

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1985

The following was sent to all Officers and Directors of the Corporation. Approval has been received and filed with the retired 1985 records.

15 January 1986

To All Officers and Directors:

The financial records of the corporation were closed as of midnight 31 December 1985. Presented below is the financial condition:

Cash position 31 December 1984	\$ 2,651.67	
Cash position 31 December 1985	7,046.13	
		+ 4,394.46

Receipts:

Dues 1985	4,223.00	
Dues 1986 (Advance)	565.00	
Contributions	5,891.64	
Bank Interest	370.88	
Tie Tacs	378.50	
Decals	337.50	
Insignia	18.00	
Davison Diary	94.00	
Total		11,878.52

Disbursements:

Postage	616.09	
Printing	5,797.22	
Supplies	122.03	
Misc (Tacs, insignia, decals, etc.)	936.22	
Refunds	12.50	
Total		7,484.06

+ 4,394.46

The Corporation has no outstanding invoices or debts. The funding for the UK Memorial was accomplished in 1984. Membership continues to increase; however, it is the improvement in contributions which accounts for the surplus this year. Several years ago we combined our funds and established a single account in order to insure that we met the minimum balance to qualify for interest. So long as dues do not cover postage, printing and supplies, we will have to continue to operate without the Memorial Fund as a separate account.

Please review the above data and return with your approval and/or comments. A prompt return will ensure that all areas of concern can be dealt with and this year put to bed.

Respectively submitted;

Sheldon W. Kirsner
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

HISTORY OF THE 92ND BOMB GROUP, 1/11 CCRC MEMORIAL CORPORATION

The beginnings of the present organization date back to January of 1971 when John and Mary Mitchell undertook the task of organizing a reunion of 92nd and CCRC personnel. By November they had built up a roster of 370 names and undertook to increase it by inserting notices in 28 military and allied publications. The first reunion was planned for Dayton, Ohio in April 1972. All the programming and funding was out of John and Mary's pockets with donations from those then on the roster supplying the additional funds. By April 1st of 1972 the roster had grown to 503 and the first get together after fifteen months of planning was held at the Dayton Inn (April 26 thru 30). From this initial and very enjoyable informal get together, a slate of officers was elected to insure that future reunions would be scheduled and an organized search program started to build up the membership. The first officials were Col. Jim Sutton, President; Don Parker, Vice President; Sheldon Kirsner, Sec. Treasurer. Area representatives were Tom Madden, Marvin Bieber and John Mitchell. Others who were instrumental in getting us off the ground included Gene Wiley, James Haney, Bob Elliott, Jim Brisbin and Rhoda Robinson. The major decision to strengthen the organization was made at the membership meeting. Shel Kirsner was authorized to incorporate in the State of Missouri as a not-for-profit corporation. This was accomplished and the necessary approval from the IRS and charter from the state was received in 1973. After Dayton, the next reunion was scheduled for Denver (Oct. 16 thru 20) with Gene and John Wiley as committee chairmen. Highlights of this reunion were the visit to the AF Academy where the group toured the academy grounds and facilities and attended the Naval Academy-Air Force Football Game. The attendance at Denver numbered some 86 members and wives, about double the attendance at the original meeting in Dayton. The organization grew in strength with reunions in St. Louis (1976), Kansas City (1978),

Dayton (1980), Spokane (1982) and Shreveport (1984). Each successive reunion grew in attendance and much credit belongs to those who hosted and planned the events as each host endeavored to come up with events to top the previous reunion.

In 1976 Don Matthews was elected Vice President to succeed Don Parker and revisions to the by-laws did away with area representatives in favor of organizational representation on the Board of Directors. For the 1980 reunion we donated and dedicated a bronze statue to the Air Force Museum and the memorial now sits to the right of the main entrance. The funds for this memorial were donated by the membership which had grown to over 1200. In 1978 Bob Elliott was elected to the office of Vice President. Our officers and board remained constant until 1982 when our leader Col. Sutton passed away and Roland Sargent who had been elected Vice President took the reins. In 1984 Kemp McLaughlin took over from Roland Sargent and Sam Yandian became Vice President. It was during the Shreveport Reunion that the decision to go ahead with the UK memorial was finalized and a reunion at Podington be scheduled for May 1985. The UK reunion was the culmination of the efforts of John Mitchell, who in 1972, tried to rally the few known roster members and organize a trip to the UK. The effort was unsuccessful due to a lack of interest on the part of those on the roster. The success this organization enjoys and the quality of memorials we have commissioned are due to the efforts of the membership, many of whom generously and frequently contributed to the memorial fund and especially to those who did the leg work in planning and executing the memorials, reunions and other functions. These people include Jim and Mid Sutton, Ed and Bernice Braun, Gene and Ginny Wiley, Jim and Eva Haney, Sheldon and Mary Jane Kirsner, Charles and Carolyn Kelly, Bob and Marion Elliott, Charles and Marge Hodges. Photos of our memorials appear in this issue on page 6.