



Let's All Make Memphis Our Biggest!

In 1967 the 91st held its first-ever National Reunion at the Sheraton-Peabody hotel in Memphis. Members who made that memorable get-together will agree that it was a terrific experience, partly because so many 91st-ers were seeing each other for the first time since WWII and partly because so many crews made a special effort to get together for the occasion.

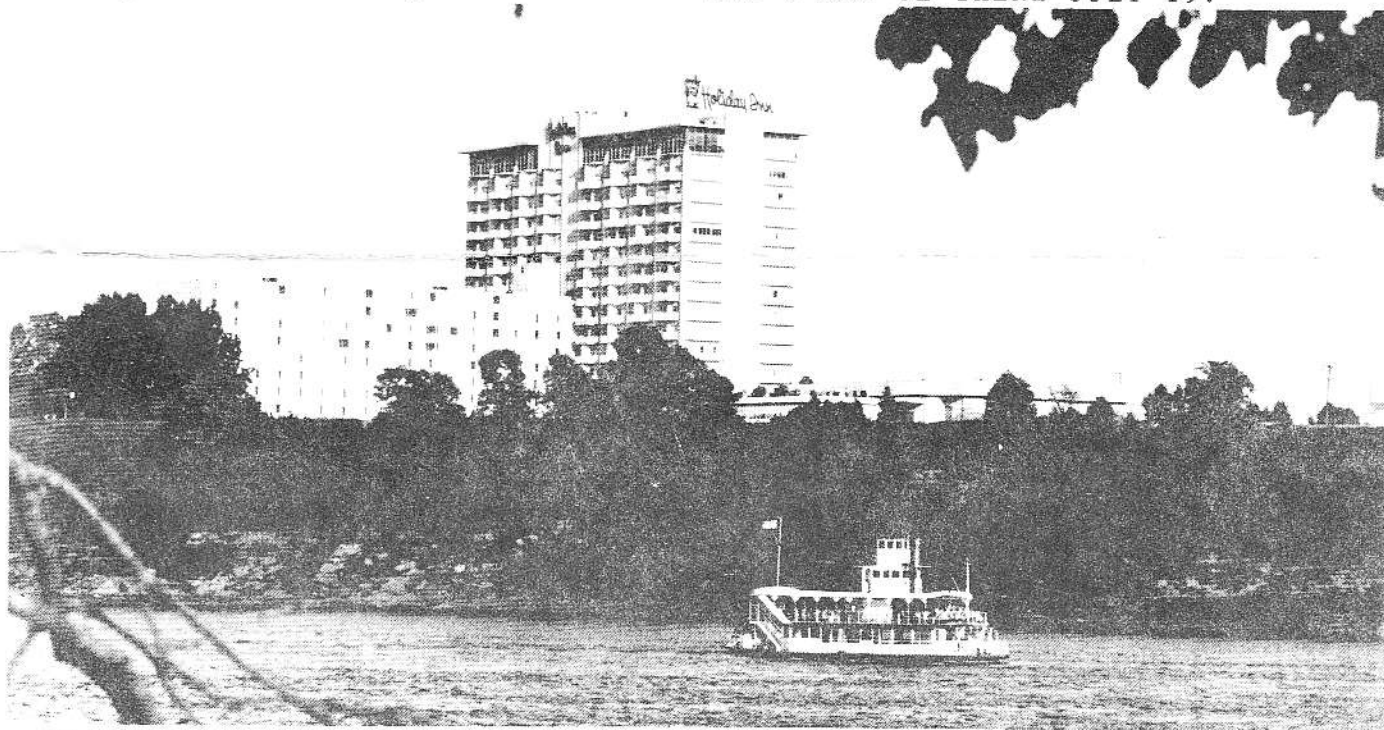
We can make the upcoming Memphis Reunion July 19-22, 1978 an even greater event if we begin right now! Many members of the Memorial Association have never yet attended a Rally Round or a Reunion, and they've missed the best part of belonging to the group--the fellowship of old friends and the re-living of old experiences. For you "first-

timers"--try it--you'll like it!

Those who know how great these events are and can hardly wait to attend--contact all your old buddies and make sure they'll be there to share it with you. Make a special effort to bring those who've been missing all the fun.

Memphis is right on the dividing line between Eastern and Western divisions of the Memorial Association--the Mississippi River--in the heart of 91st country. It's also a convenient crossroads for those on their way to vacations elsewhere.

Hosts Joe Gagliano and Frank Donofrio are putting together a terrific program for us, but the real success depends on the members. LET'S ALL BE THERE JULY 19.



The Rivermont, overlooking the mighty Mississippi, has been chosen as headquarters for the Memphis Reunion July 19-22, 1978. River-

boat trips are only one of the many attractions waiting for 91st-ers and their guests who make the seventh National Reunion.

Big Birthday - Two Years In ETO!

Possibly the biggest "social" event of the 91st's stay at Bassingbourn was the all-day birthday party held Sept. 17, 1944, celebrating two years in the ETO. It was a continuous round of activity from noon until midnight of a variety unparalleled on any other occasion.

Col. Henry W. Terry, Group C.O., proclaimed the Two Years in the ETO Party this way: "Two years in the ETO is an excellent reason for giving a party such as this one today. For the past two years we've seen the 8th Air Force grow from a handful of planes to the mighty striking force that is is now, and all of us have had a hand in that growth. We can rest assured that our early attacks on German targets have meant the saving of thousands of Allied lives in the great battle which is being fought over there.

All of us, both the men who fly 'em and the men who keep 'em flying, can be justly proud of our efforts. I, personally, and on the behalf of the Commanding Officers who have preceded me, wish to thank each and every man for a job well done. The work isn't fin-

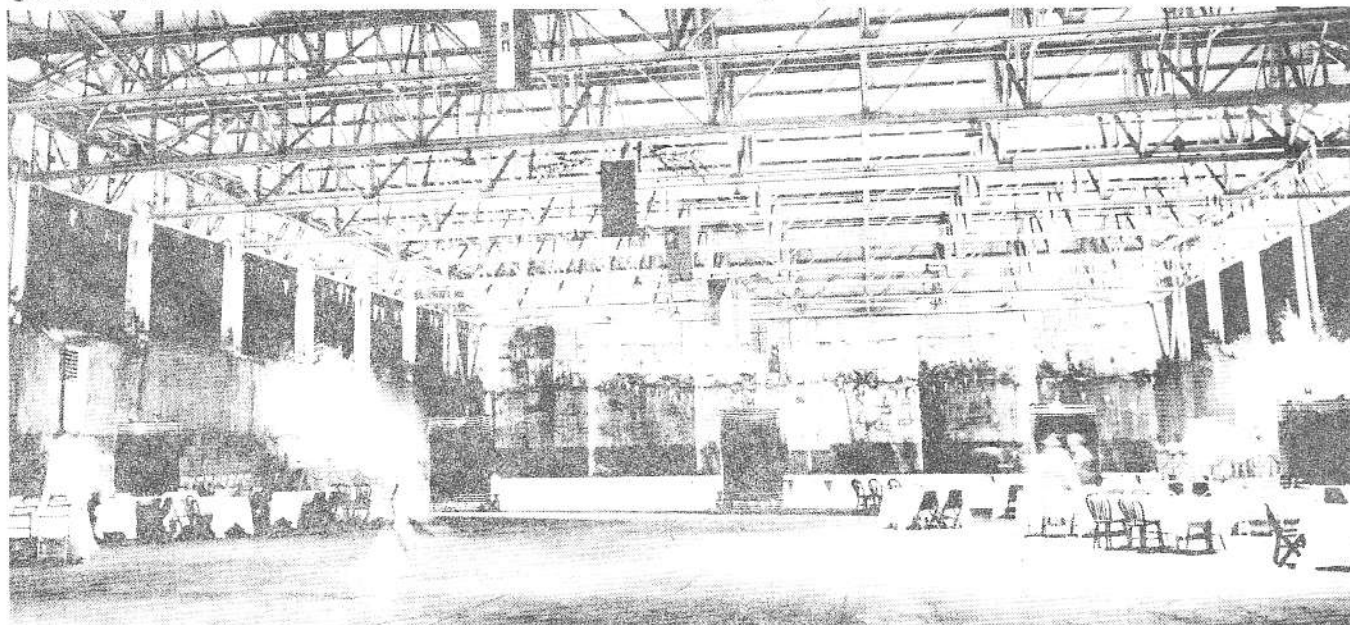
ished yet, but with the same spirit and devotion to duty that you've shown in the past, we can play our part in bringing the war to a quick and successful conclusion. Greetings to our English guests. And to all, officers, men and guests, my sincerest wishes for a good time today."

The birthday committee, headed by Major Vincent P. Richards, consisted of Capt. Harry Faulkner, Lt. W.C. Hutchings, Capt. C.B. Moody, Lt. Nathan Saltzman, Mrs. Jean Gureasko, Capt. E.T. Perry, Lt. John R. Nall, Lt. John E. Nilson, Capt. W.C. Stinson, and Sergeants L.A. Luginoli, C.F. Baird, J.P. Robinson, J. Irak, K.R. Eppers, P.J. Ventura, E.F. Peterson, S. McArthur, N.O. Morton, F. Livotti, A.E. Roper, and T. Yankowski.

They had planned a day crammed with activities of every sort.

Though there was an early breakfast for the early risers, the gentlemen of leisure slept till 1000 for the main breakfast.

At 1230 there was a dazzling display of daredevil horseman-



Hangar "C" decked out in all its glory for the dance that topped off the days activities.

ship by visiting Russian Cossacks under Capt. Korolkoff at the Athletic Field.

From 1300 to 1800 there was a continuous showing of the movie "Gaslight," starring Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman.

At 1330 Field Events were held to give the guys and gals a chance to display their athletic prowess, with prizes going to the winners.

The field events were followed by a Lipstick League softball game between the glamorous Walloping WACs from First Division and the 91st's own female softball artists.

At 1500 tennis matches of Forest Hills and Wimbledon calibre were held between Capt. Frank Shields and Sgt. Charley Hare, Davis Cup stars, and Billington and Hughes, the English doubles champions.

A boxing and wrestling show in Hangar "B" at 1600 featured ex-pro and amateur stars.

From 1600 to 1730 a gigantic picnic dinner was served on the Athletic Field, with chicken, sandwiches, salads, ice cream, and all the trimmin's.

USO entertainers gave the troops an hour of gals, music, and laughs in the Aero Club at 1700. British stage, radio, and screen luminaries performed at 1900.

From 1230 on a "county fair carnival" of rides and games went full blast. Free beer flowed at various spots throughout the base all day long.

Topping off the day's activities was a super G.I. dance in Hangar "C" with music by two of England's great bands, those of Jiver Hutchinson and Frank Weir. Free beer and snacks helped to keep things lively till 0100.

Officers dances were held at Mess #1 and Mess #2, with music by the Flying Eagles and the Hepcats. Their Cinderella day ended at 2400.

This day hasn't been recorded for history like our memorable missions, but it is a date those who were there won't forget. For a little while the war went away.



Sgt. Malcolm Coubrough strolls the midway, looking for a little action.



Sgt. Don Northcott tries his hand at the "slots".



Capt. Korolkoff leads the Cossacks in their riding display.

Memphis Rally Round 'Really Great'

By Bob Gerstemeier

In a warm-up session for the upcoming National Reunion, 62 91sters and guests had a great Fourth of July Week End Rally Round in Memphis.

On Friday, July 1, most of our 91sters arrived at the Hyatt Regency Memphis Hotel and registered in the lobby at the special 91st desk attended by Mary Gagliano.

Old friends quickly renewed acquaintances, some totally new persons met with us for the first time, and all rallied together.

On Friday evening, prior to the official beginning of the Rally, a cocktail party was given by Margaret Polk (the "Memphis Belle") at her home. The weather was perfect and the setting beautiful. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks were delicious and plentiful. Ms. Polk's home was filled with friends of the Memphis Belle Society and the people mingled in the large, cool rooms as well as outside, around the pool and out to the patio where a second bar was located.

Saturday morning, the Registration was again opened and during the morning hours we had an informal meeting with all the men to discuss our Reunion dates for 1978. Joe Gagliano opened the meeting and introduced John Emerson, the newly elected president of the Memphis Belle Society, which is planning the new home of the Belle. John spoke of their plans regarding construction of the building, the items that will be on display along with the Belle, the raising of funds for the construction. He also requested support from the membership of the 91st.

We also discussed the plans for the four-day National Reunion to be held in Memphis in 1978. We will have a trip to the Schlitz Brewery where we will enjoy a luncheon. There will be a private boat trip on the Mississippi with



Gen. Wray presents Lloyd Martin of Houston, Texas with the mug for the 91ster travelling the greatest distance to attend the Rally Round.

a barbecue dinner on board. And there will be something special for the women.

The next topic of discussion was the Prop Memorial at Air Force Station 121, Bassingbourn. Paul Chryst had supplied us with photos of the area of construction that we circulated at the meeting and everyone had a chance to review what had been proposed. He also wrote a brief on the proposed schedule of events for the dedication, coupled with dates for entertainment that our British friends have planned. Those dates have since been confirmed and our travel agent, Galaxy Tours, will soon be mailing the announcements to everyone in the 91st.

Saturday evening our Hospitality room was again opened prior to the dinner where 62 members and guests were in attendance.

Attending were: Joe and Mary Gagliano, Frank Donifrio and Sally Polk, Bob and Trudie Gerstemeier, Joe and Mary Camelleri, Joe and Mary Jane Giambrone, Gen. Stanley T. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. John Emerson, Sam and Mary Cipolla,

Lloyd Martin, James and Betty Bedwell, Chuck and Dorothy Kirkham, Henry and Margarette Yockey, Bill and Laura Winchell, Robert Morgan and Elizabeth Thrash, Tom and Emalee Gunn.

Jack and Ginny Fearheller, Joe and Bert Franke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Thissell, Russell and Tracy Chandler, Margaret Polk, Frank and Ann Kamykowski, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Murdock, Robert and Joanne Fleming, Randall Peterson and Lois, Ray and Doris Walker, Vernon and Patte Bryant, Reese and Sarah Mullins, Tom Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ewing, John Norris.



Visiting in the lobby during registration. 91sters in background are Bill Thissell, Chuck Kirkham, Russell Chandler, Tom Gunn, Sam Cipolla.



Mary Camelleri, Mary Jane Giambrone and Trudy Gerstemeier are presenting checks to Joe Gagliano for Life Memberships for Eastern Division committee members.

Schedule Set For Memorial Dedication

An eight-day trip for the dedication of the Prop Memorial at Basingbourn has been proposed by the Eastern Division committee. Subject to change or revision, here is the tentative schedule:

Sunday, May 21--Depart New York

Monday, May 22--Arrive London, Motor coach to Cambridge Free time to settle in.

Tuesday, May 23--Unveiling of 91st Memorial at Basingbourn. Lunch at Officers Mess. Charity flying display. Beating retreat by Junior Band, Queen's Division. Evening free.

Wednesday, May 24--Madingley Military Service. Coach visit to Royston and lunch. Band concert in Memorial Gardens at 91st Memorial Fountain. Evening free.

Thursday, May 25--Visit to Basingbourn. Return to Hotel for early dinner. Return to Basingbourn for Glenn Miller Concert and Charity show in Hangar "C."

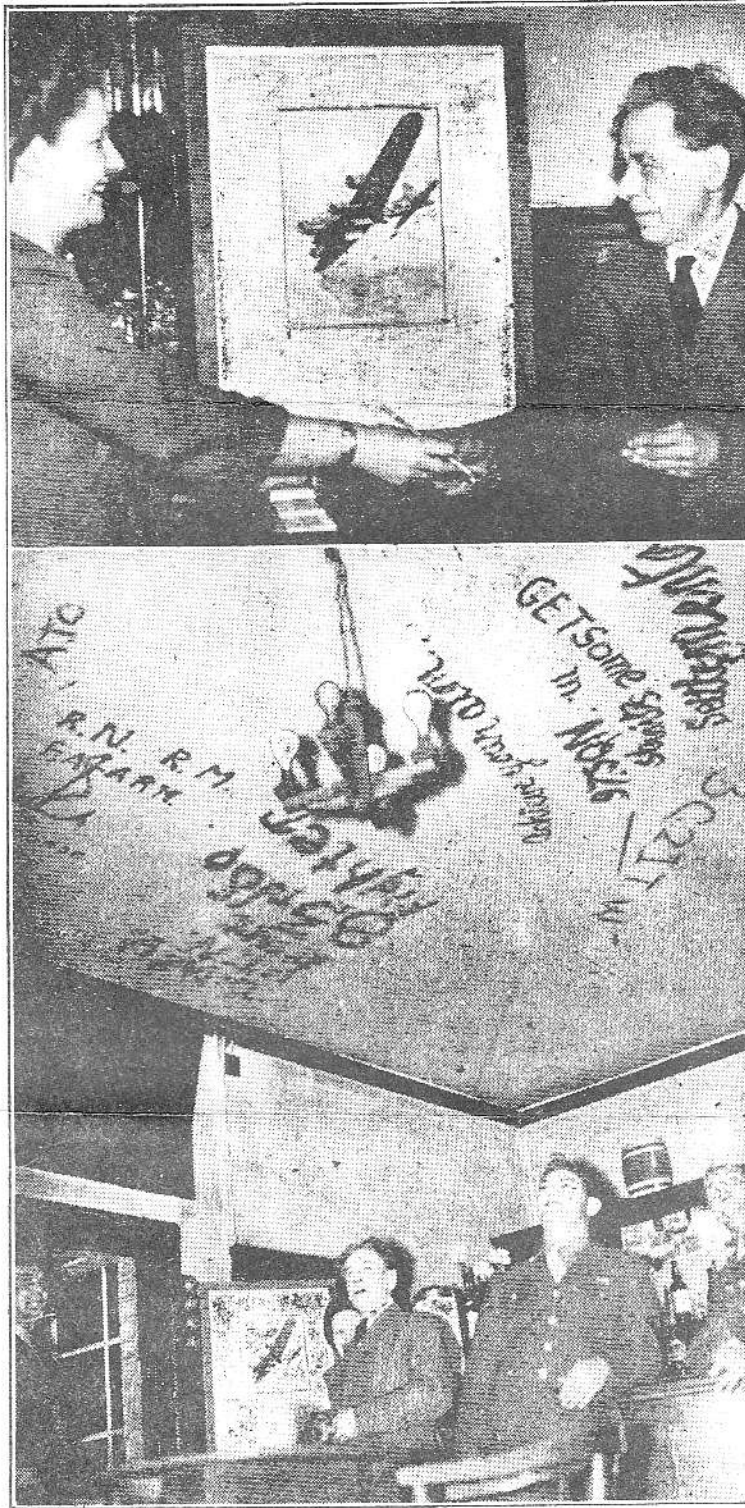
Friday, May 26--Motor to London in morning. Free day.

Saturday, May 27--Free day.

Sunday, May 28--Leave in afternoon for New York.

91st Picture Aided Prisoners of War

Under the "Eagle's" Wing!



A painting of an aircraft in flight, autographed by British and American Service men, which has been the subject of a competition at one of the oldest hostelrys in Cambridge—the Eagle, in Bene't Street. The proceeds are in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund. Service men have also expressed their appreciation of the welcome extended to them when they are "called to the bar" by covering the ceiling with lipstick or lighter-flame records of their units.

This picture of the 91st plane Chief Sly was painted by an RAF pilot-artist in 1943. The painting was hung in the Eagle Pub and raffled off to aid the Prisoners of War fund. For 10 shillings you got to autograph the picture and a chance at winning. It was won by S/Sgt. Myron C. Srsen, who was ball turret gunner on Chief Sly.

Chief Sly was the lead ship on the historic Hamm mission.

A list of the signatures (those that can be deciphered), beginning at the top of the left hand column and reading downward includes:

Bruce D. Barton, Richard L. Hare, Steve Lindley, Marshall Haugen, Paul C. Burnett, Arthur J. Reynolds, John H. Mitchell, Myron C. Srsen, Lester B. Snook, Michael Lalli, Bruno C. Stanczyk, James R. Bullock.

Earnest L. Piepho, Glen L. Kessler, John Carse, William G. Dickson, Thomas J. Hansbury, Walter C. Budzisz, Harry E. Privett, Gerald Massie, Charles E. Sunne, Morry Finesilver, ??? Holm, Bernard F. Priebe, Ernest J. Kiss.

William C. Gray, Bob Gonzalez, Joyce J. Bamber, Thomas E. Ashin-hurst, Earl F. Riley, Ray J. Schwendiman, Buster Peek, Robert H. Bowcock, Milton A. Green, Robert N. Bennett, C.P. Chima, Clyde C. Bull, Paul Highcave, Herbert Robbins, C.A. Nastal, Bill Lyons.

Ken Chriswell, Aaron C. Marsh, Jon Campbell, Sam A. Watson, Edward J. Ray, W.T. Leeper, Dr. J.K. Rickles, Robert S. Lammers, Theodore B. Webb, J.P. Voigt, Donald A. Nelson, James D. Baird, Clark A. Ehrhardt, John P. Robinson, Larry Mueller, James T. Seaver Jr., Col. Stanley T. Wray, B.P. Lelich, Baskin R. Lawrence, Woodrow W. Drendip, Edwin Burge, Ethel of the Eagle, O.E. Walker.

Tony Rausch, George P. Ward, Louis R. Greenlee, C. Nordland, B. Bedrock, G.F. Pawling, Rus-

Dig Deep - Keep Contributions Flying!

The last accounting prior to press time of Prop Memorial contributions showed a total of \$1,270 had been given by 61 members. This was the figure as of September 27.

In our initial membership survey 385 members pledged a total of \$4,931, and our to-date total indicates that the greater number who have pledged have not followed up by sending in the cash. As of the accounting above 40 Western division members had contributed \$840 and 19 Eastern Division members had sent \$230, with the other contributions from Gen. Wray and Col. Tom Gunn.

We're still a long way from reaching our pledges, so if you haven't sent yours in yet, please do!

Funds are being handled by Vice-President Gunn, who extends a very hearty thanks to those who have already submitted their contributions. Tom is dispatching acknowledgements of receipt (for income tax records) virtually by return mail. If any contributor has failed to receive one, please notify him.

Contributions should be made payable to the 91st Bomb Group (H) Memorial Assn., Inc., and mailed to Col. Tom Gunn, 1024 Woodland Drive, Arlington, Texas 76012.

Texas Rally Round Set Oct. 28-29

A Texas State Rally Round has been set for Dallas October 28-29. Hosts will be Ken and Lee Jones.

Headquarters will be the Stemmons Inn, 6950 N. Stemmons Freeway (Interstate 35E), Dallas.

There will be an Open House hospitality room for an informal evening of nostalgia on Friday, Oct. 28.

Saturday morning and afternoon are free times, with an optional luncheon and fashion show arranged for the ladies. Saturday evening

is set aside for cocktails, dinner and dancing.

91sters from several states are expected to attend. Group officers attending will include Gen. and Mrs. S.T. Wray, president, and Col. and Mrs. Tom Gunn, vice-president.

Members who expect to attend should make their own reservation directly with the Stemmons Inn. Telephone 214 631-6660. Be sure to mention that you are a 91ster.

BIGGEST BIRTHDAY

sell H. Freeman, Donald Aldrich, D.W. Tinapp, Thomas M. Ingram, V.T. Nisyer, Raymond T. Moore, Paul Shook, Boyd C. Burkey, E.L. Lawler, James T. Raunton.

Robert Rupp, C.H. Cartwright, Curt Cussman, Benny J. Evins, S/Sgt. Asbell, J.W. Overstreet, Jack Fearheller, Norman Pidgen, Martin A. Bucholz, Henry C. Mika, Jack Adkins, John Hawkins, Norman Bryant, Lamar Carnes, Adam Jawarski, Lawrence W. Callahan, N.J. Damato, Irwin Cohen, James B. Stapleton, Benjamin Stellhorn, Harold T. Banak, Everett W. Powell, Dwight E. Wilkes, Robert H. Knapp, Harry C. Roff Jr.

Walter A. Progue, William H.

Nelson, Alby, Clifford Hopewell, Allan Piippa, Ralph W. Hosman, Leonard Cook, Wm. L. Corson, Joel A. Bunch, Thomas Neville, Sidney Hantman, Walter C. Dager, John P. Thomas, H.S. Peeples, Frank Tamsett, George Gardnir, R. K. Scheeler.

A PACIFIC STATES RALLY ROUND has been set for the week end of March 3-4, 1978, at the Jolly Roger Inn, 640 West Katella, Anaheim, Cal. 92802. For further information contact Western Division secretary-treasurer M/Sgt. George W. Parks USAF (Ret), 109 Wilshire Ave., Vallejo, Cal. 94590. Phone area code 707 642-6392. All members of the Memorial Association are invited to attend.