what you must have felt, lost in an unfamiliar country and far from fluent in its language.

You had come to help the French people at the risk of your own lives, thousands of miles from home, and some of my compatriots helped you in return. I join with you in paying tribute to them.

Our country thanks you for your support which was motivated by that sense of solidarity and passion for democracy which is so strong with you.

That passion was shared by the French Resistance fighters who came to your assistance. And it is that passion which brings our two countries together and seals their friendship.

Commemorations like the one you are holding today are important. We must never cease to bear witness to our struggles. Ignorance is the greatest of all dangers. To forget what happened 52 years ago is the surest way to see the rebirth of the barbarism we fought together.

We must take care also to transmit to the young people of our two countries our values of courage and commitment, the values of a world that stands up for its beliefs. If we do not, who knows how they would react if the events we lived through were to happen again?

You came to our help in 1917 and again in the Second World War. And once again we thank you. The French Republic will not forget.

Signed: PIERRE PASQUINI

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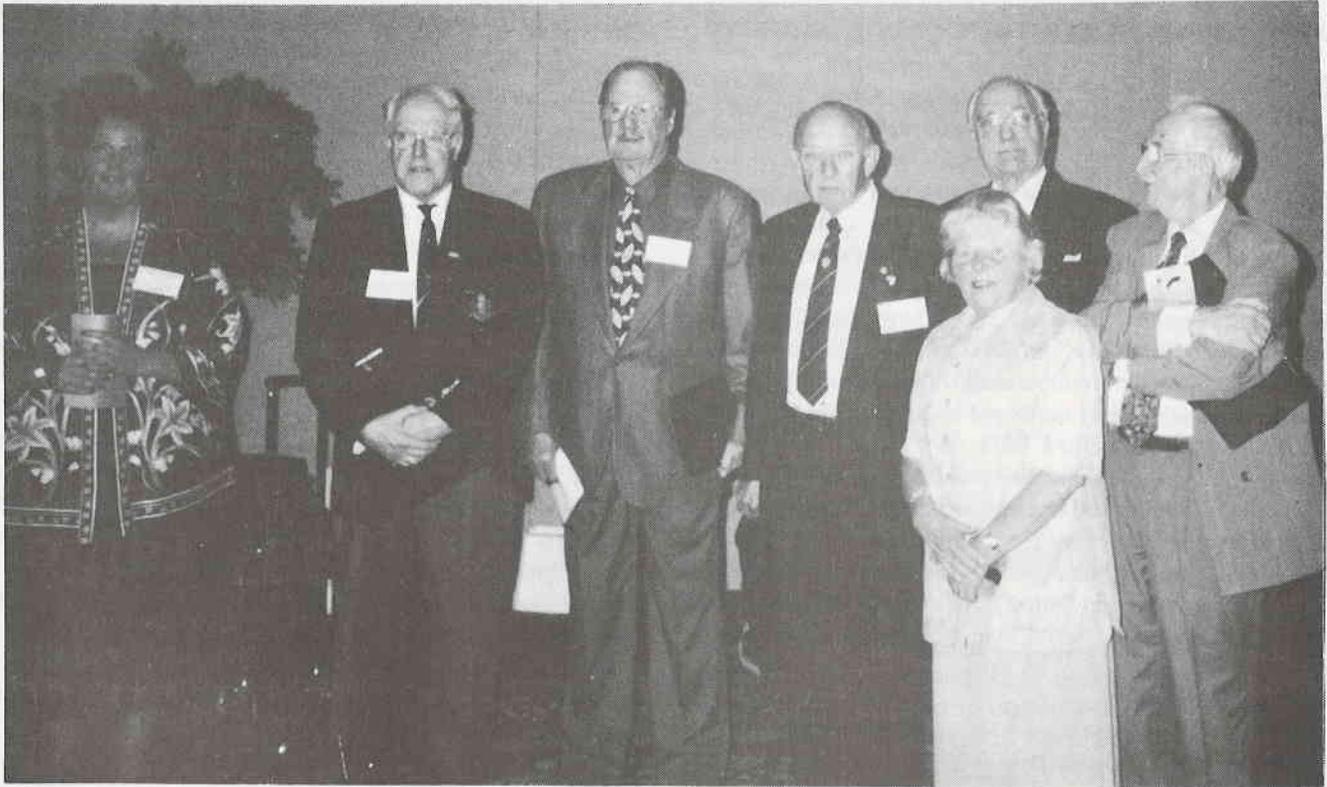
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*A large contingent of Dutch Helpers was present at the Dayton reunion. Shown from the left: Pia V.Veen-Mooij, Job Woltman, George Van Remmerden, Piet Van Veen, Pietje Van Veen, Cornelis Jasperse and Theo Teuwen. (Photos by Scotty David)*

## *Dayton was a tough act to follow*

By **LARRY GRAUERHOLZ**  
Editor

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. -- As we used to report in the weekly newspaper biz, "and a good time was had by all." That applies to the annual AFEES reunion held a month ago in Dayton,

Our reunions just seem to get better and better as the years go by. Perhaps it is because with World War II fading into history, our shared memories and experiences become more precious.

It was especially gratifying to have more than 40 new persons attending this year. Next year's reunion in Washington, D.C., should attract another good crowd.

I told Suzanne, the Dayton rep for Armed Forces Reunions, that I liked to complain but that I couldn't find anything in Dayton to complain about!

One of the big winners at the drawing on Sunday night is not in the list of prize winners on page 2. Evelyn Dovan of North Reading, Mass., was the lucky winner of what looked to be a magnum of "fermented grape" that a French helper

contributed.

Following a custom of many years standing, the helpers who joined us for the reunion each received a small token of appreciation. This year's memento was a really neat collapsible carry-on bag.

David Shoss of Dallas has been using his connections with the jewelry business to provide such mementos which have come to be highly prized. David says he is thinking of watches for men and women for 1998.



*Representing Belgian Helpers at the Dayton reunion were, from left: Yvonne Daley, Herman Bodson and Henry Verlinden.*

**AIR FORCES ESCAPE & EVASION SOCIETY  
General Membership Meeting  
May 11, 1997, Dayton, Ohio**

Meeting called to order at 9:07 A.M. by President Dick Smith.

**President's Report:**

A young flight instructor, on his way to Pennsylvania had his van broken into while staying at the hotel; noticed the group wearing wings; spoke to Richard Smith and Clayton David re a loan; they gave him \$100 and Clayton's business card, as he promised to reimburse the organization. This amount was authorized by the Board of Directors to be taken from the treasury.

The present Board of Directors were introduced; Clyde Martin and Ed Spevak had resigned and Leslie Atkinson was unable to attend. Ballots for the election will be distributed at the end of the meeting; the present Board recommends that Clayton David and Ralph Patton be re-elected; other names on the ballot are Frank McDonald, John Rucigay and Howard DeMallie.

**Secretary's Report:**

Report of the 1996 General Membership Meeting was approved as printed and distributed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Paul Kenney read the Treasurer's Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1996. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the report as read.

**Raffle:** Russel Weyland announced that about \$6,000 had been received so far; tickets still available.

**Membership:** Clayton David announced that there are 960 members and friends; about 800 are in good standing at the present time. Since the '96 reunion: 28 new members and friends; 40 deceased; 68 have become life members; 165 15th AF members, including one new one during this reunion. There are 47 members attending the reunion for the first time. He also explained the method of handling the finances, distribution of funds, and membership income which goes through three officers. 234 personal letters were sent in January 1997, re dues status; heard from about 120; a follow-up letter will be sent in near future to the remainder.

**Newsletter:**

Larry Grauerholz explained the method by which the newsletter is produced, printed and mailed. Cost is 17 1/2 cents with the mail permit for 3rd class handling. Hopes to maintain the present schedule of printing in the first week of each quarter. Needs input from the members, such as articles, news, etc. 1400 copies are printed; 900 for delivery in the US; 50 to Canada (at 93 cents, 1st class delivery). Western Europe delivery is bundled and sent to New York City for consolidated delivery to Europe.

Labels are prepared by Frank Lashinsky, edited by Clayton David and forwarded to Larry.

**PX:**

Manager not present; however, had reported to the President that the PX is almost sold out except for tee shirts, which are not selling. McDonald suggests redesigning them with better quality material. This will be taken up at the next Board of Directors meeting.

**Christmas Cards**

About 600 mailed to helpers; tremendous response from them this past season. Dorothy Kenney designs them and Paul determines proper postage.

**Other Reports:**

Ralph Patton, Chairman of the Board: Herb Brill gave an artifact which will go to the 8th AF Heritage Museum. It is a German notice posted in French towns announcing the death penalty for helping airmen.

Air Force Association is publishing a book for 50th anniversary; history of AFEES to be included.

RCAF Museum to install a paved walkway, each brick to honor Canadian airmen. Ralph and Dick Smith sponsored two bricks in recognition of the two Canadian MI-9 agents who organized the Shelburne escape line.

TV documentary, "Intrepidus;" report that it is still being readied for production; taking longer than expected.

Les Atkinson asked to convey regrets at not being able to attend. Would like to see a "Sons and Daughters" organization formed so as to perpetuate this organization.

High school students in Butler, Pa., compiled a book called *Silent Heroes Among Us*; includes Ralph's story as well as others from that area of Pennsylvania. Available for \$24.95, plus postage and handling, from New Horizons Publishing Co. (800-995-7746).

Col. Wayne Eveland of Helena, Mont., has been trying to have AFEES members recognized by Congress. H.Res. 50 was introduced by Congressman Stearns of Florida at the request of Jim Wilschke, addressing this. Members urged to write their representatives for support.

Introduced Col. J. W. Bradbury, USAF Academy professor, spoke re his participation in the 50th Anniversary of the Carpetbaggers. Also described the Air Force pamphlets available.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President has written to the national offices of the VFW  
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*There was a nice crowd at the reunion in Dayton last month. Among those attending this year were these former Helpers from France, from left: Luis Fortin, Marguerite Brouard-Fraser and Pierre Cresson.*

**MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Dayton, Ohio, May 11, 1997

(Continued)

and the American Legion re our status, with no results. One of our problems is the "not to tell" restriction for 50 years which results in us being ignored.

Board of Directors has been asked for support for many projects. Robert Henderson, Colorado sculptor, has a B-17 bronze statue ready for USAF Academy presentation in August. He is also doing P-51 and P-38 models. May have your name on a plaque for your airplane for \$450.

"Windows for Remy": 383rd Fighter Squadron is raising money for the restoration of 7 stained glass windows in the village church, blown out as a result of a strafing mission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Raffle: Substantial amount of donations given not specifying any particular fund.

Air Museum in Britain: Dedication in August; none of our group being recognized.

On the '94 tour to Europe, many were approached in Caen re donating to the Phantom Wall of Liberty. Many problems with administration of the money, most missing, and there is no wall.

Longevity of AFEES: article re this to be published in newsletter; need to think about future and disposition of funds at that time.

1998 meeting: Suggested were Washington, D.C., Oshkosh, during EAA meeting: Daytona Beach. Washington is a favorite Helpers' destination. Gilbert Shawn suggested extending convention to 5 days. President asked for any serious complaints re Washington. Show of hands for support was accepted; to be organized by Armed Forces Reunions.

Motion made by Paul Kenney, seconded by James Goebel, that the Board of Directors assign a committee to put together a 1998 reunion in Washington, D.C. Discussion: Fred Platt remarked that Baltimore has lower airfare and hotel rates, one hour away. Hotel rate could be \$85 if Mothers Day or Memorial Day weekend is chosen. Number of tours could be planned. Motion carried.

Joint Services Search, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Agency is now located at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. Interest shown re possibility of future reunion there.

George Buckner spoke re formation of AFEES in 1964, also re evading vs. surrendering, therefore not being able to support H.Res. 50, suggested that 3 bronze memorial tablets be placed in Paris, Brussels and The Hague to honor helpers.

Scotty David announced that the AFEES roster (names only) is now posted on the Internet at [www.cbiinfor.com](http://www.cbiinfor.com); helpers will also be posted in near future.

Motion made, seconded and carried that meeting be adjourned.

WARREN E. LORING, Recording Sec.

Attendance: About 125.

*From Mimi and Peter van den Hurk, Cuijk, Holland*

Our love and Christmas greetings to all our AFEES friends, and as you always so, so we too do not forget. We also enjoy the AFEES friendships and will not forget.

## THE TARGET IS IN SIGHT! Museum drive reaches \$81,000

*"We fully understand that not everyone can contribute, but we hope that those of you who can -- will" --- Ralph Patton*

**By RALPH K. PATTON, Chairman**

Members and friends of AFEES have contributed more than \$81,000 to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, Ga. It now appears that our target of \$100,000 is reachable this year.

The generosity of AFEES friends and members, when it comes to projects honoring Helpers, has never been in doubt, but raising \$100,000 has put us to the test. With your continued support we will make the target and we will have an exhibit that will properly honor our Helpers.

Please consider making one last contribution toward our AFEES pledge to the Heritage Museum. We need members who can take a tax write-off to make substantial contributions and we need members who can't write it off, to contribute any amount. More fortunate members can avoid a capital gains tax by donating appreciated stock certificates.

To ensure that AFEES receives proper credit for any contribution, make your check payable to the 8th A.F. Heritage Museum and mail to me:

Ralph Patton  
5000 Alden Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220-1023

I will acknowledge your contribution and mail it to the museum, which will also acknowledge receipt of it and credit it to the AFEES pledge.

A list of AFEES contributors will be published in the next edition of *Communications*. Should you wish to remain anonymous and not have your name listed as a contributor, let me know and your wishes will be respected.

## Now Hear This!

**Leslie A. G. Atkinson, co-founder of AFEES and our official Representative in France, is moving soon from the home he has made in Banyuls-sur-Mer. Effective Thursday, July 3, his new address will be:**

**29 rue des Trouvres  
66000 Perpignan, France  
Telephone: 011 33 04 68 55 12 63  
FAX: 011 33 04 68 55 12 73**



NEL E. LIND

## Nel Lind had friendly smile

Nel E. Lind, Utrecht, Holland, died May 22, 1997, at the age of 83.

In life, Nel wore a friendly smile that went with her warm personality and willingness to help others. She was up to the task at hand, which meant helping Allied evaders during WW II before she was captured in October 1943.

Nel played a part in getting Joke Folmer involved in aiding downed airmen before they served time together in prison after Joke was arrested in April 1944.

They attended many reunions together in the United States and Canada, as well as in Holland where they hosted visiting evaders.

When interviewed by reporters at the home of Clayton and Scotty David in 1988, Nel remarked, "We made a choice between doing nothing and trying to help the Allies. We tried to do what we could do. Sometimes we say 'It's amazing we're still alive.'"

Nel helped more than 20 airmen, mostly British, before she was arrested. Though sentenced to death, the execution of Nel and Joke was not carried out. They were among the 32 women who survived prisons where they had been with

# FOLDED WINGS

## MEMBERS

- 12AF Lawrence F. Burt, Briggsville, Wis., 319BG
- # 670 Roy W. Carpenter, Prescott Valley, Ariz., 93BG, Mar. 18, 1997
- 14AF Andrew J. Gadberry, Fairborn, Ohio, 23FG, Mar. 15, 1997
- 8AF James B. Hodgin, Greensboro, No. Car., 388BG, Aug. 1, 1996
- 9AF Glen L. Horwege, Fair Oaks, Calif., 362BG, Feb. 15, 1997
- #1398 Joe T. Humble, Sparta, Mo., 384BG, April 16, 1997
- #2738 Joshua D. Lane, Poolesville, Md., 457BG, Dec. 16, 1996
- 8AF Joseph A. Lantigne, Carthage, N.Y., 379BG, Jan. 26, 1997
- # 657 Benjamin T. Martin, Hemet, Calif., 355FG, October 1996
- 15AF John P. Mulvihill, Fair Haven, N.J., 485BG, Nov. 13, 1992
- #1517 W. C. Pensinger, Chambersburg, Pa., 306BG, June 1, 1996
- 15AF Carl T. Schuneman, White Bear Lk, Minn., 460BG, Nov. 7, 1996
- #2601 James A. Swanson, Ottumwa, Iowa, 442TCG, Sept. 14, 1993
- #1871 Charles H. Thornton, Las Vegas, Nev., 445BG, July 1996
- 15AF John E. Warren, Mill Hall, Pa., 455BG, May 22, 1996
- 15AF Albert G. Willing Jr., Omaha, Neb., 97BG, July 24, 1995
- #2012 John W. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif., 96BG, Sept. 23, 1995
- 8AF H. D. "Hank" Wooten, Coral, Mich., 306BG, Aug. 17, 1994

## HELPERS

Nel E. LIND, Utrecht, Holland, May 22, 1997

*From William L. Cupp concerning several of his helpers:*

M. Lucien GUERLUS, Nalannes, Belgium, Deceased Dec. 7, 1996

M. Gilbert RASSON, Ogy, Belgium, 1996

Mme. Emma PROTIN, Tintigny, Belgium

Mme. Irma TOTIS-BINUTTI, Tincques, France, Oct. 2, 1995

320. It is now probable that only Joke Folmer of Holland and Charlotte Ambach, now living in Green Valley, Ariz., are survivors of that group of women prisoners.

In commenting on prison life, Nel said, "We almost starved. We had two thin slices of moldy bread a day and some decaying French cheese. I lost half of my weight and we were victims of all kinds of infection."

They maintained the courage to accept each day as another day of life and sang to maintain their spirits.

*In memory of Nel Lind, a memorial fund has been established at the Eighth AF Heritage Museum in Savannah, Ga., and her family has been so notified.*

## 'Betty' Warnon helped in Brussels

Madame Elisabeth Warnon (nee Feraille), widow of Jean Warnon, died in Spontin, Belgium, on Jan. 29, 1997.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Dorinne.

During the war, she and her companion, Elisabeth Liegeois, sheltered Allied airmen in a house near the center of Brussels. They were known as the "Two Bettys." They spent about 20 months in concentration camps.

For her Resistance work, Mme. Warnon was awarded decorations by several nations, including the Medal of Freedom with bronze palm by the U.S.

Survivors include one son and one sister.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**DAYTON, OHIO**

**Monday, May 12, 1997**

**HE LIVED TO BEAR HIS COUNTRY'S ARMS.**

**HE DIED TO SAVE ITS HONOR.**

**HE WAS A SOLDIER - AND HE KNEW A SOLDIER'S DUTY.**

**HIS SACRIFICE WILL HELP TO KEEP AGLOW**

**THE FLAMING TORCH THAT LIGHTS OUR LIVES ...**

**THAT MILLIONS YET UNBORN**

**MAY KNOW THE PRICELESS JOY OF LIBERTY.**

**AND WE WHO PAY HIM HOMAGE,**

**AND REVERE HIS MEMORY,**

**IN SOLEMN PRIDE REDEDICATE OURSELVES.**

**TO A COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF THE TASK FOR WHICH HE SO**

**GALLANTLY HAS PLACED HIS LIFE UPON**

**THE ALTAR OF MAN'S FREEDOM.**

**H.H. ARNOLD, GENERAL, U.S. ARMY**

**COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES**

**FROM THE MIGHTY EIGHTH HERITAGE MUSEUM, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

# Atterrissage d'Aviateurs ou Parachutistes

## AVIS TRÈS IMPORTANT aux Populations

La Feldkommandantur rappelle une dernière fois à la population française que le fait d'héberger, de cacher, d'aider ou d'assister de quelque manière que ce soit, même passagèrement, des aviateurs ou des parachutistes anglais ou américains expose ceux qui s'en rendront coupables **A LA PEINE DE MORT.**

D'autre part, la Feldkommandantur récompensera toute information qui contribuera à l'arrestation des fugitifs indiqués ci-dessus par **LA LIBÉRATION DE PRISONNIERS** de guerre appartenant à la région.

Top - 47-41-40-559

*-- Poster presented to AFEES by courtesy of the Museum of the Resistance in Nantua, France*

## VERY IMPORTANT WARNING TO THE POPULATION

The Field Commander reminds the French population for the last time that the sheltering, hiding, aiding or assisting in any manner, the passing of aviators or parachutists, English or American, is done so under the penalty of death.

On the other hand, the Field Commander will compensate for information leading to the arrest of these fugitives by releasing prisoners of war taken from this region.

*Shown here and on the next page are signs that were posted throughout France in World War II, warning the French about helping Allied airmen.*

These two posters were acquired by Herb and Millicent Brill, who persuaded two French museums to make copies available to AFEES.

# AVIS

**Toute personne du sexe masculin qui aiderait, directement ou indirectement, les équipages d'avions ennemis descendus en parachute, ou ayant fait un atterrissage forcé, favoriserait leur fuite, les cacherait ou leur viendrait en aide de quelque façon que ce soit, sera fusillée sur le champ.**

**Les femmes qui se rendraient coupables du même délit seront envoyées dans des camps de concentration situés en Allemagne.**

**Les personnes qui s'empareront d'équipages contraints à atterrir, ou de parachutistes, ou qui auront contribué, par leur attitude, à leur capture, recevront une prime pouvant aller jusqu'à 10.000 francs. Dans certains cas particuliers, cette récompense sera encore augmentée.**

*Paris, le 22 Septembre 1941.*

**Le Militärbefehlshaber en France,**

Signé : von **STÜLPNAGEL**  
**Général d'Intendance.**

*-- Poster presented to AFES by the Museum of the Resistance and Deportation in Angouleme, France*

## WARNING

**All men who aid directly or indirectly the crews of enemy aircraft coming down by parachute or having made a forced landing, will be shot in the field.**

**Women who render the same type aid will be sent to concentration camps in Germany.**

**People who capture crews who are forced to land or parachutists, or who contribute, by their actions, to their capture will receive up to 10,000 francs. In certain particular cases this compensation will be increased.**

## 365 owe debt to 'Shelburne'

*(One of our alert readers found this account of Operation Shelburne on the Royal AF Escaping Society (Canadian Br.) Web site on the Internet)*

We take pride in the knowledge that the escape line Operation "Shelburne," organized by two Canadians, Lucien Dumais and Raymond LaBrosse, was responsible for the rescue of 128 airmen and seven agents from the beach at Plouha. Shelburne also had guides who led 89 airmen over the Pyrenees to Spain and later to Gibraltar. Another 132 airmen were rescued from the Forest de Freval, where they had been hidden when it became too risky to move them further. In all, 365 airmen owed their liberty to Shelburne.

Airey Neave of MI-9 observed, the "miracle" of Shelburne was one of the most splendid exploits in which agents of MI-9 and the Navy took part. It was the only escape line never to be infiltrated by the enemy.

Sergeant-Major Dumais of the Fusiliers de Mont-Royal had been captured at Dieppe, but he escaped and made his way to Marseilles, then back to England.

Sergeant LaBrosse of Canada's Signals Regiment was parachuted into France with another agent to organize an escape network, but when the organization was infiltrated by the Germans, LaBrosse escaped arrest and crossed the Pyrenees into Spain, then to Gibraltar and back to England.

After they had successfully escaped and returned to England, MI-9 recruited them to organize an escape line. Lucien Dumais was in charge and Ray LaBrosse was his wireless operator with the important task of staying in touch with London.

Operation "Shelburne" was organized involving evacuation of evaders from the beach near Plouha by the Royal Navy. To confirm that the Royal Navy Motor Gun Boat (M.G.B.) was on its way to pick up evaders, the following secret message was broadcast on the BBC:

"Bonjour tout le monde a la maison d'Alphonse"

# Dayton reunion pulls a nice crowd

Although the calendar is catching up with many of our members and some of us have lost a little of the get-up-and-go, the spirit remains! That is proved by the attendance at our reunions which has remained pretty constant over the past few years.

Registration at Dayton was well over 200, with 42 persons attending their first AFEES reunion. The list of those who were present for at least a part of the reunion, as compiled by Scotty David:

- \*BALDWIN, Robert E.; Berkeley, Calif.
- BALES, William and Mirian; Muncie, Ind.
- BEALL, Sylvia; Tampa, Fla.
- \*BOGGS, Keith; Shasta Lake City, Calif.
- BOOHER, William; Corca, Me.
- BRADBURY, J. W. & Roberta; San Antonio, Tex.
- BREITENBACH, Louis & Anne Mac; Cincinnati, Ohio
- BRILL, Herbert & Millicent; Corona Del Mar, Calif.
- BUCKNER, George & Mary; South Euclid, Ohio
- CAGLE, Joseph; Southern Pines, N. Car.
- CARL, Floyd & Hilda; San Antonio, Tex.
- \*CASEY, Shirley & Faye; Midland, Tex.
- \*CHECCA, Andrew; Cresson, Pa.
- \*CHEEK, Roy & Shirley; Lawson, Mo.
- CUPP, William & Penny; Northfield, Minn.
- DAVEY, Alice; Dover, Del.
- DAVID, Clayton & Scotty; Hannibal, Mo.
- DAVID, Lynn, Barb & \*Jonathan; Sunset Hills, Mo.
- DAVIS, William & Doris; Ormond Beach, Fla.
- DeCHAMBRE, Gerald & Elcanor; Peoria, Ariz.
- \*DeLUCA, Joseph & Cecilia; N. Bellmore, N.Y.
- DeMALLIE, Howard & Nancy; Rochester, N.Y.
- DISSETTE, Larry & Charlotte; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- \*DOWNE, Charles; St. Petersburg, Fla.
- FEGETTE, Lee; Red Oak, Tex.
- \*FERRARO, Samuel & Christine; Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- FEINGOLD, Louis & Leah; Emerson, N. J.
- FINK, Phil; Lancaster, N.Y.
- \*FISHER, Charles & Norene; Jeanette, Pa.
- \*FISHER, David & Liz; West Lafayette, Ind.
- \*FISHER, Mike & Katie; Ormond Beach, Fla.
- \*FUCHS, Ralph; Senecaville, Ohio
- GOAN, John & \*Joyce; Estill Springs, Tenn.
- GOEBEL, Jim & Joan; Conroe, Tex.
- GOLDFEDER, Milton, Joan & Carol; Bethlehem, Pa.
- GOLDSTEIN, Coleman; Amherst, Mass.
- GRAUERHOLZ, Larry & Ruth; Wichita Falls, Tex.
- GRIMES, Robert & Mary Helen; Fairfax, Va.
- HAINES, Kenneth & June; Claire, Mich.
- HANNAN, Robert & Olga; Headsburg, Calif.
- HARMS, John; Temple Terrace, Fla.
- HARRIS, Howard & Jeanette; Wolcott, N.Y.
- HEDDLESON, James & Dolly; Louisville, Ohio
- HEEKIN, Francis & Eleanor; Cincinnati, Ohio
- HOGAN, Peter & Mary; Springfield, Mass.
- HOLT, Charles & Kathryn; Madison, Ind.
- HORNER, Laurie, Akron, Ohio

- \*HUSS, Arthur; Staten Island, N.Y.
- IVEY, Ashley & Ruth; Acworth, Ga.
- KELLEY, E. Robert; Shasta Lake City, Calif.
- KEMPTON, Norman & Pearl; Satellite Beach, Fla.
- KENNEY, Paul & Dorothy; Stone Mountain, Ga.
- KESHISHIAN, Jacques & daughter \*Mimi; Dover, Del.
- KING, Ernest & Mary; Eric, Kan.
- KOSINSKI, Anthony & Eugenia; Chicago, Ill.
- KUPSICK, Jack & Shirley; Cottage Grove, Ore.
- LASHINSKY, Frank & Dorothy; Old Lyme, Conn.
- LINCOLN, Joseph "Bill"; Eric, Pa.
- LINDELL, Ernest & Constance; Moses Lake, Wash.
- LORING, Warren & Thelma; Monument Beach, Mass.
- LUCKETT, Elizabeth; Jackson, Miss.
- \*MAGEE, William T.; Cincinnati, Ohio
- MANOS, Joseph, Sacramento, Calif.
- MARTIN, John; Drexel Hill, Pa.
- McDONALD, Frank & Sybil; Fort Collins, Colo.
- McKEE, Ralph & Elinor; Rockledge, Fla.
- McMICHAEL, Lloyd & Dorothy; Minnetonka, Minn.
- MICHAELS, Edgar & Norma; Pittsburgh, Pa.
- MILLER, Edward; Sedona, Ariz.
- MURPHY, Joseph & Dot; Wildwood Crest, N.J.
- NAUGHTON, Donald & Dorothy; San Diego, Calif.
- ONESI, Anthony & Marge; Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- PATTON, Ralph & Bette, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- PIKE, Kristine; Santa Monica, Calif.
- PLATT, Alfred; Houston, Tex.
- POLK, Jefferson; Tulsa, Okla.
- POWELL, George & Dolores; St. Louis, Mo.
- RAMSEY, Frank & Wilma; Gaffney, S. Car.
- RENDALL, William; Kinderhook, N.Y.
- RENDALL, Richard; Cincinnati, Ohio
- ROBERTS, Alvis & Nancy; Fort Worth, Tex.
- RUCIGAY, John; Ballston Lake, N. Y.

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*A happy Leonard Schallehn (left) of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., gets his \$100 raffle check from Francene Weyland at the Sunday night drawing. President Dick Smith seems to be supervising.*

## ROLL CALL AT THE DAYTON REUNION (Continued)

SALIVAR, Charles & Mary Jane; Webster Groves, Mo.  
 SCHALLEHN, Leonard & Eunice; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
 SCOTT, Carl & Elizabeth; Columbus, Ohio  
 SENFIELD, Paula; Erie, Pa.  
 SHANDOR, Mary, Richard & \*Karen; Cresson, Pa.  
 SHAWN, Gilbert; Longwood, Fla.  
 SHERWOOD, Norton & Renee; Las Vegas, Nev.  
 SHOSS, David & Doris; Dallas, Tex.  
 SMITH, Richard & Margaret; Battle Lake, Minn.  
 \*SNEDE, John & Alice; St. Anthony, Minn.  
 SOLOMON, Phil; Las Vegas, Nev.  
 SPEVAK, Edward & Aylene; Watertown, S.Dak.  
 \*STEWART, Gilman; Greensburg, Ind.  
 SWEATT, Robert & Mary; Burton, Tex.  
 THOMAS, Thomas III; Mendham, N.J.  
 THOMPSON, Tommy & Marcy; Houston, Tex.  
 \*THORNTON, Bonnie; Estell Springs, Tenn.  
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 TROUP, Julie; Tampa, Fla.  
 TURLINGTON, Howard & Catherine; St. Louis, Mo.  
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 \*WALTER, George & Lenora; Dayton, Ohio  
 WEYLAND, Russel & Francene; McHenry, Ill.  
 WILLIAMS, Clifford; Nederland, Tex.  
 WILLIG, Sidney; Staten Island, N.Y.  
 YANDURA, John & Ethel; Vandergrift, Pa.

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#### BELGIUM

BODSON, Herman & Tina; Taos, N. Mex.  
 DALEY, Yvonne; Dunedin, Fla.  
 VERLINDEN, Henry & Lieve; East Point, Mich.

#### FRANCE

BROCHET, Lileane; Sox-Fours-Les-Plages, France  
 CRESSON, Pierre & Companion; Bernaville, France  
 \*DeFOURNEAUX, Rene & Virginia; Indianapolis, Ind.  
 \*FORTIN, Luis & Blanca; Washington, D.C.  
 \*FRASER, Marguerite-Brouard and Evelyn Dovan;  
 Burlington, Mass.

#### HOLLAND

\*HOVENKAMP, Glenn; Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 JASPERSE, Cornelis; Bergeschenhoek, Holland  
 REMMERDEN, George van; Seal Beach, Calif.  
 \*TEUWEN, Theo & Maryse; Nuenen, Holland  
 VAN VEEN, Piet & Pieta; Leimuiden, Holland  
 VAN VEEN, Pia & \*Hans Mooij; Leimuiden, Holland  
 WOLTMAN, Job; Apeldorn, Holland

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LESLIE, Stewart; Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
 LINDSAY, Bob & Lynne; Don Mills, Ontario, Canada  
 NEAL, John; Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
 SHIRK, Raymond; Ontario, Canada  
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RALPH K. PATTON  
Chairman of the Board

February 13, 1997

The Honorable Cliff Stearns  
2352 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Stearns:

On behalf of the more than 900 members of AFEES I thank you very much for introducing H.RES. 50 to grant our members "recognition for meritorious service."

In the next issue of our newsletter we will be asking our entire membership to write to their congressman or woman and ask for their support of H.RES. 50.

We would welcome any suggestions that you or your staff might care to make as to how we can further support your resolution. I stand ready to come to Washington to support H.RES. 50 should it be advisable.

I sincerely hope that you have had the time to read the evasion story of our member, James Wilschke. I do not believe that anyone could read his evasion story without concluding that Jim's service to his country was meritorious and worthy of special recognition. Jim is representative of our membership.

We truly appreciate your support of Jim Wilschke's efforts to obtain recognition for all of our members.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph K. Patton

### PART OF A LETTER OF TRIBUTE

"The loss of every Allied plane shot down over Europe was a tragedy — every member of a crew that was found and saved and sent back to us brought joy to all his comrades. To everyone who joined in this great work and to each member of his family and to all who shared, in those days, his risks and dangers I send assurances of my deep and lasting gratitude."

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

## H.RES. 50 is in committee

H.Res. 50, introduced in the 105th Congress by Rep. Stearns of Florida's 6th District, has been referred to the House Committee on National Security.

As this issue of *Communications* went to press, there had been no action on the proposal.

Rep. Stearns introduced the resolution on Feb. 11 and Rep. Hulshof of Missouri signed on as a co-sponsor on March 10.

The official title of H.Res. 50 is "A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that aviators who meet the qualification standards of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society should be granted recognition for meritorious service by the Department of Defense." It is similar to one introduced into the previous Congress by Rep. Stearns.

Floyd Spence of South Carolina is chairman of the Committee on National Security for this session. Ranking Democrat on the committee is Ronald V. Dellums of California.

Other committee members:

### REPUBLICANS

Bob Stump, Arizona  
 Duncan Hunter, California  
 John R. Kasich, Ohio  
 Herbert H. Bateman, Virginia  
 James V. Hansen, Utah  
 Curt Weldon, Pennsylvania  
 Joel Hefley, Colorado  
 Jim Saxton, New Jersey  
 Steve Buyer, Indiana  
 Tillie K. Fowler, Florida  
 John M. McHugh, New York  
 James Talent, Missouri  
 Terry Everett, Alabama  
 Roscoe G. Bartlett, Maryland  
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 Ron Lewis, Kentucky  
 J. C. Watts Jr., Oklahoma  
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 John N. Hostettler, Indiana  
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 Joe Scarborough, Florida  
 Walter B. Jones Jr., North Carolina  
 Lindsey Graham, South Carolina  
 Sonny Bono, California  
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 Michael Pappas, New Jersey  
 Bob Riley, Alabama  
 Jim Gibbons, Nevada

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 Norman Sisisky, Virginia  
 John M. Spratt Jr., South Carolina  
 Solomon P. Ortiz, Texas  
 Owen Pickett, Virginia  
 Lane Evans, Illinois  
 Gene Taylor, Mississippi  
 Neil Abercrombie, Hawaii  
 Martin T. Meehan, Massachusetts  
 Robert A. Underwood, Guam  
 Jane Harman, California  
 Paul McHale, Pennsylvania  
 Patrick J. Kennedy, Rhode Island  
 Rod R. Blagojevich, Illinois  
 Silvestre Reyes, Texas  
 Tom Allen, Maine  
 Vic Snyder, Arkansas  
 Jim Turner, Texas  
 F. Allen Boyd Jr., Florida  
 Adam Smith, Washington  
 Loretta Sanchez, California  
 James H. Maloney, Connecticut  
 Mike McIntyre, North Carolina  
 (one vacancy)

## It's time for a dues checkup

AFEES operates on a calendar-year basis; regular dues are \$20 a year. Life Memberships still are only \$100 a year; it is an easy way to take care of your dues and not have to bother with them every year.

In addition, the plastic membership card is a durable reminder that "We Will Never Forget."

## The struggle continues; it is not easy

Wayne Eveland of Helena, Mont., has worked for more than two years to secure the Army Commendation Medal for several AFEES members. He has been successful in three cases but his application has been rejected in seven others.

Col. Eveland and AFEES Chairman Ralph Patton are completely baffled when it comes to understanding the military awards program.

Jim Wilschke of Mt. Dora, Fla., has persuaded his congressman, Cliff Stearns, to re-introduce a House resolution that would provide recognition to members of AFEES for "meritorious service."

Members of the House Committee on National Security are listed on this page.

If you are interested in encouraging House members to adopt such a resolution, let your congressman know how you feel.

## Information sought on Barclay Glover

Timo De Wit of Holland is seeking to find a B-17 crew member named Barclay W. Glover, a waist gunner on the *San Antonio Rose*, No. 42-3462 of the 95BG, 336th Sqdn.

The *Rose* crashed on the Feb. 21, 1944, mission to Brunswick-Hannover.

The mission report says witnesses saw the plane straggling over the target. Near Zegveld, the B-17 was alone and soon was attacked by 8 or 9 German fighters.

Two crewmen bailed out. Besides Glover, the other was Charles W. Bansthson, the engineer-top turret gunner. Timo has managed to contact Bansthson.

Barclay Glover lived in the Philadelphia area in 1954. Timo has been searching for him for three years.

Timo also is looking for Lt. Russel Ahlman, pilot of 42-31299, perhaps an eye witness. Ahlman went down June 3, 1944, on the Berlin mission.

Timo De Wit can be reached at: Teldersstraat 22, 2806 MV Gouda, Holland.

# U.S. airmen shipped to Buchenwald

By ARTHUR KINNIS

3821 Synod Rd., Victoria, B.C.  
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Let me explain what happened to our party of 168 Allied airmen during the late summer of 1944.

We were all very healthy airmen who had been shot down over occupied Europe. We landed in a German-occupied countryside and then tried to contact the French resistance in order to obtain the necessary help in order to return to our squadrons in England.

Many French Resistance men and women risked their all in providing much needed food and shelter for us and others during this time. Some of our party had remained with the Resistance for long periods of time.

Traitors in the Underground had very smoothly turned most of our party over to the Gestapo. Here our treatment varied in intensity until we were finally sent to the holding tank of Fresnes Prison. Medical attention was very difficult to obtain in this establishment that we were trying to adjust to. Being in separate cells, we were very much aware that no one knew where we were, and wondered what was to be our fate.

Unknown to us, occupants of this spot were to be shipped to concentration camps in Germany. I don't need to tell you that prison life was different, very different. From the prison chatter we realized that there were up to 200 English speaking inmates imprisoned with us.

On Aug. 15, 1944, we were taken to Gare L'Est Railway station in Paris to be transported, like cattle, in 40-8 boxcars, to Germany. They squeezed 70-95 of us into this area, gave us a 5-gal. pail for waste and another for water, then added bread, 1 box knackerbread, margarine and a tin of horse meat between 6, to last 2-7

## 'The Lucky Ones' on tape

"The Lucky Ones" is a film produced by the Canadian Film Board in 1995 which documents the horrors experienced by prisoners in the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp. The title refers to those who got out alive after beatings and torture.

The film is available from the National Film Board of Canada, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10020, phone 212-596-1774. It is also available on VHS video for \$39.95 by calling 1-800-542-2164.

days. A little later the French brought us a Red Cross parcel, 1 for 3 men. This nightmare existence lasted 5 days and nights, and now 50 years later, only the tip of this moment of shame has been told.

We arrived Aug. 20, 1944, much to our surprise, at the concentration camp of Buchenwald.

Try to picture our shock at seeing unknown numbers of walking dead of all ages trying to cling to life, who told us that the only way out was up the Chimney (crematorium).

We shuffled to our tents to be stripped of all our clothing, had all our hair shaved from us, any valuables taken for safe storage and then we were given our Buchenwald numbers, a shirt, pair of pants, hat, but no shoes. We were then given a shower, but until those shower heads let out water, we dared not breathe. We were then taken to the Little Lager which was their quarantine area. Here we slept outside on paving stones, and to start with, one wet blanket for 5 men.

We now knew that we had to try to get organized and present a unified front. Our total of United Airmen was 168, composed of 82 USAAF, 2 RNZAF, 9 RAAF, 26 RCAF, 1 Jamaican, 48 RAF.

It was at that time we formed our KLB Club (Konzentration Lager Buchenwald), designed our pin and made some recommendations for the future. (Which appeared doubtful when we observed what the German starvation diet was accomplishing with the other inmates. But we had to be optimistic.

The US 8th bombed Buchenwald on

Aug. 24th in a very successful raid. No further making of munitions continued to the war's end and considering the camp population, a very low number of deaths occurred. We fought the fire in our bare feet and further wondered at our fate.

On the 19th of October 1944, all but 10 of us left Buchenwald for Stalag III, a proper POW camp, a place that we felt seemed like heaven. The 10 who had been left followed us one month later. The existing conditions were responsible for much ill health and is is very doubtful that we would have survived the winter. When we got out of that German haven we really became "The Lucky Ones."

When we resigned from our respective air forces, we told our tale to authorities, gave them our list of names and numbers, but no action was taken and our story of what had happened was received with much skepticism and doubt by all but our closest friends and even some of these were in doubt. We had no proof, were not tattooed, and in any case "there were no armed forces held in concentration" camps, so we were told.

My diary lay in a bottom drawer until late in 1979, when I saw a magazine article about 4 KLB Club members getting together. I started hunting and at a convention in Victoria in 1981, we found several more. In 1983 we welcomed our senior officer, Phil Lamason of New Zealand, and heard from him just how close to death we had been. The orders had been in the camp when we left. As I had the names and numbers, they made me their president.

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## More about -- U.S. airmen

(Continued)

The hunt, using 1944 addresses, began. Up to now, we have located 45 of the USAF total of 82, 32 are deceased, and 5 are not located. We still have 2 Canadians to find. One is an American who once lived in Lapeer, Mich.

With delayed help from the International Red Cross and the staff at the Buchenald Museum, we now know how and why we were there, and who put us in that spot, and necessary lists that provide us with many additional facts.

Between 1958 and 1964 the Federal Republic of Germany worked out "Global Agreements" with 11 European nations. As a result, the Federal Republic assumed an obligation of almost 900 million (marks?) to these countries, enabling them to compensate citizens not eligible under the BEG for damages incurred as victims of Nazi policies.

Australia and New Zealand governments recently have paid nationals who were in German concentration camps the sums of \$10,000 and \$13,000. Considering that both the Canadian and U.S. governments paid the interned Japanese \$20,000 each, that makes KLB Club members wonder still more.

Here are the names and 1944 addresses of Americans and Canadians who have not been located: (First numbers are our Buchenwald numbers)

### AMERICANS

78359 E.C. Freeman, 0805432, 211 E. Whittington St., Greenboro, N.C.  
J.T. Hanson, 18225893, 11961 Colman St., Brooklyn, NY  
78321 R.J. Horrigan 14079690, 1142 Constance St., New Orleans, LA  
78330 G.W. Scott, 35548906, 227 RFD 2, Toledo, OH  
78353 B. T. Scharf 37272715, New Prague, Minn.

### CANADIANS

78440 H. Atkins, 333 Washington St., Lapeer, MI  
78431 E.G. Watson, 320 Lauder Ave., Toronto, Ont.

(Reprinted from the Spring 1996 issue of King's Cliffe Remembered, publication of the 20th Fighter Group Association)

(Financial Statement)

## The Air Forces Escape & Evasion Society

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the year ending Dec. 31, 1996

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Receipts:

Annual dues	2,850.00	
Life memberships	2,200.00	
Gifts	3,615.20	
PX (Reunion sales of 1414.00 not included)	1,568.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>285.00</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>10,518.20</b>

##### Disbursements:

News letter	4,889.64	
Membership	493.03	
Post exchange	1,638.23	
Membership roster	740.80	
Sculpter markers 2 @ 450	900.00	
8th AF Museum Stone	945.00	
Christmas cards & postage	773.30	
Miscellaneous	<u>664.25</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>11,044.25</b>
Excess of disbursements		<u>(526.05)</u>
Cash balance - beginning		<u>5,021.81</u>
Cash balance - end		<u>4,495.76</u>

#### REUNION FUND

##### Receipts:

Registration fees	31,870.00	
Raffle	5,205.00	
PX (cost included in General Fund)	<u>1,414.00</u>	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>38,489.00</b>

##### Disbursements:

Tour	1,300.00	
Entertainment	500.00	
Sunday lunch	1,767.56	
French helper expenses	2,000.00	
Hotel	30,654.98	
Miscellaneous	<u>343.14</u>	
<b>Total disbursements</b>		<b>36,565.68</b>

##### Excess of receipts

		<u>1,923.32</u>
Cash balance - beginning		<u>6,828.89</u>
Cash balance - end		<u>8,752.21</u>

#### INVESTMENT FUND

##### Certificates of deposit:

Balance - beginning	21,653.50
Interest credited	<u>1,127.57</u>
<b>Balance - end</b>	<b>22,781.07</b>

# More vets apply for their medals

From the Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- They pin the medals to their chests for Memorial Day or Veterans' Day parades or proudly pass them to their grandchildren. They display them in Shadow boxes. They lock them in boxes with other relics of a treasured past.

The popularity of military medals among veterans has been on the rise since the 1980s. And this year, as usual, the number of requests for unclaimed medals is likely to rise after the Memorial Day observances.

"It just evokes memories and the guys will try to get them," said Dennis Geiger of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, a veterans' service organization.

"You have a lot of the older World War II veterans who want to pass on a legacy," he said.

"Many World War II veterans, in their 70s, want proof of what they did in the war to leave to their heirs," said Phil Budahn of the American Legion in

## RECORDS LOCATED

**The VA has discovered some 10 million duplicates of 20th Century military records thought to have been destroyed in the 1973 fire.**

**If you have been told that the records you wanted had been lost in that fire, you may want to write the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis again.**

Washington.

William B. Thayer led the Army's Authorizations and Operations Section of the Military Awards Branch for more than 10 years.

He said military decorations are popular because so many different types exist.

Veterans can verify their qualification for medals from the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, Air Force Reference Branch and Navy Liaison Office, all in

St. Louis.

The Army center, the largest of the three, receives 650 to 700 award inquiries a week, more than half from World War II veterans, spokeswoman Julia Coyner said.

The center processed 57,600 requests in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1996, up from 25,000 the previous year, as the facility streamlined its operations. But backlogs continue, and sometimes the verification process takes years.

Fred J. Baker, 50, of Prattville, Ala., will receive the Silver Star on June 7 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., for combat valor 30 years ago at Khe Sanh, in northwestern Vietnam.

Mr. Baker and seven other Marines were on a reconnaissance patrol when enemy soldiers began firing and throwing grenades. A gunshot wound to the thigh was the least of the injuries sustained.

He said he helped his wounded companions.

No after-action report was filed, and Mr. Baker's eligibility for the Silver Star expired. But recently the government relaxed the time restrictions for a year, and Mr. Baker's heroism was rewarded.

Mr. Thayer said magazine articles in the 1980s prompted veterans to start applying for unclaimed decorations. In 1995, there was another rush on military medals after the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.



## About those medals

As World War 2 drew to a close, many of us were being transferred, discharged, separated and so on, and did not wait around for the paperwork to be completed.

In many cases, servicemen returned to civilian life unaware of medals and decorations being authorized after the fact and never awarded or presented.

According to a letter from the Dept. of the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, some information previously published in *Communications* on this matter has been misleading.

Any Air Force (it was the Army Air Corps in those days) veteran who wishes to obtain a copy of his personal or medical records, replacement of awards and/or decorations, or have corrections made to his records, should write to:

National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The cover letter should include the applicant's full name, current mailing address, Social Security number, Army Serial Number(s), and a message, something like, "I request to be issued all award emblems I am entitled to. I have attached a copy of my separation document."

If the applicant is requesting determination of an award or decoration not listed on the report of separation, legible copies of documents which substantiate the claim should be attached.

### VETERANS' WEB SITES

- **Dad's War:**  
[members.aol.com/dadswar/index.htm](http://members.aol.com/dadswar/index.htm)
- **Fire Base Dallas:**  
[www.computek.net/public/jaw-mis/namvet01.html](http://www.computek.net/public/jaw-mis/namvet01.html)
- **Chuck Stewart:**  
[www.flash.net/~azgecko](http://www.flash.net/~azgecko)
- **WWII U.S. Veterans:**  
[ww2.vet.org/](http://ww2.vet.org/)
- **The American Legion:**  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)
- **Jerry Norris:**  
[www.elite.net/~askjerry/military.html](http://www.elite.net/~askjerry/military.html)
- **Department of Veterans Affairs:** [www.va.gov/](http://www.va.gov/)



From the left: Clay W. Wilson, now of Stanford, N.C., George Jouanjan, French Resistance leader, Robert Kylius, now of Riverside, Calif., Job LeBec, owner of Le Moulin de la Pie, and Louis Le Manache, Helper. Wilson and Kylius are AFEES members.

## Two members shown in 1943 photo found in France

Two AFEES members are shown in a 1943 photograph Ralph Patton recently received from Gordon Carter, an RCAF evader now living in France. Carter was shot down over Brittany in February of that year and met the sister of Resistance leader George Jouanjan.

He escaped by fishing boat from Brittany in April 1943 and soon returned to combat. He was shot down over Germany in February 1944

and spent the rest of the war in a POW camp.

After his liberation, he returned to France and he and Janine Jouanjan were married in 1945. Gordon was active in the planning for the 50th anniversary AFEES visit to Brittany in 1994 and acted as translator on several occasions.

This photograph was taken at the home of Job LeBec at the Moulin de la Pie in Paule, Brittany.

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From Pia Van Veen, daughter of Piet and Pietje Van Veen, Leimuiden, The Netherlands:

Dayton, Ohio, May 11, 1997

Dear Friends:

On behalf of my parents, I want to thank you for your hospitality. We flew to Atlanta and drove up to Dayton. It was a long flight and a long trip by car but it was worth it 100%.

AFEES has become a part of our lives. My parents talk a lot about the reunion and the people we meet. In January my father starts already to talk about the reunion in May. It is so nice to see you all again and also very interesting to meet the people who are here for the first time.

I hope that God is treating us all well and with a little bit of luck we will see each other next year to remember and talk about things we will never forget.

We wish you all the best and take care. I am here with my spouse, Remco Mooij. I always come with my parents for translating. See you next time!

## Museum names Burton as Operating Officer

The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, Ga., has appointed Jack Burton as Chief Operating Officer.

"We are very pleased to have a man of Jack Burton's abilities and experience take over as chief operating officer," said Lt. Gen. E. G. Shuler Jr., chairman and CEO. "This will allow me to concentrate more of my time and efforts as CEO to fund-raising, creative exhibit planning and other similar duties while Jack runs the day-to-day activities of the Museum."

Burton, a native of Sandusky, Ohio, first came to the Heritage Museum in the spring of 1994 as director of retail sales.

# Students get interviews for a book

From the Pittsburgh (Pa.)  
Tribune-Review, May 7, 1997

By MARIA GUZZO  
Tribune-Review

When members of the Eighth Air  
Force Historical Society decided to build a  
memorial to honor their fallen com-

patriots and exhibit their efforts in World  
War II, they considering using typical  
materials -- glass, stone or metal.

But when Jim Clements heard about  
the accomplishments and feats of the  
fighters, he conceived of a memorial that  
would commemorate their deeds forever--a  
book.

So for two years, the Butler Senior  
High School English teacher has  
instructed his advanced placement English  
students to interview and write the stories  
of 64 veterans, mostly from western  
Pennsylvania. Their 224-page endeavor  
has been published and will be distributed  
to the students and their subjects at a  
book launch at the high school today,  
one day before the 52nd anniversary of V-  
E Day.

Clements said he was stunned by  
what his students carried away from their  
visits to the veterans. "Some of (the  
veterans) really opened up. Some of  
them said things they never told anybody.  
Some were smuggled out by the French  
underground, some escaped over the  
Pyrenees Mountains," Clements said.

"The students asked what should we  
call the book and we came up with  
'*Silent Heroes Among Us.*' The kids  
couldn't believe these people were  
walking around and haven't said anything  
about their past. These are guys who put  
their lives on the line for this country;  
who lived to tell about it and remain  
humble about it."

The high school's Golden Tornado  
Foundation donated \$6,000 to have the  
book published.

Dick Steinlechner, owner of New  
Horizon Publishing in New Wilmington,  
Lawrence County, published the book and  
expects to continue publishing it.

"The first run was 500 copies and I  
can almost guarantee you they'll be back  
within two weeks and they'll order many,  
many more," he said.

Steinlechner, who has owned his  
company for six years, said it normally  
publishes Christian books, but he was  
intrigued at the content and the quality of  
*Silent Heroes Among Us.*

"It's better writing than I've seen  
from some of the professionals. It's real  
heartfelt type of writing." Steinlechner  
said.

He was so impressed with the work,  
he sent a copy to the U.S. Secretary of  
Education.

"It's phenomenal. The writing  
quality will shock you," he said. "I not  
only think it will sell well, I think you'll  
be shocked that high school students put  
this together."

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# The editor has the last word

By **LARRY GRAUERHOLZ**

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. -- AFEES is now On Line! Web surfers out there, check us out on [www.cbiinfo.com](http://www.cbiinfo.com).

The Dayton reunion was delightful!

As Bob and Jinny Vandergriff of Cincinnati wrote, "Everything was so organized and so well executed and not once did we receive a scowl from anyone! Of all the reunions, AFEES is the most fun and gratifying. Perhaps it's because of the tangible link with the Helpers! Highlights were the memorial service and Scotty finding all those Lost Souls!"

Bob Lindsay, the RAFES Canadian newsletter editor, and his wife Lynne made it double celebration. They commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary and received a vigorous round of applause at the Friday night reception.

Bob reports that our Canadian friends, a branch of the RAF Escaping Society, will have their 33rd annual meeting in Brockville, Ontario, on Sept. 18-20 at the Royal Brock Hotel. AFEES members are invited, but registration time is growing short. Call Bob at 416-444-4981 for more information.

In this issue is a list of members of the Committee on National Security, to which our H.Res. 50 has been assigned. If we are to expect any favorable action in the current Congress, we will have to persuade members of the committee (and the subcommittee that may be involved)

## *Just helping out with the chores*

*From the Kensington (Kans.) Mirror, Dec. 2, 1943*

Lt. Lawrence Grauerholz, navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and his crew kept our citizens in a dither last Friday when they made a two-hour flight over our city, traveling here in a bomber from the air base at Kearney, Nebraska.

In explaining to his father via telephone, their sudden dip over his farm home on their leave-taking, Lawrence said that they were just trying to save them the labor of driving the chickens into the hen house.

(Ed. Note: Hopefully, the statute of limitations has expired on endangering government property).

to get the resolution moving.

If you would like to see our members receive some sort of official recognition, and your congressman is listed on page 25, don't keep it a secret.

A phone call or letter is fine, but a personal visit to your representative or his administrative aide is more effective. If you are not already on a first-name basis with your congressman (no matter your political affiliation), you should be!

The 1997 reunion of the Air Force Navigators/Observers Association is scheduled for Oct. 1-5 at Colorado Springs, Colo. There is no Academy football game scheduled there for that weekend.

Phil Foster (719-488-2670) is chairman of the arrangements committee, which includes 25 AFNOA members who live in the Springs.

Roger Anthoine, former Belgian Resistance worker and now author of several books, is seeking an American publisher who might be interested in producing an English-language version of his *Evaders in Switzerland*.

Roger, who now lives in Peron, only a few miles from Geneva, came through for me recently when I asked him for information and a picture of the monument to Madame Françoise in Toulouse. He used his wiles to get me a lengthy brochure and photographs which will serve as the basis of a future newsletter article on the Resistance worker who aided hundreds of airmen on their way to Spain. Thanks for your help, Roger, until you are better paid!

Michael Blaughter's 17th edition of *Guide to over 800 Aircraft Museums* is off the press. It also describes static aircraft located in city parks and restaurants, as well as WW2 landmarks.

The front cover is devoted to the Flying Tigers Warbird Museum at Kissimmee, Fla.

A handy tool when you are cruising the country. You can order from Mike at 124 East Foster Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46806-1730. Call him at 219-744-1020 for the price.

Sherri Ottis of Clinton, Miss., (a new AFEES Friend) is a graduate student at Mississippi College. She is researching

her master's thesis which deals with aid given downed Allied airmen by the French Resistance. She hopes to collect the experiences of both airmen and helpers as well as present an overview of the resistance movements in France and their support organizations in the U.S. and Great Britain.

She would like to hear from airmen who are willing to share information. She can be reached at 717 Winding Hills, Clinton, MS 39056, or you can Fax her at 601-973-5564.

Our co-founder, French Representative and all-around good guy, Leslie Atkinson, is moving soon. Leslie was not able to attend the Dayton reunion because of family problems. He will be moving to Perpignan in July. Perhaps I can ask him to locate the bench in that city where a group of us sweated out the mountain guides in February 1944.

Leslie says that his mail will be forwarded for one year after the move.

Capt. Scotty O'Grady, the modern evasion hero for his Bosnia field trip, has documented his experiences in *Return with Honor*. The book has been a best seller on the New York Times list.

Capt. O'Grady was pictured in the Washington Times of April 9, spiffed up for a high society date with Miss America Shawntel Smith. Tough duty, but I suppose somebody has to do it.

This is Fair Warning to Bud and Thelma Loring, Ted Kaveney and other AFEES living on Cape Cod, Mass. Your editor and assorted kin will be getting a taste of the Good Life July 12-18 at a beach house near Bourne. We are open to invitations for Happy Hour!

One suggestion that will help both me and those of you sending in photographs: If you want the photos returned, please put your name on the back. Pictures and letters etc. tend to become separated in my tender loving care unless they are labeled.

The best one I've heard lately:

"What instructions did Noah give his sons about fishing off the Ark?"

Answer: "Go easy on the bait boys, I only have two worms."

Oh yes, be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.



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WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE AIRCRAFT \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE WENT DOWN \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN, DATE \_\_\_\_\_ HELPERS \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Use extra sheet of paper if necessary Give all the details you can

Tell briefly the names of crew members and Helpers

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