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Reunion Information

Bloomington, MN –
461st Bomb Group Re-
union - 2011

Thursday, September
22, was arrival and
check-in day.

The registration table
was open all day as
was the hospitality
room with refresh-
ments and display ta-
bles. Dave, Mary Jo,
Barbara, and Linda had
everything in order and
check-in was quick and
easy.

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The 461st Lives On

10/7/2011 - **ROBINS AIR FORCE** relinquished command of the 116th to **BASE, Ga.** -- Past and present 116th Col. William Welsh. Col. L. Dean Air Control Wing members, dignitar- Worley Jr. assumed command of the ies, and family and friends filled the newly activated 461st ACW, followed Museum of Aviation's Century of by the standup of the 461st Operations Flight Hangar Sept. 30 for a ceremony Group, commanded by Col. Troy making the 116th Air Control Wing an Stone and the 461st Maintenance active associate Air National Guard Group, commanded by Col. David wing and activating the active duty Foote.
461st Air Control Wing.

During the ceremonies, officiated by Hoog noted the 116th was the first blended wing in the Air Force and Maj. Gen. Stephen L. Hoog, 9th Air praised the unit for its many accom- Force commander, Col. Jeffrey Herd

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Photos

John Sheafe has been going through his father's things and has come across some fantastic photos of the 461st and the area surrounding Torretta Field from 1944-45. I think that every one of them is worth putting on the web- site, but I can't identify most of them. As a result, I'm going to publish them here in the Liberaider in hopes some- one can tell me who is in the photos and/or where the photos were taken. If I can come up with something to say about a photo, I'll include that. John's father, Engineering Officer Capt. Harry Sheafe, was part of the Ground Eche- lon of the 767th Bombardment Squad-

ron. A lot of the photos I've received from John are of the Ground Echelon. Hopefully knowing this will help to in providing information about the pho- tos. In addition to publishing the pho- tos here in the Liberaider, I'll create an album on the website with larger ver- sions of the photos to make it easier to make out the photo. I'll place a link to this album on the Ground Echelon page on the website under the list of Air- plane Crew Chiefs. Please take a few minutes to go through these photos and help to provide an appropriate caption for those photos you recognize.

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Taps

May they rest in peace forever

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Hdqtr Detachment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Lane, James H.	Dalton, GA	345	05/27/2011
Raymond, Eugene B.	Laguna Hills, CA	200	10/15/2011

764th Squadron

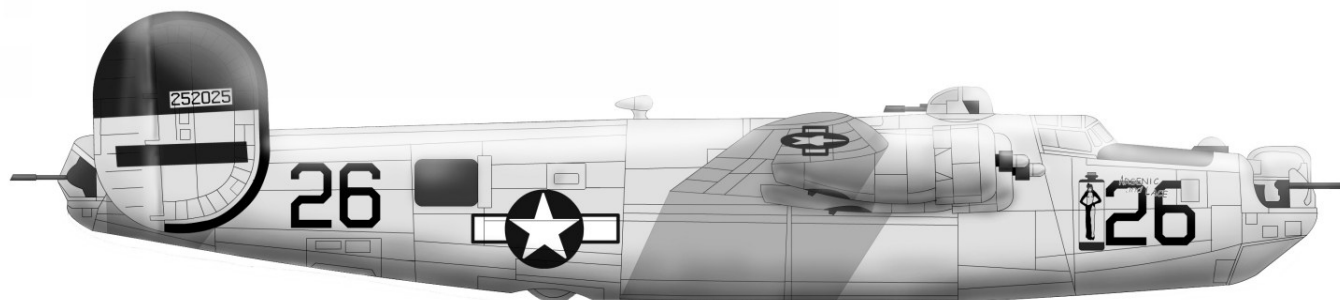
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Egger, Roger D.	San Antonio, TX	1035	09/28/2011
Eley, Richard C.	Donnalsonville, GA	750	09/17/2011
Emmert, Lloyd D.	Covina, CA	1092	06/22/2011
Johnson, Donald C.	Omaha, NE	748	08/15/2011
Scott, Theodore R.	Deerfield, IL	1034	11/13/2010
Trenner, Edgar	Florence, MA	1092	07/16/2011
Zobal, George F.	Boynton Beach, FL	612	11/06/2011

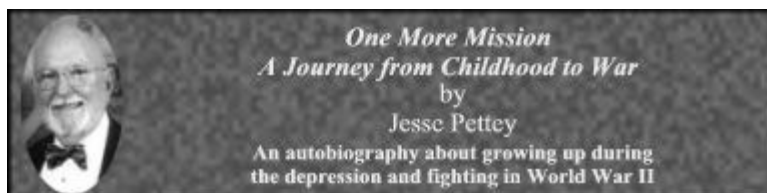
765th Squadron

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Andersen, Lester E.	Springfield, MA	748	02/23/2011

766th Squadron

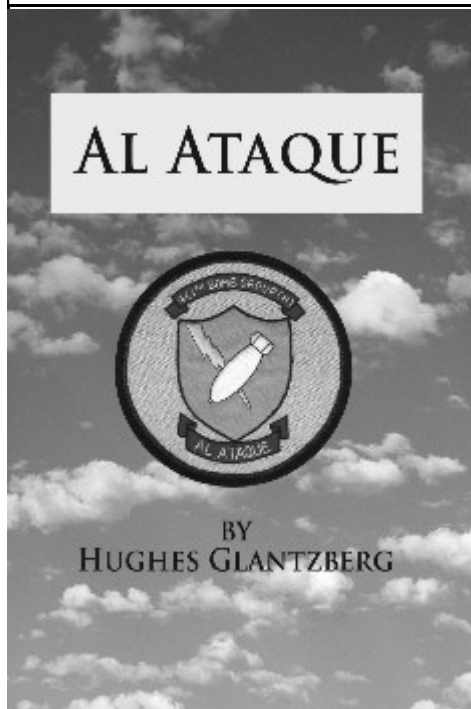
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Meyers, Roy G.	Summerville, SC	757	07/14/2011
Whitham, Hugh D.	Bethel, VT	154	06/17/2011





With a special interest in World War II and the 461st Bombardment Group in particular, I found this book excellent. Most of the men who fought during WWII were in their late teens and early 20s. It's amazing to be able to read about their activities. Liberaider Editor

Available from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble and Xlibris (at a 15% discount) (<http://www2.xlibris.com/bookstore/bookdisplay.asp?bookid=11013>).



Al Ataque

History / General

Trade **Paperback**

Publication Date: Nov-2006

Price: \$26.95

Size: 6 x 9

Author: Hughes Glantzberg

ISBN: **0-595-41572-5**

413 Pages

On Demand Printing

Available from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Ingram Book Group, Baker & Taylor, and from iUniverse, Inc

To order call 1-800-AUTHORS

Trade **Hardcopy**

Publication Date: Nov-2006

Price: \$36.95

Size: 6 x 9

Author: Hughes Glantzberg

ISBN: **0-595-86486-4**

Al Ataque is an excellent book that describes the preparation a bomb group goes through before being deployed overseas as well as the problems of shipping over five thousand men and supplies along with some eighty B-24 aircraft from a stateside base to a foreign country. The book details the establishment of Torretta Field which was used by the 461st for the duration of the war in Europe. The 461st Bomb Group flew two hundred and twenty-three combat missions between April 1944 and April 1945. Each of these is described in the book. Personal experiences of veterans who were actually part of the 461st are also included.



Music Bravely Ringing

by

Martin A. Rush

767th Squadron

This is the story of a small town boy who, during WWII, wandered onto the conveyor belt that turned civilians into bomber pilots. Initially awed and intimidated at the world outside his home town, he began to realize that this was an opportunity to have a hand in stimulating and challenging dealings larger than he had expected. He had a few near-misses, but gradually began to get the hang of it. His story is that like the thousands of young men who were tossed into the maelstrom of war in the skies. He was one of the ones who was lucky enough to live through it.

Available from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Ingram Book Group, Baker & Taylor, and from iUniverse, Inc.



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The General Meeting was held at 7:00. Hughes Glantzberg welcomed the attendees and the 484th Bomb Group who joined us this year for the first time in many years. Possible destinations for 2012 were discussed with Indianapolis winning the vote and Omaha coming in second. Dave will now see what Indianapolis has to offer for 2012.

Friday, September 23



Buses were loaded and took off at 9:30 Friday morning. Our first stop was a park which is home to St. Anthony Falls, the birthplace of Minneapolis. It was

a beautiful stop with the falls and a bronze statue honoring Hiawatha and Minnehaha. We were also near the original Fort Snelling and stopped at the Capitol building in St. Paul which also had a nice WWII Memorial.

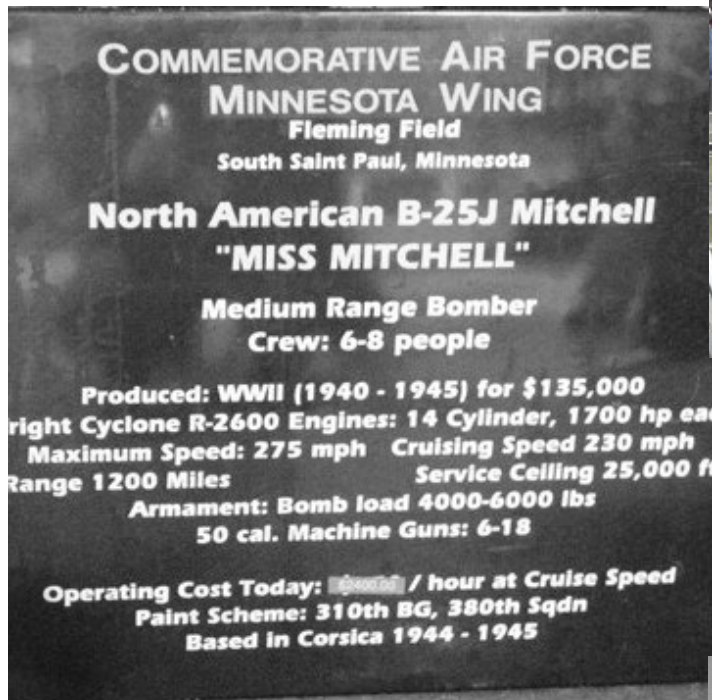


We then headed to Fleming Field which now houses the Minnesota Wing Commemorative Air Force Mu-

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seum. We enjoyed lunch in the hangar that houses much of the museum memorabilia and were able to peak into the B-25 Miss Mitchell, which was particularly poignant due to the fact that this was the plane that did a fly over at General James (Jimmy) Doolittle's funeral and Gen. Doolittle's granddaughter, Jonna Doolittle Hoppes was among our group.



Our tour of Minneapolis/St. Paul continued through downtown Minneapolis with its extensive skywalk system. We stopped at the Guthrie Theatre for a quick stretch of the legs and a chance to enjoy a beautiful view of the Mississippi River. We enjoyed

a look at Summit Avenue with its beautiful mansions, including the Governor's mansion and the home of Garrison Keillor. And we were able to see the beautiful Cathedral of St. Paul, which is modeled after St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.



Friday evening was the Squadron dinner. We enjoyed a great sit down dinner. Afterward, the group was entertained by Hjalmar Johansson of the 461st and Orville Hommert of the 484th and the groups' participation in the Odertal refinery mission on December 17, 1944, two different but equally interesting perspectives.

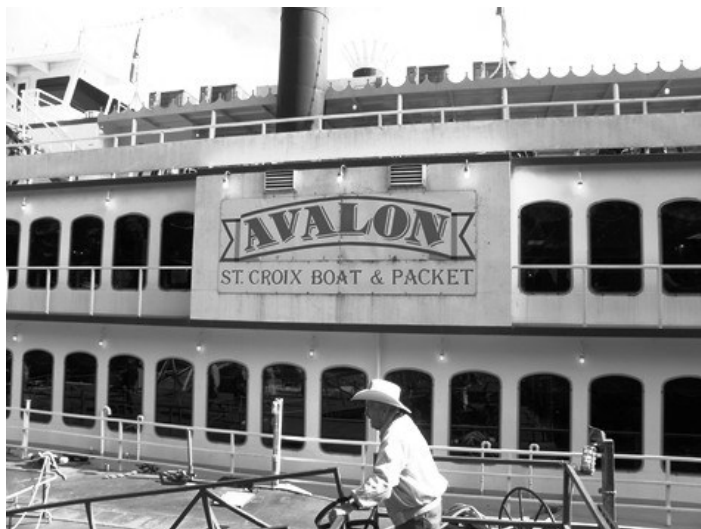


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Saturday, September 24

The buses left at 9:30 on this day and headed toward the St. Croix River and Stillwater, MN. We toured Stillwater and the many mansions built by the lumber barons of the time. The mansions included many Victorian homes that have been restored and painted with a rainbow of beautiful colors. The tour included driving by the historic Courthouse as well as a lookout point over the river. We then boarded a replica of an 1890's paddleboat and toured the river. It was a little chilly heading into the wind but conditions were overall very nice with plenty of room out in the open or under cover. We enjoyed an excellent lunch served on board while enjoying the beautiful scenery. It was a fun trip on the water. We then headed back toward the hotel with a brief stop at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



That evening was the Group Banquet with a sit down dinner. After dinner, we enjoyed an introductory film of the 461st made about 20 years ago. Then we listened to Jonna Hoppes, granddaughter of General Jimmy Doolittle who shared her memories of her grandparents but especially her grandmother. Jonna was a great speaker and a great addition to the evening.



Sunday, September 25

Our last function, all too soon, was the Memorial Breakfast which was the morning buffet at this hotel. After breakfast, the group adjourned to a meeting room for the Memorial program. We had the presentation of colors by a local Air National Guard Color Guard Unit. Mary Jo Hayes and Jim Watson read the names of those no longer with us from the 461st and Dick Olson read the names of the 484th personnel. Several veterans shared special memories of some of those who are now departed. We hope to see everyone and more next year.

It seemed like the weekend was over all too soon. In a flash, we were saying goodbye to new friends and old friends. The hotel staff, service and food were all exceptional this year. It will be a hard act to follow but we look forward to seeing you next year!

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plishments.

"You have a proud tradition of combat excellence and a warrior's ethos and spirit that is personified by all of you each and every day," said Hoog.

Welsh - promoted to brigadier general in a ceremony following the change of command - has seen many changes since coming to the wing in 1996 as a weapons system officer.

"This is an historic occasion," Welsh said. "Nine years ago to the day we went from two wings to one, and today we go from one wing to two ... we're still one team, Team JSTARS. And, it's going to take Team JSTARS to get us to the next level, to continue the successes that we've enjoyed and to continue providing JSTARS support around the globe."

Col. Worley, drawing inspiration from the original 461st Bomb Group's World War II motto, "On The Attack," encouraged the members of Team JSTARS to go on the attack and work together to also build an even better JSTARS team.

The **461st Air Control Wing** is an active United States Air Force unit. It is assigned to the Air Combat Command, Ninth Air Force, stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. It was activated on 7 Oct 2011.

Originally activated in 1943 as the **461st Bombardment Group** as a World War II United States Army Air Forces combat organization. The highly-decorated unit served primarily in the Mediterranean, African, and The Middle East Theatres of World War II.

Activated as a tactical bomber unit by Tactical Air Command in the 1950s, in November 1962 the wing was designated the **461st Bombardment Wing** and was stationed



U.S. Air Force Col. L. Dean Worley Jr., left, 461st Air Control Wing commander, and Col. William Welsh, 116th Air Control Wing commander, shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding prior to the 116th ACW Change of Command and the 461st ACW activation ceremonies at the Museum of Aviation, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., Sept. 30, 2011. The memorandum of understanding established the initiative to optimize day-to-day operations of both wings working together as an active associate unit. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Roger Parsons/Released)

at Amarillo AFB and assigned to Strategic Air Command. The wing flew B-52 Stratofortress heavy strategic bombers and deployed aircraft and crews to Andersen AFB, [Guam](#) for combat operations in Southeast Asia. The wing was inactivated in March 1968 with the closure of Amarillo AFB.

World War II

Established in May 1943 as a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment group, being activated on 1 July at Wendover Field, Utah. Trained under II Bomber Command at several airfields in Utah, Idaho, and California, with group elements undergoing combat simulation training at the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics in Florida.

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461st Bombardment Group (H)
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Inactivated: 27 August 1945
Incorporated: 15 November 1985

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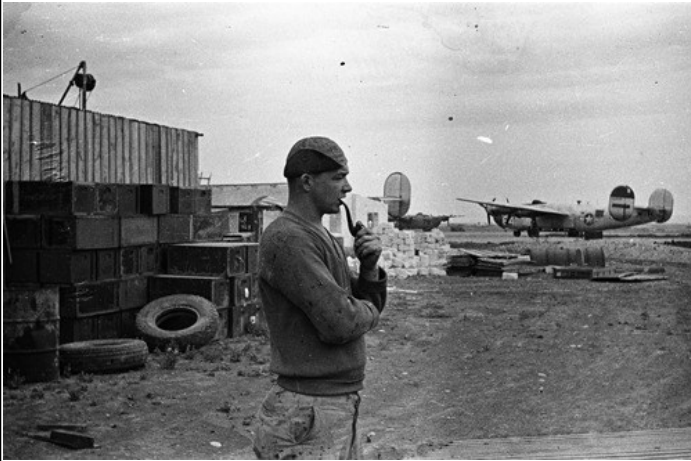


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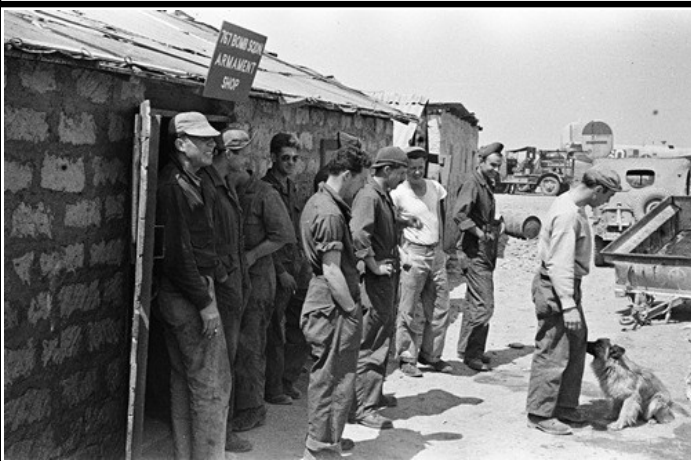
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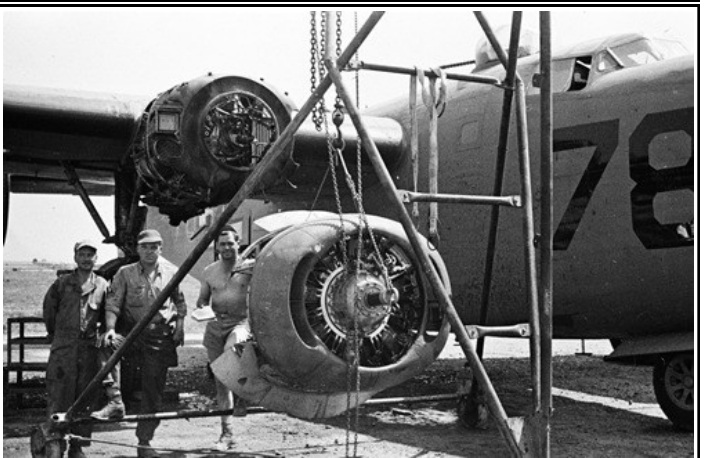
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461st/484th Bomb Group
Annual Reunion
September 20-23, 2012
Indianapolis, Indiana

by Dave Blake

Please mark your calendar for our 2012 reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana. The goal of the Reunion Committee is to put together a program that you veterans and your families will truly enjoy and to have many fond memories of our time spent together there.

As of this writing, I have just returned from a “recon” mission to Indianapolis. I spent the better part of three days there looking into selecting a host hotel and possibilities for tours. I found many of both. We try very hard to find a hotel that will be comfortable, offer the type of service that you deserve and a staff that really appreciates our veterans. We also look for tour opportunities that will be fun and interesting. And last, but not least, we try to find these things at an affordable price. It may sound simple but that is not always the case.

After outlining our needs in a document to the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association, we received proposals from five hotels. I toured them all and spent a night at each of the top three to spend enough time to really get a feel for the place. The proposals and what each hotel is prepared to offer us were as different as the hotels themselves. Each one had good points and not so good points and each proposal had one or more things in it that I found to be objectionable to our group. The Reunion Committee will be attempting to first figure out which hotel would work best for us and then try to negotiate out the parts of their proposal that we don't want.

I also found a number of interesting things to see and do in Indy; more than we will have time for so the goal now is to pick out tour venues that will be the most fun, interesting and least physically stressful for you veterans and your families. The city will be in great shape when we visit next fall as activity there is currently going on at a fever pitch to get the city ready for the Super Bowl in January which is a huge event for whatever city hosts it each year.

The reunion committee will have complete details and the registration form prepared by the time the June 2012 issue of this publication goes to press and as per usual will be included in The Liberaider and on your website. The Reunion page on the website will be updated periodically as new information becomes available so you might want to check it from time to time.

On behalf of the Reunion Committee, I urge you to plan to attend next year and really look forward to getting together with everyone again!

461st BOMB GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2011

Cash Balances - November 1, 2010

Checking account	\$301.00
Vanguard investments	\$18,400.00
	<u>\$18,701.00</u>

Income

Interest and dividends	\$395.00
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(\$225.00)
Reunion income	\$16,627.00
Donations	\$1,034.00
Dues and memberships	\$470.00
	<u>\$18,301.00</u>

Expenses

Reunion expenses	\$20,558.00
Liberaider expenses	\$1,551.00
Other expenses	\$62.00
	<u>\$22,171.00</u>

Net loss for period (\$3,870.00)

Cash Balances - October 31, 2011

Checking account	\$3,262.00
Vanguard investments	\$11,569.00
	<u>\$14,831.00</u>

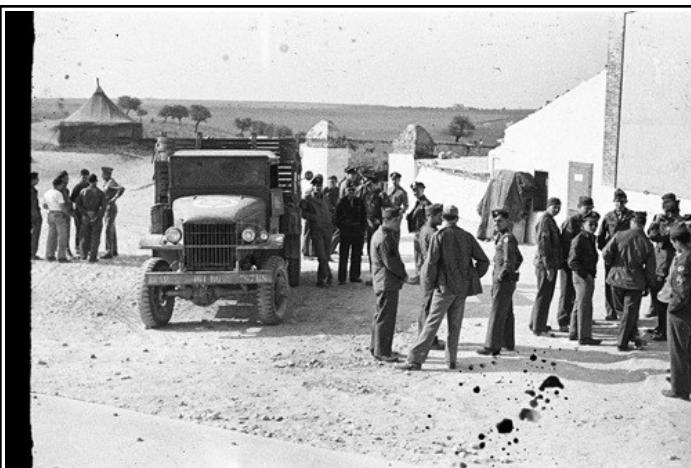
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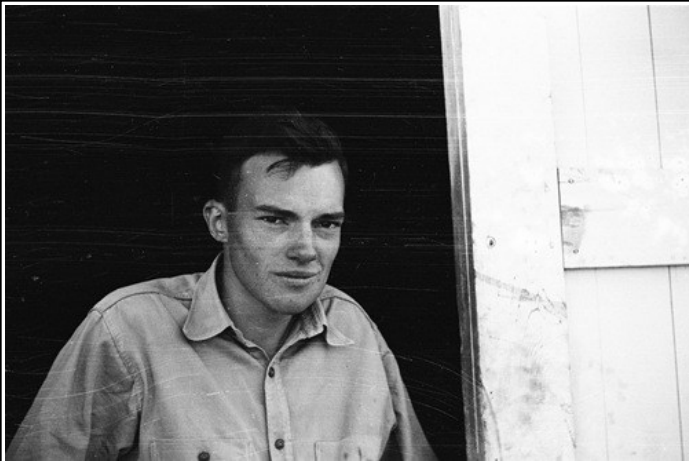
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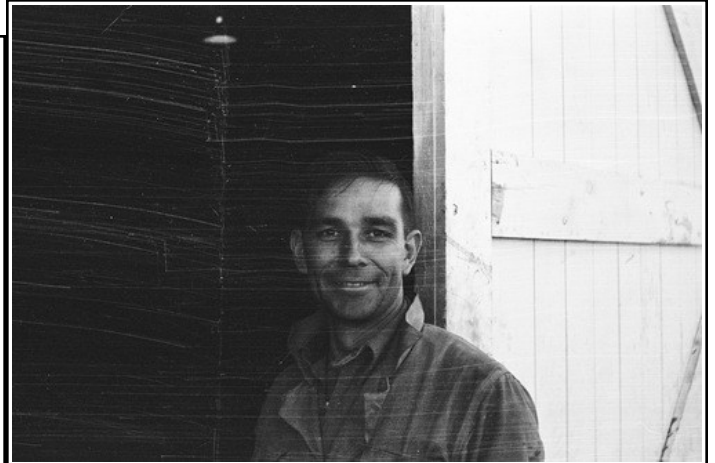
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Seated: Capt. Harry Sheafe



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B-25 Fly-In & Airshow

Camdenton, MO
October 15, 2011

by
Dave Blake

I had the rare privilege of seeing one of our own, Leonard "Len" Cole of the Headquarters Detachment, board and take a ride, along with four other veterans, aboard the beautiful B-25J "Show Me" that is operated by the Missouri Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.

The airshow was held on October 15, 2011 at the small but very impressive Camdenton Memorial Airport. Camdenton is located along the Lake of the Ozarks in south central Missouri. The show was put on by the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1254. Various businesses and individuals purchased sponsorships to help pay for the event. Len's son, Lee and his wife Dee purchased a Gold sponsorship and instead of putting their own name down as the sponsor, named the 461st Bombardment Group (H) as sponsor. On behalf of the Association, I would like to join Hughes Glantzberg in thanking Lee and Dee for their generosity in helping promote the 461st Bomb Group. The 461st logo was prominently displayed in the printed programs that were handed out and our group banner was displayed along with those of other businesses that were sponsors.



The weather was absolutely perfect this day as the Midwest was experiencing a lovely stretch of Indian summer in mid-October. Anyone that is familiar with the Midwest knows that the weather conditions in October can go in any direction but this year we were blessed. The temperature was in the low 70s with a light breeze and the sky was, in Army Air Force vernacular, CAVU, clear and visibility unlimited. Best of all there was no flak, no fighters on this mission. On hand in addition to the B-25 was a Stearman bi-plane trainer done in a Navy "Yellow Peril" paint scheme, two Pitt aerobatic planes that put on some great shows and other privately owned aircraft were on display. There were also a couple of great displays of military hardware including a Jeep, mortar, Carbine rifles, a Thompson sub machine gun, and Browning automatic rifle (BAR) along with other infantry gear. There was also an unbelievable racing boat on display and a large number of classic cars and hot rods on display that had "motor heads" like me drooling!



We were sitting in lawn chairs watching the show when the time came for Len to move over to the B-25 and prepare to board. Lee arrived in a golf cart and drove Len to the aircraft and as per usual, Lee was right at Len's side making sure all went well. As they approached the aircraft, the veterans passed by a long line of members of a Combat Veterans Association who stood at attention and held a salute as the men passed by on their way to board the aircraft.

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Len was confident that even at his age he would have no trouble in climbing in and out of the aircraft saying "I'll make it" and he was right. With just a little assistance, he was aboard and seated in no time. It



was exciting for me to watch the plane start those Wright Cyclone engines, taxi out and take off; I can

only imagine how it felt for Len being on board. After about a 35 minute flight the B-25 returned and according to Len, made a perfect landing. Len said he was pretty sure this was not the pilot's first day on the job.

Len would know a thing or two about a pilot's skill level. Even though he was assigned to the Headquarters detachment and had the MOS of Draftsman he was a qualified aerial gunner. He took gunnery training while in Italy and having done a lot of hunting as a boy, found he had a knack for it, and ultimately scored Expert. Colonel Glantzberg was impressed and told him "I want you to fly on my crew when I lead missions". Len replied that according to Army Air Force regulations that he was too tall to be a crew member. To that Col. Glantzberg replied "don't worry about that, I'll take care of it" and he did. Len began flying combat missions as one of the Colonel's crew. I joked with Len about those Eagles on the Colonel's shoulders really being good for something and he said, "Well, he did have a way of getting things done."

Len's flight was the last one of the day and flight operations came to a close for the day. And a great day it was. As I said, this was a real privilege for me to be able to attend this event and watch as Len had his fun. As the day came to a close I couldn't help but marvel at how much fun it had been for me and was thankful to have seen everything I did that day and thankful that I had an extended period of time to visit with Len, Lee and Dee, who were such gracious hosts while I was there.



461st Bombardment Group (H) Association Membership

For membership in the 461st Bombardment Group (H) Association, please print this form, fill it out and mail it along with your check for the appropriate amount to:

Dave St. Yves
5 Hutt Forest Lane
East Taunton, MA 02718

If you have any questions, you can E-Mail Dave at dstyves@pmn.com.

The 461st Bombardment Group (H) Association offers three types of membership:

- **Life Membership** – Men who served in the 461st during World War II and their spouses are eligible to join the Association for a one-time fee of \$25.00. This entitles the member to attend the annual reunions held in the fall each year, receive the newsletter for the Association, The 461st Liberaider, and attend and vote at the business meetings usually held at the reunion.
- **Associate Membership** – Anyone wishing to be involved in the 461st Bombardment Group (H) Association may join as an Associate member. The cost is \$10.00 per year. No renewal notices are sent so it is your responsibility to submit this form every year along with your payment. Associate membership entitles you to attend the reunions held in the fall each year and receive the newsletter for the Association, The 461st Liberaider. You are not a voting member of the Association.
- **Child Membership** – Children of men who served in the 461st during World War II are eligible to join the Association as a Child Member. The cost is \$10.00 per year. No renewal notices are sent out so it is your responsibility to submit this form every year along with your payment. Child membership entitles you to attend the reunions held in the fall each year, receive the newsletter for the Association, The 461st Liberaider, and attend and vote at the business meetings usually held at the reunion.

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Board Meeting

Minutes from Board Meeting September 22, 2011

Hughes Glantzberg called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm at the Crowne Plaza International Airport Hotel & Suites in Bloomington, MN.

Members present:

Hughes Glantzberg
Glenda Price
Dave Blake
Jeanne Hickey
Barbara Alden

Advisors (Veterans):

Al St. Ives
Bob Hayes

Guests:

Orville Hommert
Hjalmar Johansson

Hughes opened the meeting with a discussion about the 484th members joining the 461st reunion this year. Currently, the 484th members can be associate members. Several ideas were introduced and discussed. It was moved, seconded, revised, and approved to leave the 484th members as associates. The 484th will elect a representative to serve on the board as an advisory member and representative on the reunion committee. The 484th members will be allowed to cast their votes on reunion location for the following year only at the general meeting. There are legal issues that would have to be addressed in order to have the 484th merge with the 461st. This is a major obstacle in allowing any more than associate memberships to the 484th.

Liberaider costs were reduced due to the survey mailed out as outline in the 2010 minutes. Numbers were reduced by about half from last year's list.

New Business

Interviews from the Huizengas were discussed, whether copies could be obtained for inclusion on the web-site, etc.

Hughes obtained an introductory video about the 461st made in the late 1980's as a precursor to a full length film about the 461st. The full length film was never completed. It was decided that the video be part of the Saturday night program. It was suggested that the program on Friday night be videotaped as well as the Saturday night program.

A motion was moved and approved to adjourn at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Price
Secretary

General Membership Meeting

Minutes from General Meeting September 22, 2011

Hughes Glantzberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Crowne Plaza International Airport Hotel & Suites in Bloomington, MN and welcomed members and guests.

Announcements

Hughes told the 484th members that they can be associate members. The 461st has proposed to allow the 484th members and children to vote for the reunion location for next year. 484th members should fill out the application and add the relevant data for 484th.

Hughes explained how the 461st is currently being managed by children of the veterans.

Dick Olson was nominated and seconded to be the advisory member of the 461st Board. The 484th discussed letting all of the members decide on the representative.

Dave Blake took the floor. He introduced the reunion committee and briefly went over the agenda.

A vote on the top three destinations was taken with the 484th members voting along with the 461st members. There was a brief discussion about each of the sites from people knowledgeable about the cities.

Indianapolis	33
Omaha	17
Little Rock	12

The 484th members were asked to decide how the Liberaider is received: E-Mail, snail mail, from the website or not at all and let Hughes know.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Price
Secretary



President's Corner

For those who were unable to attend the reunion in Bloomington, MN this year, I must say you missed out of another fantabulous event. We invited the 484th BG people to join us this year and as a result, we saved some money by keeping our numbers up. The cost of the tours and meals were lower. We are planning on having the 484th join us again next year in Indianapolis. Watch for details from the Reunion Committee.

Although not everyone is on the Internet, most of you are and I assume you search for things from time to time. Did you know that just by searching for the things you normally search for on the Internet, you can help the 461st BG Association out financially? It's true. Several of us have been using something called GoodSearch for several months now. Every time we search for something using GoodSearch, they contribute a few cents to the 461st Bomb Group Association. Then once a year, GoodSearch sends a check. Not only that, but GoodSearch also has affiliation with a number of the more common shopping websites on the Internet. By using Goodsearch, when you make a purchase at one of these websites, GoodSearch will donate a percentage of your purchase price to the charity you specify. This sounds almost too good to be true, but the 461st is registered with GoodSearch and as a result of those of us who have been using GoodSearch when we're looking for something, the 461st is about to get their first donation. It won't be all that much this year because only a few of us have signed up to use GoodSearch. Just imagine if we all were to sign up and use it for the things we do anyway. The 461st could look forward to a sizeable check every year. I'm not talking about doing anything other than what you normally do. The only thing I'm suggest-

ing is that you do it through GoodSearch.

Okay, so I have you attention now. How do you sign up for GoodSearch. It's actually quite simple. Just go to www.goodsearch.com. Type in "461st" for your cause. Download the GoodSearch toolbar for your browser. That's it. The toolbar should appear as one of your toolbars at the top of your browser. Just type in what you're looking for on the Internet and Goodsearch will tell you where to find it. And they will donate a few sense to us as well. GoodShop is also on the toolbar and by clicking on it when you're ready to buy something, GoodShop will donate a percentage of your purchase to us.

Does all of this sound too good to be true? Well, what have you got to lose? Go to www.goodsearch.com right now before you forget. If you don't like it, you can always uninstall the toolbar and go back to whatever you used before.

Help!

As you can see by the content of this newsletter, I'm running out of material to print. I can reduce the size of the newsletter, but would much rather print your stories. How about taking a few minutes to sit down and put your thoughts on paper. It doesn't matter how good a writer you are. What I need are your thoughts. I can't create material for the Liberaider. Only you can do that. A number of you have already contributed fantastic articles and I appreciate that, but I can't continue to publish the sort of newsletter you've come to enjoy if I don't get more material. Send something in for me to work with and I can edit it to be a good article.

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Webmaster Comments

The other day I took a look at the 461st website. Yes, I know I look at the website frequently as I'm constantly making changes. In this particular case, I was curious as to the size of the website. My guess was that the website was about a gig in size. Much to my surprise, the website is currently 1.3 gig in size. Although I realize not everyone reading this know what that means, but it was amazing to me. I thought back to when I took over responsibility for the website in 2001 and requested 50-meg. A month later that was increased to 100-meg. A few months after that it went to 150-meg. It has continued to grow as more and more of you have contributed material. I thank each and every one of you for what you've sent me. If you have any more material (photographs, orders, poop sheets, etc.), please send them to me as I still have more space for the website to grow into.

Most people only check out a few pages on the website. They do a search on their father, grandfather or great grandfather and view the crew page associated with him. They may take a look at the home page (www.461st.org) if they have time. If this describes you, let me tell you that you're missing a lot of good information. I've tried to organize the website to make it easy to find what you're looking for, but you have to look around a little to really find the interesting stuff. Trust me, it's there.

Did you know that in developing the 461st website, I've come to realize that the 461st wasn't in WWII by itself. The 461st was just one organization of many that made up the Fifteenth Air Force and it was the cooperation of the entire Fifteenth Air Force that helped to do our part in bringing the war to a successful conclusion. Not all the organizations have a website. As a result, I've decided to expand my efforts to tell the whole story. I now have a website for the entire Fifteenth Air Force (www.15thaf.org). If a unit has their own website, I link to it; if nothing exists, I offer to create something for them.