

## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

With New Orleans as the site of the 1989 reunion, members and guests will be travelling to the Crescent City at the foot of the Mississippi River. With its reputation for Southern hospitality, great dining and the continual spirit of Mardi Gras, everyone should have a great time. There will be a tour to Keesler Air Force Base where many mechanics and flight engineers trained (including your editor). With the French Quarter just behind the Marriott, and the famous St Charles Street Car (that still runs today) just across Canal St., most of New Orleans is within walking distance from the Marriott, the official reunion hotel.

It is suggested that members make their hotel reservations with the New Orleans Marriott Hotel **EARLY** to avail themselves of the convention rate of \$60.00 per night. **The cutoff date for room availability at this reunion rate is August 4th.** A reservation form to be mailed directly to the Marriott is provided for your convenience on pages 30-31.

### The Assistance Fund

An assistance fund (or needy fund) was established to help members of modest income attend future reunions. The 1989 reunion in New Orleans will be the first one for which this fund will be used. Members could help by identifying those who would welcome help in attending the reunion. Contributions to the assistance fund are always in order.

### The Annual Meeting Agenda

1) Members have been writing to us regarding placing memorial plaques at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Some time back there was also discussion regarding an installation of a plaque in Cerignola, Italy. These items could be presented for discussion.

2) We have received letters from members who suggested that the Association make a contribution towards the restora-



tion of the B24J now undergoing complete overhaul in Kissimmee, Florida. This item could be presented under new business. Please bring your membership card to the meeting.

### Meetings Calendar

May 19-21, 1989

50th Anniversary of the first flight of the B-24 Liberator Bomber in Fort Worth, Texas. For information call the project officer at (505) 821-4484, or write to the Project Office 6424 Torrcon Dr Albuquerque, New Mexico 97109



August 13-17, 1989

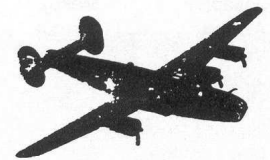
15th Air Force Reunion. Las Vegas Riveria Hotel. Members interested in attending this reunion may contact the 15th AF at PO Box 6325, March AFB, CA 92518. The 15th AF suggests that members who plan to attend should indicate by post card to the 15th so that space can be arranged.

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August 31- September 3, 1989

1989 reunion of the 461st & 484th Bomb Groups Association. New Orleans Marriott Hotel. A Tour to **Keesler Air Force Base** is scheduled. **Tours** to interesting sites in or near New Orleans may be booked at the concierge desk. New Orleans has a new **trolley line** that parallels the Mississippi River. Use it to visit **Jackson Square, the French Market, or Morning Call** (For those fabulous beignets and coffee au lait) Three blocks from the Marriott down Canal Street, **Paddle Wheel Steamers** ply up and down the Mississippi River from their dock just opposite from the Hilton Hotel. **Jazz buffs** will enjoy the many night spots featuring Jazz from Dixie Land style to the latest fusion. Most of these are within walking distance from the Marriott. **Eating out** has always been a special treat in New Orleans. You can choose from Cajun to Creole style with everything in between. Use registration form on pages 30-31, this issue for hotel reservations. **DON'T PUT IT OFF! REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 4TH!**



**You're Invited  
to a  
Celebration!**

September 20-24, 1989

B-24 50th Anniversary Celebration of the first flight of the B-24 Liberator Bomber San Diego, California. Write to the International Liberator Club, PO Box 841, San Diego, CA 92112.