

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	767
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 Ecton	825
Edward H Eibs Jr	827
Skipper Ellis	827
Joseph J Ercole	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 Harned Jr	824
Joe Hebert	826
Howard U Heller	827
Mike Karwoski	824
Robert M Kelliher	765
Mark E Kennedy	766
Paul W Kerr	826
William T Kesey	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 McKew	824
Bud McRorie	765
Harold L Meshel	824
George H Miller	764
Dave Mitchell	824
Judson W Moore	766
Barrow Neale	826
Joe Nedela	*
Roy A Nichols	825
Sidney Ostrovsky	827
Carl H Peter	767
James D Pool	825
Robert C Quinlan	825
Harold I Reeve	766
Glen L Sandberg	825
Ed Schrader	767
Claude F Schroeder	827
Jack L Schwartz	766
Edward Schwartz	826
Jack R Severns	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 Tissing	824
John L Underwood	764
John A Wagener	461
Harry R Watkins	825
Norbert Wholeben	824
William F 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.