Scholarship Donations for 1987

The following is a complete list of all members who contributed to the Memorial Scholarship fund for the calendar year 1987. Please notify the Association office if your name has been inadvertently left off.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always in order.

1988 Award Ceremony

The presentation of the 1988 awards will take place Friday, October 7, 1988 in Cerignola, Italy. Members planning a trip or who may be travelling in Europe at that time are invited to attend.

Alex Azary 765
Stan B Bennett 824
John M Billings 825
Joseph C Bott 825
Armand Bottiglia 677
Richard E Brown 824
William Burke 766
Wyatt L Busbee 767
Kelton G Bush 767
Clarence L Bush 824
Ralph W Carr 825
James T Chafin Jr 825
George Christie 765
Jules A Correale 825
William O Cunningham Jr 765
Fred Dierksmeier 826
Chris Donaldson 765
Joseph Dondero 826
Peter Drill 484
Leroy B Duke 766
Colin E Dye 826
Clark W Eton 825
Edward H Elbs Jr 827
Skipper Ellis 827
Joseph J Ercel 824
Gordon Ferguson 765
George S Flamand 825
Vernon W Garrison 765
Ellsworth Goodell 826
Edwin T Goree 764
Grant V Hansen 824
William L Hamed Jr 824
Joe Hebert 826
Howard U Heller 827
Mike Krawowski 824
Robert M Kelliher 765
Mark E Kennedy 766
Paul W Kerr 822
William T Keese 766
Stanley A Kosierowski 764
Fred Kuhn 826
Bert J Lange 824
Paul Lawrence 766
Patrick W Layne Jr 827
Jacob R Lebsack 767
Samuel Lodato 767
James Love 767
James D Mackin 767
Joseph F Malloy 827
Adolph Marcus 824
Leo V Matranga 825
Gregory E Mazza 766
Charles A McKee 824
Bud McRorie 765
Harold L Meshele 824
George H Miller 764
Dave Mitchell 824
Judson W Moore 766
Barrow Neale 826
Joe Nedela 826
Roy A Nichols 825
Sidney Ostrovsky 827
Carl H Peter 767
James D Pool 825
Robert C Quinlan 825
Harold I Reive 766
Glen L Sandberg 825
Ed Schrader 767
Claude F Schroeder 827
Jack L Schwartz 766
Edward Schwartz 826
Jack R Severins 764
Robert S Simkins 826
Richard A Sites 824
Earl Slutz 825
Alfred J Solomon 826
Howard R Sossamon 767
Warren Spray 764
Reed Sprinkel 825
Charles J St Onge 825
T V Stradley 764
Raymond M Strand 827
Robert W Tisson 824
John L Underwood 764
John A Wagener 461
Harry R Watkins 825
Norbert Wholeben 824
William P Wilson 826
Thomas R Woolcott 824

NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

RESTORATION OF A B-24 STARTED

The Collings Foundation reports that they are restoring a B-24J S/N 44-44052 to full flight status. This aircraft was delivered to the AAF in August of 1944 and was flown by the RAF during the war. It was left in India when the war ended. It is interesting to note that India assembled 36 Liberators from a disposal yard and flew them for the next twenty years without an accident. Some of these aircraft accumulated up to 40,000 hour of service. This compares with the service life of aircraft used by the scheduled airlines. This indicates that the Libs were sturdy and dependable aircraft after all, something that our crews knew all along. It had some good things going for it, the Davis wing making for long range flight, Hamilton-Standard propellers, and the R-1830 Pratt & Whitney engine, the same as on many DC-3's.

The B-24J in question was purchased from an English collector, dismantled and shipped by boat and stored in a hanger in Stowe, Massachusetts. It was acquired by the Collings Foundation in June, 1985. When the work is completed this will be only the third B-24 type to fly. The other two are: The B-24J stored at the museum in Liberal Kansas, that flies occasionally, and the LB-30 flown by the Confederate Air Force.

The scope of the project is a total Zero time restoration. The work is about 1/3 complete, but much work needs to be done. The major work still to be accomplished and the most costly is the rework of the center wing section and overhaul of the propellers and engines. The cost for this project is estimated at $600,000. Every B-24 mechanic, lineman, and air-crew man is urged to send in a donation. Send your tax deductible check to the Collings Foundation, River Hill Farm, Stowe, MA 01775, Phone (617) 568-8924.

Caterpillar Club Membership

Aircrew members who had to hit the silk to save their lives are eligible for membership in the Caterpillar Club. Official membership pins are available from Mrs. Eva Wagner, Irvin Industries, Canada, Ltd. PO Box 280, Ft Erie, Ontario, L2A - 5M9. Phone (416) 871-6510. Some evidence must be sent with your order. The pins cost $38.00 each.

Campaign Ribbons

You are entitled to medals for all campaign ribbons you have earned. To obtain them free of charge, write to: Veterans Administration, N.P.R.C.-GSA (State branch of service), Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132. Include social security number and copies of both sides of your discharge papers. Allow six months for delivery.