

Ball of Fire QUARTERLY EXPRESS



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Presidents Message

As you will see from the details John Marx and his team have put together another great reunion in Dallas. While we had considered staying at the 2ADA,s Gaylord Texas Resort we were able to save \$300 per couple by staying 2 miles away at Embassy Suites. This will let us enjoy our own reunion and yet will be very convenient for our 2ndAD vets to make meetings and mingle and vote in support of the changes our John Lee as Exec V.P. is attempting to get approved. Also in this issue you will be brought up to speed on our beautiful Stained Glass Window project at the 8thAir Force Museum in Savannah. Please do what you can to support this in memory of our vets.Finally, this smaller issue of the Ball of Fire has been put together by Cal and others in order to give Paul Steichen more time to achieve the recovery he seeks from last years major surgery. I would ask that you keep Paul in your prayers as he works his way through this difficult time. Looking forward to another 93rd reunion with all of you, stay well and I will see you in October.

Fernley

Executive Vice President 2nd ADA

As I understand there are some who belong to the 93rd who do not receive the Journal from the 2nd ADA, which is issued quarterly. I will try to give you some information that will address the upcoming actions at the Dallas Convention. I am pleased that so many members of the 93rd have indicated they will be in Dallas and am looking forward to seeing you there. The 2nd ADA BY-LAWS provide for dissolution when certain criteria are

met: For example when there is lack of leadership, when the number of veterans who attend the annual meeting is less than fifty people, and other aspects, action will be taken to dissolve the organization. I personally feel that we should continue for some time in the future even though the average age of the Veterans is eighty-six. With this in mind and what can happen in the future, I would like to stress the need to give greater responsibilities to the younger generation. Because the 93rd has done such an outstanding job of doing this, I would like to solicit your comments. There is a Heritage League, comprised of the younger generation, which some of you may be members of. As things stand at this time the 2nd ADA has not delegated the same degree of responsibility to that organization that we have in the 93rd. There is a great deal involved in this issue because of investment we have made in the Norwich Library Memorial Trust. Currently there is more than four million dollars in the total fund. There are people who have contributed to this fund by way of endowments and gifts from both British Subjects and Americans. One of the expenses paid from this fund is for an American Librarian. We have an excellent Board of Directors that are responsible for the fund, currently Chuck Walker is the American representative. As it stands now I plan to attend the November meeting in Norwich.

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