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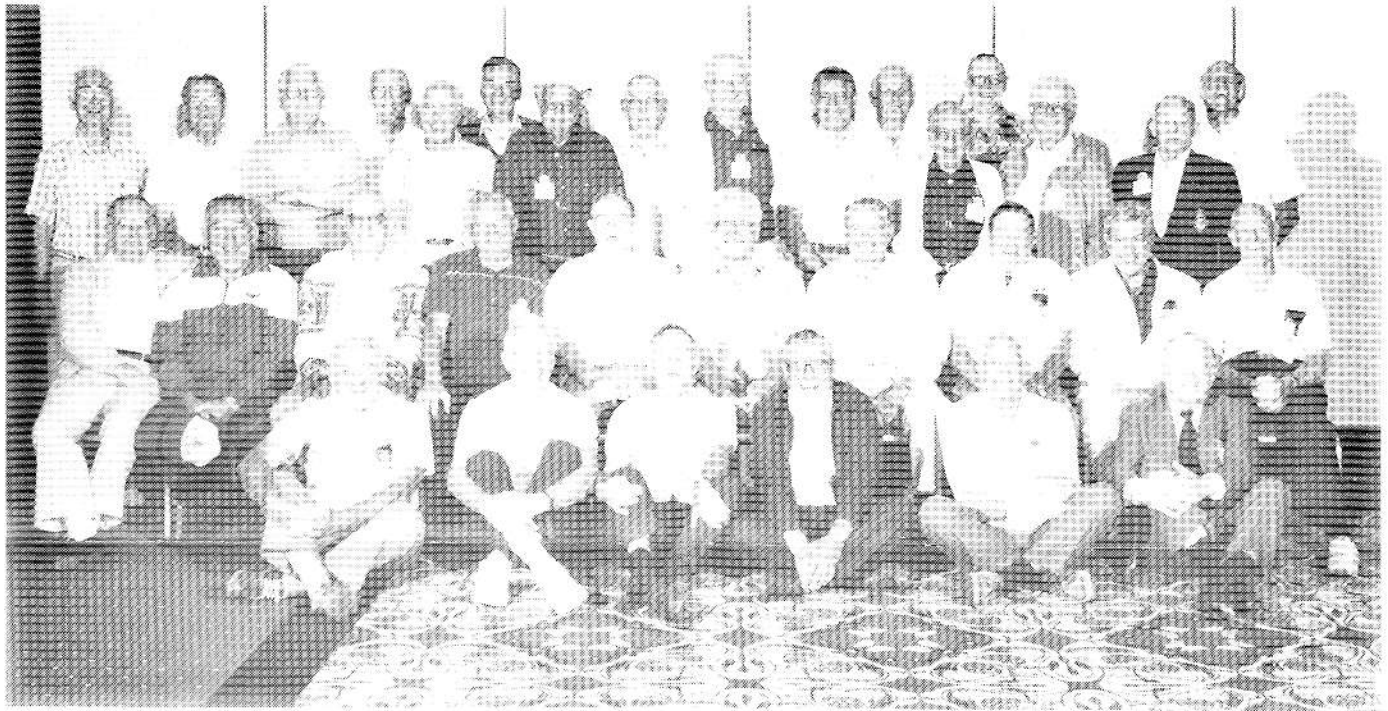


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CONGENIAL CONVENTION CAPS MONTALVO TERM



FORMER 91ST BG(H) GROUND CREW MEMBERS WERE PERHAPS a bit surprised when they were singled out for a bit of special attention at the 1990 91st BGMA National Convention at Seattle, WA. Pictured above are most of the group which comprised about 20% of

ONE OF THEN NEWLY ELECTED 1988-90 91ST BGMA President Tony Montalvo's announced goals was "to provide an administration that is both pleasing and productive." The recent 91st BGMA 1990 Seattle, WA National Convention was a fitting finale to his two year effort to do that.

About 350, including 91st BGMA members, wives and family members, attended the affair which was marked by unusually bright, sunny weather for the region.

Pres Montalvo's success in providing a "pleasing" administration manifested itself in the camaraderie which prevailed and, perhaps, the vote volume the election of officers and By-Law proposals drew.

1990 Reunion Committee Chairman Paul J Limm, former 401st Navigator, found the 224 ballots cast disappointing (20% of the membership) but seeks solace in the fact that, percentage-wise, the total compares to a general trend.

"In July 1990 California primaries," he notes, "only 25% of the voters went to the polls."

the delegates. Pres Tony Montalvo arranged a standing ovation from the "Fly-Boys" attending for those who kept them flying. The smoothly run, congenial Convention has been termed a great one. The broad smiles captured above support that contention. (Photo - J Askins)

CONVENTION SITE PROPOSALS FOR 1992 REQUIRED NOW

THE APRIL 1990 ISSUE OF THE R/I REQUESTED all 91st BGMAers living in the eastern area of the US who are interested in hosting the 1992 91st BGMA National Convention to begin "early planning." Though numerous members expressed enthusiasm for having the next convention in their areas only one group appeared at the Seattle Convention with a comprehensive plan outlining the advantages of holding a convention in its area.

Consequently, to date, that group's proposal is the only one which is presently eligible to host the 1992 Eastern Area Convention.

Other groups still have an opportunity to throw their hats-in-the-ring. Their documented proposals must, however, be received by Convention Committee Chairman Paul L Limm by Dec 1, 1990. That date has been set so that Limm and his committee may study all proposals

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY TONY MONTALVO

CONVENTION

AS THE LAME-DUCK PRESIDENT OF YOUR ASSOCIATION I want to thank all who attended the Seattle Reunion for the gentlemanliness shown during all our activities. It was a pleasure to see and talk with you about many things, especially about our organization's future. To those who could not attend, I must say, "You missed a good one... and I'm sorry you did."

Briefly recapping some of the Seattle accomplishments:

1) Charles Hackstock and the other members appearing on the ballot were elected as your new officers. They were introduced at the Saturday dinner and honored for their desire to serve.

2) I conducted two (2) Officers' Business Meetings; the first prior to the General Membership Meeting and another afterwards which included the newly elected officers. The first addressed the financial condition and desired future projects of our organization, the second laid the groundwork for a smooth and successful transition from my administration to Hackstock's incoming administration. I assure you that all involved will support this transition so that it will not be apparent a transition is taking, or later, has taken place.

3) A General Membership Business meeting was held. At that meeting the current Association Officers and Committee Chairmen detailed their accomplishments, their recommendations for future projects and thanked the membership for the support received during their "tour of duty." It went well! After the formal presentations the meeting was opened to the floor for comments, questions and/or recommendations. After much dialogue and comments the only strong recommendation made was that "Pene's Pub" be opened immediately after the meeting. That recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The following projects and/or actions were discussed and appear to have had the approval of the members present:

A) Erecting "Historical Markers" in the Walla Walla, WA and Tampa, FL areas to inform the general public about the 91st, its WWII accomplishments and its association with the area of the marker.

B) Giving specific definition to the terms Eastern, Central and Western areas for Association business. These definitions and boundaries will be included in our next 91st BGMA Directory to be published as soon as possible.

C) The appointment of a Site Selection Committee to solicit recommendations for a site for the next reunion to be held in the Eastern (Atlantic) area. If more than one site is proposed the recommendations will be sent to the general membership for vote. This action will also include discussions defining 91st BGMA plans for participation in the proposed 8th AF celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the 8th AF's arrival in England in 1942.

D) Supporting, on a no cost, no profit basis, the publication of a 91st BG(H) history by Life Member Marion Havelaar. Havelaar displayed samples of unit histories

published by the professional team he expects to bring together for this effort. The samples were outstanding!

E) Adopted the concept that our Association will give financial support, as our treasury allows to organizations operating and maintaining 91st BG(H) memorials if they ask for such assistance.

F) The Scholarship Program proposed by 2nd Vice President Bacon will be put to a vote of the general membership and action taken as per the results of that vote.

All in all it was an enjoyable and productive reunion and we owe a vote of thanks to those who made it possible. So, as they do it in Merry Ole England, "HIP, HIP HOORAY!"

Stay loose for 1992. There's more fun on the way.

CONVENTION SITE PROPOSALS

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and submit their recommendations to Pres Tony Montalvo and Pres-Elect Charles Hackstock so their decision regarding eligible sites may be published in the Jan 1991 R/I.

It is hoped by announcing the candidate convention sites in a Jan R/I, which is mailed to non-dues paying former 91sters as well as active members, that more non-active 91sters will be lured back into the fold.

Limm points out the group which has already submitted its proposal provided a list of sponsors willing to host the event as well as a roster of local members willing to staff registration, PX sales, hospitality suite operations, activities planning, hotel selection and the other behind-the-scene bustle of all conventions.

Pres-Elect Hackstock has released a clear definition of the three areas into which the 91st BGMA membership has been organized. Previously the sections, Eastern, Mid-Western and Western, had not been clearly defined.

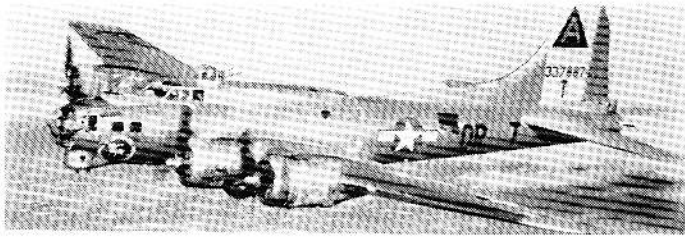
As the accompanying map indicates, the Eastern Section in which the 1992 BGMA National Convention will be held extends from the Atlantic Coast to the western borders of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Any site east of those boundaries is eligible to submit a proposal for the next convention.

Groups interested in hosting the 1992 91st BGMA National Convention are urged to rush their proposals NOW to Convention Committee Chairman Paul J Limm, 601 Calle De Soto, San Clemente, CA 92672. Phone: 714-492-4502.

Should there be more than one eligible proposal the general membership's vote will decide the issue.



323rd's TOUR INCLUDED ART AND DARING DUCKS



THIS PICTURE OF THE 323rd's OLD BATTLE AXE APPEARS IN Squadron/Signal Publications Book #63, according to her first pilot, David R Hettema.



THIS "ROOM MARKER", by Hettema, adorned the door to the quarters he shared with his CP - Milton H Russum.

DAVID R HETTEMA, FORMER 323rd first pilot, and his crew successfully fulfilled the mutually shared "most important thing" in their plans upon arriving at Bassingbourn. They completed their 35 mission tour without mishap.

While doing so Hettema also had a somewhat "less important" personal ambition he hoped flight duty would not thwart. He wanted to paint the nose art on his crew's plane himself.

He did. On two 323rd planes—OLD BATTLE AXE and SUPER MOUSE.

Collectors of 91st BG(H) nose art photos, possessing photos of those two plane's clever cartoon nose art, have probably accepted them as part of the prodigious productivity of the 91st's official nose art artist, the late Tony Starcer.

Hettema says he and his crew flew for several months and many missions in other crews' planes before being assigned their own, new silver B-17G.

Working with suggestions from his crew the OLD BATTLE AXE nose art was promptly designed and painted by him on the 323rd's ORT 337887.

"She was a good easy to fly aircraft," he says, "and we were just getting combat tested when operations decided to make her into a Mickey ship."

"They gave us another new shiny B17G - 43-38642."

Hettema and his nose art advisors went back to the drawing board and came up with the SUPER MOUSE logo for their new plane.

Unlike some of the risqué nose art appearing on many B17s, his two creations were so decent he was able to send home "roughs" of his projects to his fiancée, Norma, without embarrassment or apology. (Attending the recent Seattle Reunion, Hettema proudly referred to a happy marriage of 44 years to Norma, who accompanied him.)

He recalls SUPER MOUSE as an aircraft of no particular fame but the one with which many of his crew completed their tours.

Though he and his crew completed their tours un-



A SURE CANDIDATE FOR INCLUSION IN ANY 91st BGMA Pictorial history book is this photo of the 323rd's SUPER MOUSE and its first crew because everyone is identified.

L-R, front row, are: B - Stuart C Fitzgerald, N - Glade N Stephenson, CP - Milton H Russum and P - David R Hettema.

L-R, rear, are: TG - John C Portner, WG - Neil B Otte, R - Robert A Marquis, TT - William Lothian and BT - Robert M Pope. All survived their 35 mission tour.

scathed they, too, went through turbulent times. Four claims of downing enemy aircraft by his gunners were never confirmed.

He, however, was "credited" with two confirmed kills. Two of the ducks that frequented Bassingbourn's runways were his kills.

"The first confirmation," he says, "was routine. The duck bounced off the pilot's windshield during take-off and left its' own confirmation. Credit for the second duck was a bit more delayed."

Taking off for the Nov, 1944 Zeitz, Germany mission, Hettema saw it approach head-on at about 12 O'Clock level. Apparently determinedly playing "chicken", it barreled on in. Upon returning after the mission Hettema's Ground Crew Chief, Howell Loper, confirmed the second duck kill. He found its carcass wedged between the cylinders of the No 1 engine - thoroughly roasted.

The duck kills were subsequently recorded by being inserted among the painted bombs recording missions

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PICTURED ARE THE "ROUGH" NOSE ART SKETCHES FORMER 323rd pilot Hettema sent to his war-time fiancée, Norma, for appraisal.

CONGENIAL CONVENTION

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However, the virtually uncontested election of all the candidates and equally overwhelming support for all the proposed By-Laws changes suggests to the R/I that 91st BGMAers in their voting (and non-voting) expressed confidence in the "pleasing and productive" administrative launched by Pres Montalvo two years earlier and confidence that the new officials would continue it.

Elected to office were: Charles R Hackstock, Pres; Hal Johnson, 1st Vice Pres; Jim Bacon, 2nd Vice Pres; Asay B Johnson, Sec; Charles V Welbes, Treas; Earl C Pate, Historian; and Rudy Malkin, Ed.

Hal Johnson, Asay B Johnson and Earl C Pate are the newcomers to the 91st BGMA's slate of officers. They, like the incumbents, received 87 or 88% of the 201 valid ballots counted. (Twenty five members only voted on the By-Laws changes and ignored voting for the uncontested candidates.)

Out-going Pres Montalvo, 1st Vice Pres Harold Lieberman and Historian Hiliary "Bud" Evers chose not to run again for varying personal reasons unrelated to 91st BGMA affairs.

Regarding the 1990-92 slate of elected officers, Limm expressed enthusiasm by pointing to their experience and abilities.

"Pres-Elect Hackstock has served terms as Treasurer and Secretary; 1st VP-Elect H Johnson has over 30 years experience as an auditor; 2nd VP Bacon's creative, promotional background is again available to the 91st BGMA following his re-election; Sec-Elect A Johnson is an experienced personal manager; our now experienced Trea, Welbes, who can conclude competent 91st BGMA financial correspondence with such homlies as the advice his mother gave when he joined the AAF - 'Be good and don't fight!' will be serving his second term; R/I Ed Malkin begins his third term and incoming Historian E Pate brings a varied wealth of experience which includes recently acquired proficiency in parachuting as a B/Gen in the TN ANG!

"The 91st BGMA will continue to excell with this leadership," Limm predicts.

Pres-Elect Hackstock was further praised by Limm for his meticulous checking and validating of the incoming ballots. (Twenty two were found invalid because they were sent in by Associate Members or cast by members delinquent in their dues.)

The \$100,000 91st BG(H) Scholarship Program initiated by 2nd VP James Bacon was endorsed by the present 91st BGMA Officials - making it a group project.

The Jan R/I will contain a questionnaire for the members' replies on this project which, to date, based upon some 250 replies, has received favorable response.

Bacon, who continues to spark the drive, says thus far the most favored name for the fund is, "91st Bomb Group Scholarship Fund."

Bacon, who received more pledges at the Seattle Convention (including one of \$1,000) points out that the Nobel Prize was funded initially with \$100,000.

One of the real "Oops" arising at the Convention involved Pres Montalvo's intent to demonstrattably hon-

or the 91st BG(H)'s Ground Crewmen. Somehow, in the rush to produce the July, 1990 R/I after the extremely late, second April, 1990 issue, his big news received little publicity. Pres Montalvo, while addressing the delegates, exasperatedly called his intentions, "...the best kept secret of this Convention!"

Despite the R/I blunder the 91st BG(H) Ground Crewmen attending received a standing, rousing applause led by Paul Limm from their "Fly-Boy" friends.

Former 401st pilot and experienced photographer, John J Askins, Sunnyvale, CA contributed considerably to the salvaging of the situation. After receiving a desperate long distance phone call from the editor requesting him to bring along extra, bulky photographic equipment to facilitate the taking of a group Ground Crew photo, he generously complied.

Askins spent hours just negotiating with the RED LION/SEATAC Hotel management arranging a locale for the photo within the hotel. (The group photo of the "Fly-Boys" appearing in this issue was an after-thought which occured only after the Ground Crew "homage" photo was successfully arranged.)

Pres Montalvo commended all those involved in the conduct of the elections, reunion site selection and those involved in conduct of the recent Reunion.

The Nominations Committee consisted of Chairman Armando Sinibaldo and committee members Sam Cipolla, "Tex" Frye, John Pullen and Bob Medford. The Elections Committee consisted of Chairman "Dusty" Hoffman and committee members Hank Lilley and Harry Raihl. The Reunion Site Selection Committee was staffed by John Ondrovic, Clarence Cluck, Hugh Brooks, Armando Sinibaldo and "Dusty" Hoffman.

IN ORDER TO HELP POTENTIAL 1992 91ST BGMA National Convention seekers meet the Dec 1, 1990 dead-line for filing a proposal a great deal of 1990 Convention Coverage has been curtailed. More will folow in the Jan 1991 edition.

too good to miss

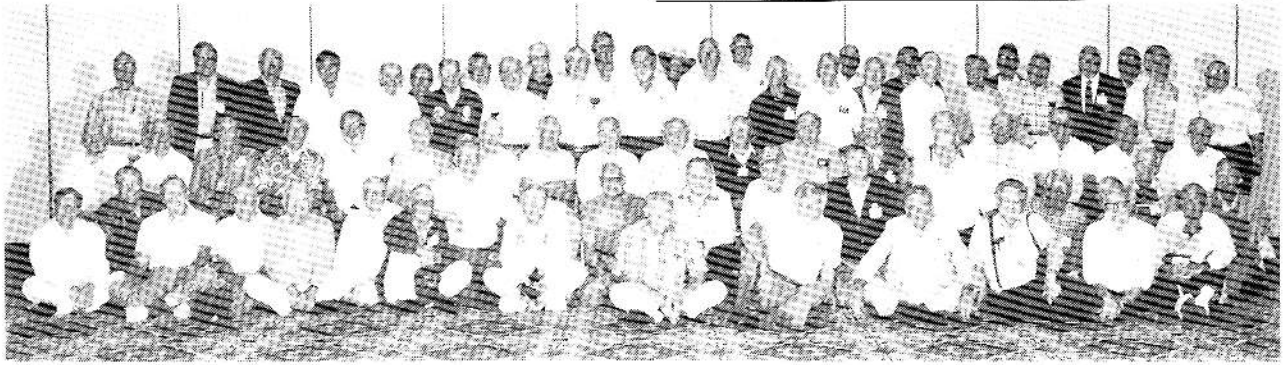
FORMER 324TH SQ PILOT FREEMAN C BEASLEY, of Sequim, WA, successfully capsuled the overwhelming sentiments of the delegates attending the 1990 Seattle, WA 91st BGMA National Convention.

The former pilot of "DEAR BECKY", addressing the Saturday Business Meeting from the floor, made a statement "for the record." He said, "This is one of the greatest reunions in 25 years!"

The applause he received seemed to indicate complete concurrence by the rest of the delegates.

Those most responsible for the success of the affair were, of course, the numerous WA state 91st BGMA-ers who staffed the Reunion Committee. They deserve a special vote of thanks. Their names, in alphabetical order, follow:

Brooks, Hugh & Daphne; Anderson, Marvin D; Danekas, Ralph & Dorothy; Gauthier, Sr, Donald & Roberta; Harlick, Joe and Jenny; Hackstock, Charles & Augusta; Kivimaki, Lauri & Kerttu; Luke, John & Gaile; Mack, Philip; McCoy, Richard & Margaret; Offley, Bernard & Jessie; Paxson, Jack & Helen; Schuck, Robert & June; Wellings, Donald & Martha and Zabiaka, Michael & Irene.



FORMER 91STE BG(H) FLIGHT CREWS PATIENTLY WAITED while final negotiations with Red Lion Sea/Tac Hotel management, by photographer John J Askins, provided adequate space for their "big" picture. About 350, including wives and other family members,

attended the Seattle Convention which was marked by sunny skies and sunny delegate dispositions. (Editor's Note: Some of the floor seated delegates accepted "assistance" to stand again!) (Photo J Askins)

SEATTLE CONVENTION DELEGATES LISTED

EDITOR'S NOTE: SOME OF THE FOLLOWING names are preceded by one or more asterisks (). They indicate the individual served in more than one 91st GG(H) unit and his name is not repeated later.*

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A-I: Anderson, Marvin; *Bilotta, Joseph & Marie(324th); Brown, Arnold & Charlis; Bryant, Norman; Cressman, Arthur & Lorraine; Ehret, Edwin; *Fairman, Earl & Judith (324th); Gibson, Jack & Ann; Giese, Argo & Lillian; Hackstock, Charles & Augusta and Henryson, Gaylord & Colleen.

J-Q: Kavewski, Bernard & Esther; Kelley, E Robert; Kurylo, John & Madeline; *Larson, Kenneth (324th); Lopez, Bernard & Laura; Mcree, William & Audrey; McElroy, Jr, Paul & Doris (324th); Mills, Jr, Jimmie & Sandra; Moucka, Donald & Betty; Murdoch, Julian & Mary; Nelson, Tom; *Parsons, Jr, John & Chung Oak (401st) and Paxson, Jack & Helen.

R-Z: Shuck, Robert & June; Siddoway, Grant; Steele, Erwin & Esther; Swanson, Phillip; *Traylor, Jr, Joe (324th); Turcotte, William & Dorothy; Willey, Jr, James & Eloise and Zabiaka, Michael & Irene.

323rd

A-I: Anderson, Dick & Elsie; Bannon, Frank & Vivian; Birdsong, Jr, George; Bramble, David & Marnee; Burkhardt, Gerald M; Butler, William & Trixie; Cayer, Robert & Mary; Cipolla, Sam; Darby, Phil & Doris; Darnell, Marion & Marjorie; Ellis, Quentin & Rena; Ferree, Clayton & Frederica; Fleming, Thomas & Arleen; Frankie, Jr, Joe & Sharleen; Frye, Wayne "Tex"; Gardner, Fred & Corilee; Gates, Edward & Joan; Giauque, Charles & Anne; Hettema, David & Norma; *Hill, Whitmal & Jacquelyn (441st); Hoffman, Marion & Bernita and Hoffmann, Robert & Caroline.

J-Q: Kaech, Delmar & Ielene, Kivimaki, Lauri & Kerttu; *Koranda, William & Lillian (324th); Krusen, Robert & Ruth; Lilley, Henry; Luke, John & Galle; Mack, Philip; Mahan, Lloyd & Florence; Mattie, Mario & Mary; McCarter, Claude & Vera; McCoy, Richard & Margaret; McFarland, Kenneth; *Montalvo, Tony & Adele (401st); Ott, Lawrence & Vivian; Perri, Steve & Nancy and Pullen, John & Naomi.

R-Z: Raihl, Harry; Reich, Walter & Mary; Ridings, Raymond & Jean; *Ripa, Frank & Ruth (401st); Rutter, Jr, Vernon & Wylene; Silvernail, Charles & Katherine; Sinibaldi, Armando & Norma; St George, Henry & Dorothy; Stuts, George & Brenda; Wellings, Donald & Martha; Westberg, John & Iris; Wilson, Howard; Zauner, William J and Zimmerman, Paul & Bette.

324th

A-I: Adkins, Eugene & Irene; Augsburg, Delbert & Betty; Auth, William J; Beasley, Freeman & Becky; Beety, John & Duane; Cameron, Walter & Jean; Cleveland, Robert & Roma; Collins, Philip & Nadine; DeBoy, Peter & Thelma; Eichert, Charles; Engstad, Gerald & Dorothy; **Evers, Hilary "Bud" (401st & HDQ); Falkenmayer, Charles & Frances; Fornaca, Frank & Mary; Gaddis, Lawrence; Gettis, Elmer & Ruth; Giambone, Joseph; Gunderson, Carl A; Guzek, Lloyd & Mildred and Harlick, Joseph & Jenny.

J-Q: Johnson, Assay & Gloria; Kleyla, Sr, Robert L; Larson, Bertel & Betty; Leasure, W C & Dorothy; Ludwig,

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323rd's TOUR INCLUDED

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flown by Hettema.

During his tour he also designed and mounted a "Room Marker" on the door of the quarters he shared with Milton H Russum, his co-pilot.

Like the cartoon he drew at the Seattle Convention which appears elsewhere in this issue, the door marker displays his ability to graphically find a bit of humour in whatever he does or where ever he is.

If Hettema weren't such a busy VIP with Crown Graphics, 30 No Raymond Av, Pasadena, CA 91103, an advertising firm, the R/I would pressure him to continue contributing 91st BGMA graphic art items to its' pages. In the meantime, it is hoped the coming 1992 Convention will stir the whimsical muse within him again.



GRAPHIC ARTIST HETTEMA DREW THIS WHIMSICAL PICTORIAL record of a portion of his and his crew's 35 mission record while flying the 323rd's OLD BATTLE AXE and SUPER MOUSE.

APR REQUEST FOR PHOTO INFO STIRRED SURPRISING RESPONSE



THE R/I'S RECENT REQUEST FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF 91sters appearing on a photo of the 401st's BAD EGG was surprisingly successful. Shortly after the photo appeared in the Apr 1990 issue Historian Hiliary "Bud" Evers phoned and said, "Hey, that's me on the hood of the jeep!"

What's more, he's not only been able to identify the six flying personnel appearing with him but interesting background data as well.

The photo, taken in Nov 1943, was taken just after BAD EGG completed its 39th mission and appeared in States-side newspapers. One the New York Times used it to illustrate an article describing the difference between bomber and fighter pilots.

In addition to then 1Lt Evers seated on a jeep's hood are (L-R): B-1Lt Bill Conlon; then CP - 2Lt Allan N Morey; WG - Ssgt Troy Young; Tsgt John Capron; N - 1 Lt Bruce Moore and Ssgt Leon Bryant.

A close examination of Conlon, immediately to the right of Evers, will reveal "strange protusions" from his head and back - products of Evers' handicraft.

While completing more than 70 missions at Bassingbourn, Evers papered the walls of his quarters with photos of fellow 91sters. When ever one was downed he immediately drew a halo above his head and wings extending from his back.

"Since I never knew whether they survived or not," he says, "I immediately awarded them a halo in case they went to Heaven. And I gave them angel's wings in hopes they would help them return safely to the ground if they were not destined for Heaven."

Of those pictured with Evers all survived the war. As Evers' artistry indicates, Conlon was shot down in Feb 1944 and became a POW.

The data supplied by Evers on this photo makes it another excellent candidate for inclusion in any 91st BG(H) history.

DELEGATES LISTED

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Gerald & Sara; Mattson, Russell; McEwen, George & Marjorie; Mellon, Fred & Betty; Mummert, Lauern & Dorothy; Myers, Al & Jan; Nichols, Marvin & Demetra; Nichols, Jr, E Lee & Betty; Offley, Bernard & Jessie; *Parks, George & Mariam (401st); Pate, Jr, Earl & Mary and Potter, G William & Marjorie.

R-Z: Rappaport, Ralph; Schultz, Clifford M; Shumacher, A M & Clarice; Spicer, Jr, Garland & Doris; *Traylor, Jr, Joe (322nd); Unger, John & Florence; Vincent, Emile; *Westwood, Westy (401st); *Wilhelm, Leo & Stella (401st) and Zillmer, Evan.

401st

A-L: Armstrong, Roger & Gloria; Askins, John & Jac-

quelyn; Atterbury, Robert; Bacon, James & Izzy; Ballou, Donald; Bankovsky, Nicholas & Mary; Beal, Donald L; Bird, Donald & Marie; Borgenson, Memford & Helen; Boyce, Glenn & Lois; Brooks, Hugh & Daphne; Brown, Louis & Claire; Conway, John; Danekas, Ralph & Dorothy; Daniels, Neil; Debolt, Harold R; Fratz, Roy & Lois; Gaffney, Jack & Jeanette; Gaston, Elon & Bettie; Gauthier, Sr, Donald & Roberta; Hadley, Manuel & Adele; Hamner, John & Catherine; Havelaar, Marlon & Patsy; Holland, Louis & Delma; Hovermill, Harry & Irak, Jr, John & Evelyn.

J-Q: Johnson, Eugene & Rose; Johnson, Harold & Phyllis; Koch, William & Evelyn; Koeller, Jr, C W "Bud"; Letilien, Eugene & Dorothy; Lieberman, Harold & Harriet; Limm, Paul & Jeannie; Lohoefer, Conrad & Stephanie; Malkin, Rudolph "Rudy"; Ondrovic, John & Alice; Paget, Jack & Norma; Pene, Aubin & Jacqueline; Potters, Robet & Gertrude and Pulliam, William & Rayeina.

R-Z: Rheam, Michael & Ardella; Slane, Robert & Lee; Stanton, Bernie; Viskocil, Emil & Mary Ann; Vrooman, R Clifford; Walker, Charles & Mary; Weinberger, Herbert & Ilse; Welbes, Charles & Sunny & Young, Troy.

HQ

Alford, David & Dorothy and Renskers, John & Violet.

441st

Ramsey, John

OTHERS

Judy, Raymond; Kerrin, Edward; Saylor, Warren; Van Dyke, Barbara and Wallace, G V Jack.

ABORTS

322nd: Bullock, James & Clarice; Gerald, Robert & Helen; Mouton, Jr, Oscar & Peacock, Edward & Lenora.

323rd: Kool, Harry & Paula and Simpson, Seymour & Bertha.

324th: McCombs, John & Betty.

401st: Butler, Jr, Frank & Gene; Jones, Eric & Mimi; Loyless, Roy & Joyce and Simons, George & Wanda.

Folded Wings

CAPPS, AUBREY, H, 323rd, 529 North Vine, Anaheim, CA 92805; Apr 10, 1990. Reported by his wife, Dorothy, who expressed a desire to remain in the 91st BGMA as an AM.

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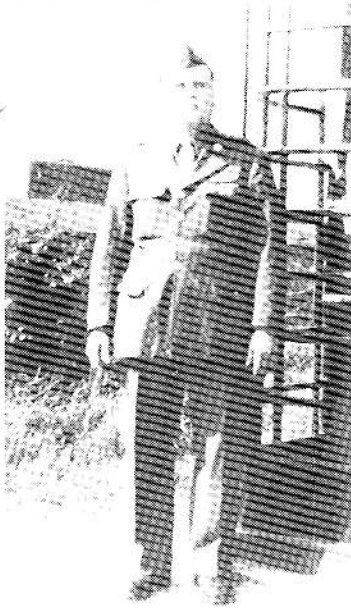
•KIOUS, HAROLD, PO Box L, Albuquerque, NM 87103. EX-POW, Luft 3, Stalags 7A and 13D. Reported by Ken Jones from Ex-POW BULLETIN.

•MINETTE, KENNETH, 10803 N 114 DR, Youngston, AZ 85363. Ex-POW, Luft 1. Reported by Ken Jones from Ex-POW BULLETIN.

•WARD, ROBERT "BOB", 323rd, PO Box 571, Boone, IA 50036. Ex-POW, Luft 3. Reported by Ken Jones from Ex-POW BULLETIN.

PRESERVE OUR PROUD PAST

BEFORE THE VISION FADES



RETIRING 91st BGMA HISTORIAN Hiliary "Bud" Evers submitted these photos and the following article years ago. His productivity pertaining to 91st BG(H) history has been prodigious. Honored in his article are Groundmen Lumar Tomanek (left) and Bill Dineen.

BY HILIARY "BUD" EVERS

MY INTEREST IN 91ST BG(H) HISTORY HAS SOMETIMES led to the pursuit of "trivia." For what it is worth I've determined that Bassingbourn, the country club of the 8th AF, lies in an area where 3,000 years earlier Neolithic traders passed through. Later the Romans arrived and built the Imperial Highway nearby. About 1,200 years ago a Saxon, "Bassa," settled by the bourn or stream that rises from the local chalk rock and gave the locale its name - "Bassingbourn."

The name, Bassingbourn, however, never permits me to dwell too long upon its distant history. I always remember a more recent historic time and those who shared it with me.

Bill Dinneen and Lumar Tomanek are two I am sure many pilots and co-pilots of the 401st Sq, who lived in two brick homes east of the airfield, remember as well as I do.

Dinneen, of Mass, was the caretaker of the pilots' house; Tomanek, of Tex, was the caretaker of the co-pilots' house.

They were patient friends. Their assignments entailed house-cleaning, repairing, grass cutting, fire stoking, dry cleaning, laundering and even shoe polishing. The appreciation of those they served I'm sure made their work immensely more personally satisfying than unrecognized completion of chores ever inspires.

Though they are gratefully remembered for their diligence, I, for one, remember them the most for their humanity. Their involvement with those they served, I know, led them to pray for those of us who flew and anxiously sweat out our return on the flight line. They visited the wounded, cared for the sick and, too often, during their years at Bassingbourn, experienced real grief when friend after friend died.

And I remember their unique ability to listen, in a discretely sympathetic and supportive manner, to the problems of many whose rank would ordinarily have precluded such confidences.

They cared.

Both Bill and Tommy are gone now.

I suppose in the future I may stumble upon more "trivia" concerning Bassingbourn's ancient history. But when I return to remembering its recent history when the 91st BG(H) was there during WWII, and I remember those who served there with me, it is never "trivia" - all remains unforgettably important.

NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS

MARVIN E NICHOLS, Deltona, FL

G V (JACK) WALLACE, Hayward, CA

FINANCIAL REPORT BY TREAS WELBES

91ST BGMA TREASURER CHARLES V WELBES' financial statement for the period ending July 31, 1990 is published below.

FINANCIAL BALANCES ENDING MARCH 26, 1990

GENERAL FUND	\$22, 203.48
MEMORIAL FUND	11, 189.19
PX INVENTORY & SALE PRICE	3, 756.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$23, 392.67

INCOME (March 27, 1990 to July 31, 1990)

Dues	\$ 1,460.00
Interest	463.21
Donations	167.00
PX Sales	192.00
Miscellaneous	905.00

See Note 1

TOTAL INCOME \$ 3, 187.21

EXPENSES (March 27, 1990 to July 31, 1990)

Assn Administration	\$ 540.46
From Memorial Fund	241.17
From Ragged Irregular Fund	2, 000.00
From Petty Cash Fund	329.69
Other Expenses	1, 344.06

See Note 1

Pre-Paid Reunion Expense 3, 345.67

See Note 2

TOTAL EXPENSES \$7, 801.05

FINANCIAL BALANCES (July 31, 1990)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 17, 586.31
MEMORIAL FUND	1,192.52
PX INVENTORY & SALES PRICE	4, 335.80
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 18, 778.83

(July 31, 1990)

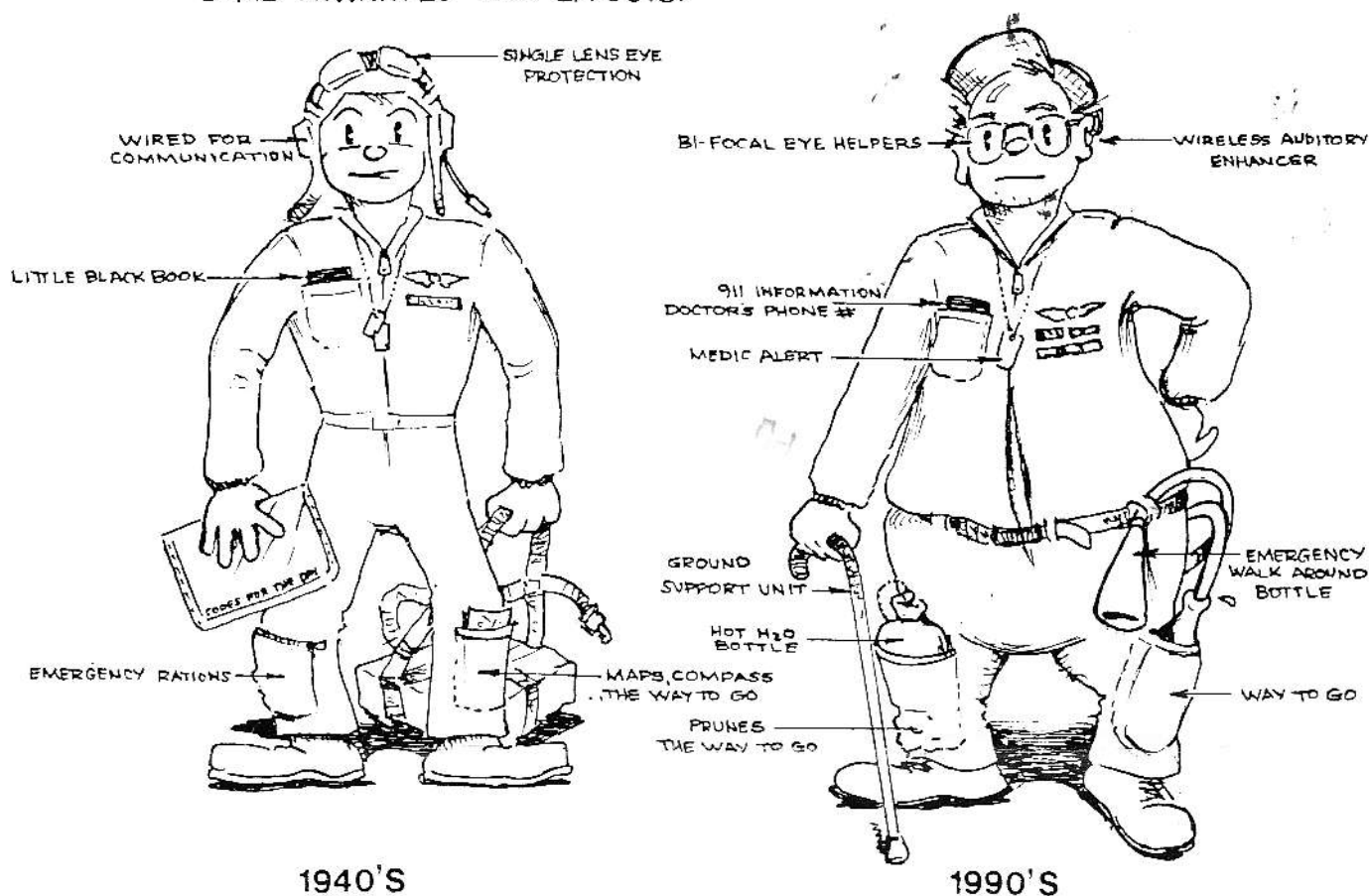
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NOTE 2: Pre-paid Reunion expenses will be reimbursed to the General Fund from Reunion Income.

SEATTLE DELEGATES DEPICTED BY 323rd's HETTEMA

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TIME HAS PROVEN THAT IT TAKES ABOUT 50 YEARS FOR THE COMPLETE MATURING AND FILLING OUT OF THE WW II AIRMAN, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME UNWANTED SIDE EFFECTS.



91ST BOMB GROUP (H) REUNION, SEATAC RED LION INN, SEATTLE WA AUG. 22-27, 1990

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DAVID R. HETTEMA, FORMER 323RD PILOT AND 1990 DELEGATE at the Seattle, WA 91st BGMA National Reunion added to the prevail-

ing good humor by drawing this cartoon. For Hettema "Bassingborn-based artwork" see story inside.

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